

Yeah. He used to come up here all the time. He spoke pretty good Arapaho. And he understand good. Some words he couldn't say, but he talked pretty good. However there was a lot of them (Apaches) that could talk better Arapaho than I can. A lot of them could.

(I've heard of an Apache woman who was married to an Arapaho man named Swapping Back--did you know him?)

Yeah. They used to call that old lady "Louse"--bàtèi

(Who was the first Arapaho or group of Arapaho men to use peyote?)

The original man was called Long Hair. haèt'bbàeh'î. But in English he was known as Long Hair. In other words he was a young man getting old too quick (referring to meaning of Arapaho term, probably). I believe he's the one--the old people used to say he's the one that got that. See, we have our own Arapaho fireplace. I run an Arapaho fireplace. I don't run it the Comanche or Kiowa or Apache way. I run the Arapaho way. The original. The way the Arapahoes found it. And there's just about three of us left that runs it that way. That's Grant Miller, John Black, and myself. It's so strict that a lot of them don't like to go. They have to sit so long. But now they got to keep it moving. It's not like the original. But the songs are different.

(Was Chief Left Hand a peyote man?)

This Left Hand that lived over here by this Chisholm Trail where this Jesse Chisholm is buried, he was a Christian. However his sons were all peyote men. I went in meetings lots of times with their sons. He was married to a Cheyenne woman. The boys are half-Cheyenne and half-Arapaho. They're both dead now. And all their children--the ones I know--are all Christians. My boy lead a revival over here on the side of the hill. There was a lot of them Left Hands and Pawnees and Delawares here.

(Who were some of the old time peyote leaders?)

There's quite a few. Long Hair and Onaho, Sage Bark, Leonard Bointon, Cleaver Warden, Broken Rib, Jim Hutchison, Old Man Sharp, Young Bear. The Little Ravens didn't take part. They were tied up with this other kind of medicine doings--some kind of ceremonies like the Sun Dance and stuff like that. And there's Ben Spotted Wolf and Dan Blackhorse--just a lot of them.