

(This Big Lodge group--was their language any different from the rest?)

Well, it was different somewhat. It was different from the Arapaho stock. And the Gros Ventres branched off from the Arapaho stock, in which there was Big Lodge affiliation, and they branched off another brogue, those Gros Ventres. The Atsinas. But we can understand them yet. Because they're intermingled right here, you know.

(Did the northern Arapahoes speak any different from the southern Arapahoes?)

No. Not even today. We all speak similar.

(Interruption)

(Do you know if they knew each other when they were young men-- when they were boys--?)

Oh, yes. They (Row-of-Lodges and Left Hand) were good friends. They grew up together. Boys who were rookies on the warpath-- I don't know who was the oldest.

(Left Hand was the one who succeeded Little Raven as the chief?)

Yes. Yes. In other words, the succession of electing chiefs still runs now. Now, my father and Left Hand were elected by Little Raven. As chiefs. And I was elected as chief by my father and Left Hand. So I continue that lineage. And I elected two or three young fellows as chiefs from the same line.