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JOHN BLACKOWL, CHEYENNE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SCHOOLS; STORIES; CHEYENNE SUN DANCE; SOME
LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT

CHEYENNE CHIEF LITTLE HAND

ANECDOTE - LITTLE HAND DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON D. C.

LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS - SCHOOLS, MARRIAGE, ETC.

COLONY POW-WOW - JOHN IS SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

SCHOOLS - COLONY AND CHILOCCO - EXPERIENCES

SUSIE'S SISTER RECEIVED TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

SUSIE PUNISHED FOR SPEAKING INDIAN

MISSIONARIES FURNISHED NEW CLOTHES AND TOYS - GAMES AND
LIFE AT CONCHO SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

DISCIPLINE STRICT - MILITARY RULES

SUSIE'S MOTHER DID NOT BELIEVE IN EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

SANTA FE TRAIL - FT. WORTH T.V. STATION RECORDS INDIAN
DANCES, ETC.

MEANING LOST OF JOHN'S INDIAN NAME

CHEYENNE WORDS

DIFFICULTY LOCATING COUSIN TO RECEIVE ALLOTMENT

POW-WOW TO BE SHOWN ON FT. WORTH TELEVISION

JOHN'S FAMILY

JOHN'S UNCLE, CHIEF WHITEHORSE, SIGNED MEDICINE LODGE TREATY

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

CHARGES MORE FOR TICKETS FROM TEXANS

COSTUME CHANGES - IDENTITY AND COMMENTS ABOUT OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

OLD FURNITURE NOT IMPORTANT TO INDIANS

PREPARATION FOR SUN DANCE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

John Blackowl was born April 7, 1903 near Thomas, Oklahoma. He attended grade school at Colony Seger School (named for Watt Seger, Superintendent) which was an Indian school. He later attended Southwestern College at Weatherford. He was married to Susie Burns in 1924 and since that time they have lived in the Concho area. Mr. Blackowl is very active in the Colony Pow-wow, where he serves as a Sergeant-at-Arms. He is also a tribal chief of the Cheyenne tribe.

Note: Susie Burns Blackowl, wife of John Blackowl is present and participates extensively in this interview.