

T-84

JAY BLACK, CHEYENNE

INTERVIEWED BY: SUSAN BRANDT

INTERVIEW DATE: JULY 11, 1967

TRANSCRIBED BY: SUSAN BRANDT

GENERAL SUBJECT: OLD TIME STORIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

VARIOUS OLD TIME STORIES  
STORY ABOUT BLACK KETTLE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO AGENCIES  
SCHOOL AT CONCHO  
JAMES DISCUSSING WHAT THE WHITE MAN HAS DONE TO THE  
INDIAN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jay Black is around 90 years old. He lives just west of Canton, Oklahoma. He is known among the white people of Canton as a good story teller, and for this reason was asked to tell some of the stories he might have learned from his parents or grandparents. He lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Jennie and James Medicine Elk, and they felt he was too old and senile to talk. After several trips out there, they finally consented. The old man had always been willing to talk for the tape. Because Jennie and James felt the way they did, they periodically interrupted to tell the old man what to talk about. Jay was at one time keeper of the Cheyenne sacred arrows, but they have now passed into the care of his son-in-law, James Medicine Elk.