

"Buffalo People." Then years after that some hard winter year when the men couldn't chase (hunt) on account of snow--going hungry--then a portion of them left through sort of a timber region, and came on to a tribe now known as Assiniboines. They're a Sioux nation--a stock of the Sioux nation. And they affiliated themselves with them--that is, the Gros Ventres. And they're with them today. Consequently because of that affiliation their Arapaho language is a brogue-like. We say they talk like "tie-tongued" kids. But we can understand them. So my father is of that stock, and part Blackfeet--part Piegan Blackfeet. All right. When he was quite a young boy, his father and mother had died of some cause--he never told us--and he had a younger sister and an older sister. So they were taken in by his aunts. He had three aunts. They were Gros Ventre women. And they were raised by those three aunts. One of them's name was Snake Woman, and one's name was Stray Horse, and the other one we always thought was--sounded like Mexicano, or Bayano--that means "tomorrow" in Mexican, you know (cf. mañana). Manyano. But Arapaho don't have no "M" sound. So the next way to pronounce it was "Bayano." That's one of his aunt's name. I knew all three of them. So when he grew up, his sister married a young warrior who had a brother. So while they were in Wyoming Territory--the northeastern part of Wyoming or somewhere along in there, some scouters came in. Indians were always scouting the range, you know around--see what's around and who might come--see who might invade them. The scouters came back in and report and they said, "There's a big Indian village over this way--about two days travel. They're all camping in rows." So the old chiefs and then the headman says, "Let's select a troop of boys--a company of boys--young men--good warriors, and send them over there. Find out who those people are. They might be our enemies. They might be our friends. So my dad's brother-in-law selected him. This brother-in-law and his brother selected him, and said, "We're going to take our brother-in-law along and let him see the country." So they took my father along with them. He was just