

GENERAL SUBJECT: STORY OF FLIGHT OF DULL KNIFE'S BAND OF CHEYENNES FROM FT. RENO: LIFE IN LATTER PART OF RESERVATION PERIOD AND ALLOTMENT OF LAND IN SEVERALTY: WAY OF LIFE AFTER ALLOTMENT.

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND OF ALLOTMENT AND INDIAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION
STORY OF HOW DULL KNIFE'S BAND OF CHEYENNES ESCAPED FROM FT. RENO AND WENT NORTH
SETTLEMENT OF TRIBES IN WESTERN OKLAHOMA
LEASING OF INDIAN LAND TO CATTLE COMPANIES
INDIANS RAISING CATTLE
LEASING OF INDIAN LAND TO CATTLEMEN AND SHEEPMEN AFTER ALLOTMENT
"GRASS MONEY" AND RATIONS DURING RESERVATION PERIOD
FARMING BY ARAPAHOS
RAISING INDIAN CORN
HAYING
ARAPAHO GARDENS AND GOVERNMENT'S HELP
PREPARATION AND STORAGE OF CORN FOR FOOD
SACRED PIPE BUNDLE
RAISING OF INDIAN CORN TODAY
MANNER OF SELECTING ALLOTMENTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT

Jess Rowldge is between 82 and 84 years old and is a well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has travelled extensively on tribal business, having visited Washington, D.C. a number of times. He has been active in tribal politics for many years and has helped the Arapahoes in pressing their claims cases against the government. Nevertheless, Jess is well-versed in the traditional culture of his tribe and anxious for at least some parts of it to be preserved. He is one of the two surviving members of the StarHawk Society, one of the old age-graded warrior societies, and he has often expressed hope that this organization would be revived in modern times. He is a peyotist, as well as a member of the Baptist Church, and feels that the peyote ceremony has given him some of his greatest personal fulfillment as well as inspiration. Jess is no stranger to the role of teacher-informant in communicating knowledge about Arapaho culture. He has known and worked with such people as A. L. Kroeber, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan. Mr. Rowldge was born in 1884.