

(--asking you to tell me something about where the Cheyennes came from--the way you have heard it from your folks or grandparents or older people. What the Cheyenne traditions say how they got out on the plains, and how they got here.)

Ed: I'm a little bit afraid I might go wrong on that, but she (Birdie) knows. She knows pretty much about that stuff. And the reason she knows--you see there's a difference between her and I. See, the way I was raised, we went to school ten years before these people. And my parents were (half) breeds and educated. And they just taught us. Taught us what might be the white man way. And her, her parents were fullbloods, and they raised her the Indian way. And she's pretty well versed on anything like that.

(Could you explain about your own background then? Being of mixed blood parentage and so forth?)

Well, I'll start on my mother's side. My mother's father was what you call a "breed"--a mixed blood. And his folks were known as Bents. They were fur traders and army men. They came out from St. Louis on up towards Colorado and up around in there, trading (the Bent brothers, Charles and William).. They were with another Frenchman by the name of St. Vrain. You can find that in the history books.. They were in partnership. Well, as time went, my great-grandpa married an Indian woman. And that's where my grandpa and them come from.

(What was your great-grandfather's name?)

Charlie Bent.. But there were two brothers--Charlie and William Bent. And as time went on Charlie Bent became the first territorial governor of New Mexico. Of course a short time later--after that--the Spanish people--there in the Taos valley--they incited these