

(Birdie gives a phrase, chanting) That's a call for dog. But I wouldn't know how to translate it. It must be just sounds. That's how they called their dogs. (Repeats it) See, they holler. Each dog came to his master.

HOW DOGS WERE NAMED

(Did they continue to call their dogs that way even after they got horses?)

I don't know. Dogs never do have no names until-- Well, as far back as I can remember, we used to own a dog. He was called just the way he looked. He went by his description. That was the name he went by. We had a white dog. He was just white all over, and he had a black spot just around his eye. And that was just the way my folks called him. And then there was a shaggy dog and they just called him "Shaggy Dog" in Cheyenne. And if he didn't have no tail, they'd just call him "Bobtail." Until here lately when a boy wanted to marry a girl--now if your sweetheart wanted to marry you, and if you turned him--you didn't want him, but he wanted you--and you went ahead and married the one you liked. Well, in later years you made up a name because you turned down that boy. That was your right to name a dog. Otherwise you couldn't name a dog because you don't have that right. That's the way they named a dog. One dog I remember--my father's uncle's dog--he was an old man, and her name was "Buckskin Dress Girl." But it sounds shorter. I guess his girlfriend--I guess this girl wanted to marry him and he turned her down, so therefore he had a right to name a dog.

(That same name--would he give the dog the same name as the girl?)

This girl had to be found by two boyfriends. If your boyfriend wore a black hat or if he rode a spotted horse--owned a spotted horse--