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JESS ROW LODGE, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS; INDIAN INCOME FROM LEASES AND USE OF LAND; INDIAN ARTICLES COLLECTED BY NEW YORK BANK

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

JESS'S WORK AT GEARY BANK IN 1902 AND NATURE OF LOANS TO INDIANS

INCOME FROM LEASES AND LAND SALES

JESS'S LAND AND HIS FAMILY'S LAND: HOW USED

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FROM SALE OF SURPLUS RESERVATION LANDS

INDIAN CLAIMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS AGAINST INDIANS

BLACK KETTLE AND MEDICINE LODGE TREATY

INDIAN INCOME FROM LEASES; LOANS AND INTEREST

ARAPAHO AND CHEYENNE ARTICLES COLLECTED AND SOLD TO NEW YORK BANK IN 1904

LOCAL STORES THAT BOUGHT INDIAN THINGS

ARAPAHO AND CHEYENNE DRESS STYLES

ARAPAHO CHIEF'S PEACE MEDAL PAWNED TO GEARY BANKER

LOAN COMPANY IN GEARY

STORES TAKING INDIAN THINGS IN PAWN

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jess Row Lodge 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 Star-Hawk Society, one of the old age-grade warrior societies. And 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. Kroeger, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan. Jess was born in 1884

JESS'S WORK AT GEARY BANK IN 1902 AND NATURE OF LOANS TO INDIANS

(--at the bank--)

First National Bank--Fall of 1902.

(What kind of work did you do there?)

I took care of the notes and mortgages of the Indians that