

where this name, Grabs-His-Enemy, comes from. That's what they was going to give me when they elected me chief, and I refused. So my girl cousin's boy's name is after that--he's got that name. He's at Carleton.

JESS' GRANDFATHER'S THREE NAMES

(What was your grandpa's name?)

Well, he had two names. His young name, when he was a boy, was White Plume. And when he got grown he took his oldest brother's name--Sage Man. That means that northern--where that sagebrush grows--in Wyoming, Colorado and those places. But the early interpreters--he had a nickname that means "pouch." And the early interpreters didn't know how to say "pouch" or "bag." They just referred to an army haversack. Said, "Is it like this --pouch, bag?" They said, "Yeah." So the soldiers named him "Haversack." His name's on that Treaty of 1865. Haversack. That's just a nickname. That's my mother's father. My father was an orphan.

(Well, this grandfather, White Plume--or Sage Man--could you explain how it would work if he were in one of these story contests? Would he be telling a story about one of these names?) Either one of them. Mostly it would be "Haversack," by that name. Because he was known in his aged life by the name of Haversack -- cáe' éi.nóx -- He's one that wouldn't sign no treaties wouldn't accept to be recognized as an honorary chief. But in the Indian way he was recognized as about the highest chief ever decorated. He wore a war bonnet with albino buffalo horns on the war bonnet. That's a very high distinction. I can wear that if I want to. But you can't get no albino buffalo horns no more.