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JESSE ROWLDGE, ARAPAHO  
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GENERAL SUBJECT:

STORY TELLING AND EXAMPLES OF STORIES; MEN'S SOCIETIES; LIFE IN  
DAYS OF CHIEF LEFT HAND AND JESSE CHISHOLM

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

ARAPAHO NAMES OF TREES AND USES OF WOODS  
TRUE STORIES; WAR STORIES  
A WORLD WAR II STORY  
RECITING WAR STORIES AND HONORING VETERANS  
YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETIES AND THEIR STORY CONTESTS  
SMOKING THE PIPE IS AN OATH TO TELL THE TRUTH  
MEN'S SOCIETIES AND STORY RIVALRIES  
JESS' EXPERIENCE WITH TOMAHAWK SOCIETY  
STARHAWK SOCIETY AND STORY OF JESS' GENEROSITY IN GIVING A HORSE  
TO A POOR BOY  
CHIEF LEFT HAND AND OTHER ARAPAHO CHIEFS  
JESS NAMED A CHIEF AS A YOUNG MAN--REFUSES TO CHANGE HIS NAME  
JESS EVENTUALLY CHANGES HIS NAME  
LEFT HAND'S HOUSE AND LIFE IN THE 1890's  
JESSE CHISHOLM'S DEATH  
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO RESERVATION SHIFTED SOUTH IN 1869  
LEFT HAND'S SPRING (RAVEN SPRING)  
LIFE IN EARLY DAYS  
INDIANS RAISED CATTLE AND HAD GARDENS: LEFT HAND'S EXAMPLE  
ARAPAHO INTERPRETERS  
LEFT HAND AND HIS FAMILY  
JESSE CHISHOLM  
TORNADOES AND STORY ABOUT A TREE WITH SEVEN MAIN BRANCHES  
BIRDS IN THE AREA  
A POISONOUS PLANT GROWING NEAR THE SPRING

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jesse 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, Jesse 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-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