

LEFT HAND AND HIS FAMILY

But of course he sent his son to Carlisle--Grant Left Hand--he's buried with him there now. And he sent his other son, by another wife, to Fort Wayne, Indiana--Earnest Left Hand. But he never took to his father's ways. And he had two younger sons--Earnest and Robert Left Hand. They went to school at Darlington. They were much older than I was--ten or twelve years older. And he had an oldest son--this Sam that was here the other day, it was his father--Circle Left Hand. He had a home down here. Circle Left Hand was the oldest. He was a fine looking man.

JESS CHISHOLM

(Was this Jess Chisholm a friend of Left Hand's?)

They said he was. I don't know that part, you know. Jess died sixteen or seventeen years before I was born. But my father knew him. We used to all live east of El Reno and the cattle trail would go through every year. I seen two of those trails (drives), I guess. It was 1888, I think, and--we was down there in 1889 loading our stuff and I seen those cattle coming across day after day. Chuck wagon, herd of ponies, cattle after cattle. Of course Jess was already dead. And they always say--and I resent that,--that, "When you went to school in 1889 you was named after Jesse James." "No," I said. "I don't want that name from that source." Or they said, "Or else you was named after Jesse Chisholm." So I don't know where the "Jesse" part of my name came from.

(Did you ever hear the Arapahoes talk about Jesse Chisholm?)

Yeah. One time I heard that his cowboys, after they delivered the cattle in Wichita and some to Abilene, on the way back they