

tradition, that they'd ask to be left somewhere alone, and forgotten about. Well, that's the case with this Hell's Half Acre over there. An old woman by the name of Fast Runner asked her daughter when they were moving. The first night they moved, she asked her to leave her when they moved camp the next day. Leave her there with a little to eat. Which they did. And her son and her nephew and I think her other relations--menfolks--were out scouting towards the mountains west of there. When they came back they saw this camp that the Arapahoes had recently moved that day--that night. Naturally the first thing they wanted to know was, "Is grandma there? Is auntie there?" "I believe she's over there." But they knew they wouldn't tell anything. So them boys looked around there. "Where's auntie?" "Where's grandma?" Finally they told them, "Well, we left her where she wanted to be left--in that canyon there." Well, the next morning they start early, them menfolks. Catch their ponies. Put on a travois. And where they left her--they said, "Now here's where we left her." There was no track of animal or person or any kind. It just totally disappeared. And when they looked around there was a lot of those--you could just see statues--like Catholic women--Catholic sisters, nuns--all over that Hell's Half Acre. Just sitting there in bunches. And they'd think they'd see an Indian woman there and look over there and there was just nothing but just kind of a gully or wash--wash place, where this yellow, red, green and gray and black sand and stone--you know--dirt--has formed like a woman sitting there. That's what we see there now. I've watched in a telescope an hour at a time. But there was never no trace of her. No blood or nothing. They don't know what become of her. Just a mystery disappearance.

(When would these kind of stories be told?)

Any time.

(In that Tomahawk Lodge would that kind of story ever be told?)

No. No. Not that kind. Tomahawk is sort of a debating club. Two factions--the Tall Men and the Short Men. And their deeds are always exchangeable, you know--who could win--decide. Majority view and majority opinion decides who's the winner.