

in--you were saying his son made friends with Yellow Hair--?)

Yellow Hair, Arapaho. That's the great-grandfather of Mrs. McElhaney's grandchildren.

ARAPAHO CUSTOMS REGARDING ADOPTION AND MAKING FRIENDS

(Could you explain a little more about the Indian custom of taking friends like that? Like, you said he took him for his friend?)

Yes. I think I--it's in Congressional Record somewhere--in a document where I presented before Congressional Committees--of the method of friends, adoption, of the Plains Indians--especially the Arapahoes. Now, in friendship--I've had a lot of friends and I've been accepted and recognized on that source--like this Roman Nose park--he had a son. His name was Gordon Roman Nose. He was a little older than I was--probably two years older than I was. But he was slender and nice-looking fellow. I was about sixteen or seventeen then. He approached me. He says, "I'm Roman Nose's son. You're Row-of-Lodges' boy." I said, "Yeah." I shook hands with him. He said, "Well, I'm going to make you my friend." I said, "That's good." So from that time on, every time the tribe got together in a camp or payment at Darlington, he always looked me up and sometimes I'd go to his camp. Even stay overnight with him. Sometimes I'd bring him to my camp. Well, his folks found out about it and my folks found out about it, and so it was all pretty well understood by the families that he's my friend. So when he grew--three or four years after that--he knew that I was a favorite of some of the outstanding young ladies of the families--like the Bents--that family, and Wolf Robes--Cheyennes, especially. And he especially noted that this George Bent's daughter, Mary, was kind of a special--she took up with me quite special. So during the payment at Darlington, I went to the bead section, where they had cut beads in the case. Mary and her two girl friends came and talked to me. I have to pay a lot of clerks in there. So we talked for a while and he was watching me. I had him