

Tail, the Sioux chief, to pacify him as an allied friend, who was a Sioux--to come in and not surrender, but give his assurance that the Siouxs would be on peaceful terms. Which they did convince Spotted Tail. He did come in. And they left him. But the army, the commanding officers, wanted to keep these six Arapahoes to be permanent scouts. They said, "No. We didn't sign up as scouts. We asked specific permission by your command that we could go and contact Spotted Tail and induce him to come in on friendly terms. That we done, and we don't want to be no scouts. We're not going to fight against our people. We're not going to be instrumental in any opposition towards our own tribes--Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Sioux and Blackfeet." Whereat they were finally released. Three of them stayed up there. Long Nose was one of them--Sharp Nose. Sharp Nose, White Breast and Red Sleeves remained up there. Eventually Sitting Bull, Big Ridge and Little Chief came south. But Sitting Bull went on back after that and that's when he started this Ghost Dance craze.

(Do you remember what year Sitting Bull died--about what year?)

I've thought about that several times. I think he died about 1916.

(So he lived quite a while after that?)

Yeah. He took an allotment down here.

(How long did he remain a chief?)

Through his life. See, Arapahoes are elected to be chiefs all through their lives. Oh, they can be suspended or reprimanded, but when they straighten out they're still considered to be chiefs.

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(Were there any of the Arapaho chiefs that did not sign the Jerome Agreement?)