

did their relative die, what reason might they have for wanting to know what year?)

The reason Sun Boy died? Well, I just brought that up myself because one day some of those heirs--the young teenage generation of Sun Boy's family wanted to know about what year this Sun Boy died. So I had to look through here to find out when Sun Boy died. I don't remember, myself, so I have to look in here (Mooney's Calendar History). And then, -- (Pause) That's the event I use. You know when we appeared before the Claims Committee, the Department of Justice on our Claim? And during my testimony they made me to swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. "What's your name?" And I gave them my name. "What is your age? What year and month was you born?" I thought I'd have some fun with them, so I said, "Well, I was born the year be.'1. committed suicide. be.'1. committed suicide. Just before Sun Boy died." That was the year. Well, the month was--my mother said the month was when they first build fires in the tipi in the fall. What month? Well, I said, the day I put the birthday myself--I'll tell you why it happened. be.'1. sommitted suicide in 1886. And Sun Boy died 1888, I think. '87. And that was the year I was born. Now you want to know the month--it's the first time they build fire in the tipi, according to interpretation of your civilized calendar, it's October. Well, I didn't know the day--whether I was born the first part of October or the last part. So I cut it right in the middle and I said, "October 15 is my birthday." I just create that myself. They didn't have no calendars them days. When I was born. We just had Indian Calendar and I'm giving you the