

the government was going to find out. So they took George Hunt and him and Yellow Wolf to that place. (He shows me a book.) See, right there. Now, there's where the government, he's selling the story that's where they had a battle (This is the "Lost Valley Fight." See Nye's Carbine & Lance for more details. --J. Jordan.) Lost Valley Fight. They wanted to find out (about it). He tells me about that. This one here is George Hunt and Hunting Horse at the grave of teamsters--he was in that battle. That's the one he's always telling. So I found that book. And I read it and it was true, just like he always tell. That's him right there--George Hunt. That's where they had that battle.

(Well, tell me this about chiefs in your tribe. Did they have any power to settle arguments among the people and...)

HOW OWNERS OF MEDICINE BUNDLES SETTLE DISPUTES

Cecil: Yes, they have men--what they call their "Ten Gods."

And each one of those gods are handled by each man. And when there's any trouble in the tribe, they go to those ten men. And they settle their arguments there. If a man would kill another man over, maybe, his wife or something, you know, and they don't know how to settle, sometimes they just kill them. They don't argue or nothing--they just kill them. But this time, why they have those men--ten of them. And they go to them and they come together--what they call a "council". And they settle their trouble with those ten mens. And they'll have a pipe. Suppose I had trouble with another man, you was one of the priests with the ten gods. And I'd bring a pipe and I'd give it to you. And when you smoke that, you're willing to settle this trouble. Then they get together, and they settle it, and whatever they suggest, that's the way it goes. They free this man or they punish him. But mostly they free them.