

twelve disciples--twelve lost tribes--and all those things. That's the way I look at it. But seven is a generation number. They say there's seven--Seven times twenty-five is one generation to the fourth generation. There's seven. That's Arapaho.

(They say what?)

That seven periods of life constitutes four generations. Every twenty-five years-- Seven twenty-five years is one generation.

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(What do you mean by seven periods of life?)

Well, the Arapahoes and the Plains Indians always consider four generations constitutes seventy-five-- seven times twenty-five. That's the only way that I can figure it. (Jess's point here is unclear. It may relate to the fact that the Arapahoes has a system of age-graded societies through which most men progressed during their lives. There were seven of these societies in the old days.--jj) And we have those sacred stones that were--I never talk about the sacred part of the Arapaho. But we have stones in those sacred pouches (medicine bundles). That stone gives birth every twenty-five years. I guess you never heard of it. It's a stone that comes open just like these other stones--like these little think stones that rattles, you know. They open and a stone jumps out. They gave a birth every twenty-five years. The last one that I have recollection of was 1926. And then since that time there's been another birth-- Whoever keeps them sacred pouches-- But all those that kept them sacred pouches, they're all died off. We just got one pouch of the Arapaho tribe and one in the Arapaho tribe in the north. Others went to the Cheyennes, for keepsakes. Some of them are in the museums.

(Is there one here among the Oklahoma Arapahoes?)

Yeah.