

No, that's all, just Birdchief.

(Why was he given that name, do you know, did he ever tell you?)

It's his Indian name...

(Just like it's your name. Do you know how old he was when he first became chief of the Cheyennes?)

I think it was in 1882, somewhere around there...

(And he was chief of the Cheyennes until the day he died?)

Yeah. He had the bronze medal, or what you call them, from - Oh, I forgot what - from Lincoln. President Lincoln gave it to him.

(Oh, President Lincoln gave it to him?)

Yeah, to all the Chiefs. They got that bronze medal. They used to wear them on a ribbon here and bronze medal over here. That was how you recognize he was chief.

Third voice: You might establish the fact that these medals were handed down from chief to chief - the next chief.

Yeah.

Third voice: From chief to chief. And that's where President Lincoln came in, in 1882. It started long before Lincoln's time.

Yeah.

AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF A CHIEF

(Did your grandfather ever have to use his full authority at a certain time, to get the people to do certain things, such as in their crisis with the white man?)

No, most time, in the other days, people were more cooperative. The chief would give orders and people would abide by them. See. People had more