

think of the name of our importer from 33 Howard Street, New York--(referring to a question on a previous interview)--I've thought and thought, and I lay down a while and I wasn't thinking about the name of that importing firm any more and here it come into my mind--S.A. Frost and Sons. Came to me just that quick! (claps his hands) S.A. Frost and Sons, Importers. All Indian goods, you know, like beads and blankets and paints and other trinkets--shells and such as that.

HUDSON BAY BLANKETS AND ARAPAHO NAME FOR ASSINIBOINS:

(And that was at 33 Howard--).

33 Howard Street, New York. I remember I mentioned they had some Bay Blankets that they used to have at that Darlington store. And here about four or five years ago I wrote to the Hudson's Bay Company, importing of blankets, at Montreal, I believe, and asked them if they had the four-bar--what we used to call a four-bar blanket--gray with a big black border. The four bars meant four beaver skin. Three 'em on meant three (beavers), and three and a half bars meant three and a half. And three of 'em one small hide--beaver. That's what they used to--Hudson's Bay. And they said they never had the gray blanket. So I wrote back to them. I says, "How come? Where did them Hudson's gray blankets come from?" They said they had the (unintelligible word), red, green, blue and that camel tan and candy-stripe. I said, "I know my own father, he had one or two or 'em." He bought one about every other year. Men wore them. Women wore the brighter colors--for winter, you know, severe weather. So I wrote to them. I said, "The Assiniboines of Montana, of Sioux stock are named 'Gray Blankets' by the Cheyennes and Arapahoes because of the fact that every man, when they quit wearing the buffalo robes, wore this Hudson's Bay Blanket in gray. Consequently, even white men that had inter-married in that tribe went by the name of 'Gray Blanket Man'". We had one here that had married one of our Cheyenne women. His generations are my niece's nephews today--the Lumpmquths.

(Who--an Assiniboin that married your--?)

No, this white man was married to an Assiniboin woman. And of course when his wife died and he married a Cheyenne over here in Colorado, he was known as the