

CLEANING WOOL GARMENTS:

(How did the Indians clean it, if it ever needed cleaning. Did they have any way to wash it or clean it or take care of it?)

Well, if it didn't have elk teeth--see, the Cheyennes wore elk teeth on the black strouding--if they were gonna wash it, they'd have to take all them teeth off.

That's almost a day's work, and almost a day's work to put them on, you know.

But they'd wash 'em. They'd wash 'em, but only after rains, when it's soft water --rain water--They wouldn't wash them in the river or any place where there's just ordinary water. They always washed them in rain water. Or spring water.

(Did they collect the rain water in something?)

They got it in tubs. They used to have wooden tubs.

(Did they use any special kind of soap, or anything?)

No. They didn't even use laundry soap. They use what they call castile. Only kind of soap I used to see. It used to come in flat--long, slender bars.

(Did they wash the men's leggings the same way?)

OH yeah.

LIST CLOTH:

(Maybe I asked you before, but in case I forgot--this strouding is different from this list cloth?)

It's different. That list cloth is way finer. It was way--on you can't see the woof or the warp of the list cloth, but you could with the strouding.

(The list cloth, back there, did you sell that where you worked?)

Not until about nineteen hundred and two. They used to be one man--Black Coyote --Chief Black Coyote--he's always trying to be the first one to start something.

Now where he got that-- The Osages, however, had it. Now whether Black Coyote got his blanket by order or some source--but he's the only one that used to wear this fancy list cloth. He was the only one that wore it.

(Did he have a blanket made out of it?)

Blanket, yeah. Part blue and black.

(Did you ever hear how he got it?)