

things from the cottonwood tree?)

Yes. pwixi' h'w'w'm u t' t' -- pwixi' means when you write or draw something. "Blanket pencils" I guess you'd translate it.

(And this is the cottonwood tree when it blooms and has that little thing that hangs down?)

Yes. Those always stain and they used those. That's why they're called that.

(Do they leave a color on the hide?)

I never did see a hide--what it looked like--after it stained on them. Buffalo. I imagine they painted deerskin too--buckskin. Not everyone could paint. Even a tipi. It was against their belief--never to paint your tipi. You never did see Cheyennes with painted tipis. Like nowadays, these show people paint their tipis. It was against their religion. Never to paint your tipi. Just like it was against their religion for a girl to wear a eagle feather--especially those white plumes that look like little white cotton. Those two things. Because the eagle is a bird that is respected by the Cheyennes. Everything is used--this other is used on warriors, mostly. These warriors that go to battle. Not everybody could handle that. Just warriors. Not everybody could handle his gun, his warbonnet, and I imagine, his feathers too. It was a sacred bird. Now white man thinks just so it's a feather, they're going to put it on--on their ears or somewhere. They don't stop to think that there was lots of things that was against their belief.

CHEYENNE BELIEFS ABOUT SNAKES AND FROGS

Snake was also against their belief. Never touch a snake. You'd have some kind of skin trouble. Or never bother a frog. This'