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JESS ROWLDGE, ARAPAHO AND
BOB STEGALL, NON-INDIAN
INTERVIEW OF: 12-20-68
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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS STORIES: BUTCHERING AND MEAT PRESERVING
TECHNIQUES OF WHITES AND INDIANS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

GRANT LEFT HAND
RED PAINT AND STORY ABOUT HOW ARAPAHOS FOUND IT
HONESTY OF INDIANS IN OLD DAYS
ADVICE GIVEN TO JESS BY HIS FATHER ON PERSONAL APPEARANCE, GIRLS, ETC.
OSAGE MAN, JOHN STINK, WHO "DIED" AND CAME BACK TO LIFE
BLACK COYOTE'S HEARSE
BURIAL PRACTICES: INTERMENT OF VALUABLE WITH BODY
SELECTION OF CAMP SITES
FASTING AND VISION QUEST HILLS
STONE SNAKE HILL
DRYING MEAT
BUTCHERING AND MEAT PRESERVING PRACTICES OF WHITE FARMERS COMPARED TO
INDIANS
WAY OF LIFE OF WHITE FARMERS A GENERATION AGO
HOW JESS'S FATHER STORED PUMPKINS
WHITE FARMER'S METHOD OF STORING TURNIPS AND SWEET POTATOES
HOW JESS'S FOLKS STORED SQUAW CORN
CHANGES IN INDIANS' AND NEGROES' WAY OF LIFE IN RECENT YEARS
MORE ON BUTCHERING AND STORING OF MEAT
MANNER OF COOLING FOODS BEFORE REFRIGERATION
USE OF ENTRAILS AND VARIETY MEATS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Jess Rowldge is between 82 and 84 years old and is well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has travelled extensively on tribal business, having visited Washington, D. C. a number of times. He has been active in tribal politics for many years and has helped the Arapahoes in pressing their claims cases against the government. Nevertheless, Jess is well-versed in the traditional culture of his tribe and anxious for at least some parts of it to be preserved. He is one of the two surviving members of the Star Hawk Society, one of the old age-graded warrior societies. And has often expressed hope that this organization would be revived in modern times. He is a peyotist, as well as a member of the Baptist Church and feels that the peyote ceremony has given him some of his greatest personal fulfillment as well as inspiration. Jess is no stranger to the role of teacher-informant in communicating knowledge about Arapaho culture. He has known and worked with such people as A. L. Kroeber, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan. Rowldge was born in 1884.