

he likes to know that. He will in turn pass it on to his children and they to their children and so on as that and I--Its such a task to do it just take so much time and the other things that go along with this is the our way of life. I mean the economic way as of now that our mineral wealth is declining and people have to find other means of income to supplement the mineral income and this seems like the days of the Osages and all their mineral wealth they established all these fireplaces you might call 'em and did their tremendous good for the people of my generation. We go along now as I try to carry on and seems that its getting--the task of getting the information that should be available to the people is fast disappearing. I do intend to try to get more information and facts on other subjects. I'd just like to say again at this time that this way of life that I have witnessed today I have just--just reminding myself that how few Osages there was and that how few full-bloods there were. It seems like we retain a partial way of life.

At the dinner today as I was sitting across from Mr. Jim Waters, who is the elderly Ponca who serves as the towncrier for the different organizations, dance organizations throughout our reservation and sitting next to him was Mrs. Christine No Ear who is married to a Ponca. She is part Osage and as I looked down the table there is people, some of my relatives, but on the whole that there were people, good people, but there were not any men folks present like I had said before.

So I would just like to in closing at this time like to just to emphasize the significance of this affair today. The people that put on this dinner, Mrs. Lorena Hamilton how different it was from the olden days. How they are trying to carry on our ways, but in the meantime the ways are gradually slipping out of our grasp and that the Osages seems like are realizing this