

Comanche Sun Dance leader was a woman. Too-Koo-Nah--Pheet-At-Peh-Tah which is Daughter of the Sky, you might say, Straight Over-head Sky. Daughter of the Sky was the name of this woman. And she was a member of the No-Yuh-Kay or the wandering band of the Comanche which I am going into to show you how deeply or make clear how deep the Comanches worshipped the sun. We have sun, we have Sun Dance songs still in tribes that we know. We have so far seen no need to go into that although we know the songs and I believe that I have recording as many of them as I could. And mistakeably Comanche songs, they have Comanche words, I may put one on later. They are, (Comanche word) Usually that seems to be the general plan or practice of these Sun Dance leaders, Sun Dance rituals, usually they would dance by themselves in a lodge prepared by somebody whoever wanted a prediction from her and forecast which is the main reason for the Comanche Sun Dance ritual. Not to heal, not for war dances, not for any purpose other than to, fortell the future, foretell events that had not taken place yet. People would lose or have overdo relatives or sons that went off to enemy country or dangerous countries. And they would call upon these Sun Priests, bring them gifts and tobacco and then ask them to locate or tell them something about their overdo loved ones which is the way everyone of these that I have mentioned so far, here Birds head goes to see his son and Daughter of the Sky, they all practice reading the future by calling upon the sun to give them information. Their father, their son, and now, the last one that I believe might be one of the last one Sun Dances put on was--no I believe there has been one or more after that, but one dance in particular not publicized very much by writers who many know more about it than what they acually put down in their books, took place just about a mile and a half, it was that far, northeast of the old fort. There on Cash Creek and Medicine Bottom there at Fort Sill. A group of young men including some of my relatives which is got pretty close to my family there, called upon the leader that night he was going to hold his Sun Dance ritual there at this Comanche village on the east side of Cash Creek