

could barely hear what was going on. But we had been requested by Mrs. Walker to attend these early services because we were of that peyote faith also. And that was--it is in accordance with our ways. And so after the--our painting ceremonies was over, Mr. Jess Townsend led the people there in prayer as it is our custom and at that time Mr. Eddie Red Eagle who had been--who was a close personal friend of the Chief and has long been his aide in many tribal affairs, as he is a tribal council member also. And that he, more or less, took charge of the funeral plans and took over as the friend of the family. And he at that time announced that the ceremony was completed all were present there were now able to view the body. And is our custom, we went to wish him farewell and a good journey to where he was going to be among his people. And as I viewed the body of my friend, I thought of the many things that he had done for us and although I was not--did not associate with him too much in the last year, it was years before that I was remembering that he was more or less a member of the Hominy Community that he--we would see him around every day and would go visit him. But since he had moved to Pawhuska, we were more or less not quite in touch with him as we should have been. And like I say, Mr. Pitts, he was 7/8 degree Osage Indian and he was born on November 1, 1905, in the Pawhuska Indian Village of the Osage Reservation, from the Oklahoma Territory. And he was the son of the late George Pitts and Mary Akin Pitts Gilken, both allotted members of the Osage Tribe. And this--after the--Mr. Red Eagle announced to the people that these funeral arrangements that after around 9:00 o'clock or shortly before, his body would be taken to the Johnson Funeral Chapel and services would be held there. And from there they--the body would be taken to the Friends Church in Hominy,