

See, Wa sa be sits on the first one on the south side of the door and then the Vee ghe day, Ninka pah na, Pon ka ta, Wah sha ba, wah gha ga, No ha. (Note: the names are approximations of the spelling). Them were the clans of the Poncas. But then they had added clanships after that. And these were the governing body of the Ponca Tribe at that time. And I suppose that all tribes had the same regulation that, you know, that was the Indian traditions, you know.

(Like, I suppose they had their own laws on that governed them to see that they were enforced and such as that?)

PONCA STORY - THE FOUR GIFTS OF GOD - INDIAN ALL ONE FAMILY

Right. The Indian story is a long story. Now these things that we hear and the ones of us that heard these things that we were so small and then we come up and then we try to relate these things. Now the means of governing ourselves through these things--now we had this is the first time that I am going to mention this in this recording here, and I do hope that this mention here will be respected within meaning in this way. Now when you speak of the governing of the Indian people--this is a Ponca story--and I think that all Indians were governed in the same manner. Because I feel the individual--this is my individual thought; that we at one time, the Indians were one family. One family. And this I strongly believe because through our Holy Bible that I believe in--Adam and Eve was two people that we have derived from and then from them. Now the Ponca Tribe was given the--this is a story that was told by our forefathers--and this is handed down to me by my father. He says that there were four means that the Ponca Tribe must live according to this life that he was supposed to live you know--live from here on out. Now the first gift that the Almighty God had given him was this pipe. Our non-Indian--our white people call it a peace pipe. This pipe that was given to the Ponca people. And then this pipe that was given to him, was to be