

(This is May 3, 1969. I am Leonard Maker, Osage Indian, field worker for the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma. I am today at the Givens Water Service Club grounds south of Ponca City. The Haylonska Club of the Ponca Indian tribe are having a dance ceremony today and this is one of the first that I have attended here. These dances were laid dormant for, oh twenty-five or thirty years and they were revived, about oh ten years ago by Mr. Sylvester Warrior. He's carrying on at this time, so today we will tape the entire ceremony.)

(Mr. Warrior)

We been organized for over ten years now. Ever since 1958 we been dancing once a year. And due to one date of the dance to the following year it takes so long a time that lot of our members, seems like in the meantime, well they kind of forget about the organization and seem like they lose interest. There's no enthusiasm or interest in it whatsoever when the time comes to dance again. Seems like they think well we're going to dance this one just one more time till next year again. And somehow they lose that interest. So in order to keep up the interest and to gain more members and to be more active, we thought that we'd go on ahead and dance again before the dances at Greyhorse (?) Hominy and get ours out of the way here and prepare ourselves for those dances over there. Then, that will be after July first. A lot of our boys like to off you know, like Missouri, go way up north to Dakotas, and Montana and elsewhere. You know powwow around. And so that's the reason why we're have these dances, more or less to stimulate interest, to keep the interest alive more or less in the reason for this dance today. There isn't any, any special occasion. It's just that we got our food here and we want to share it with the people that comes and dance here.

(Mr. Maker)

(You know when you say you started reviving your dance like that you got to take your first step again to get people interested. After you once become established well then you can have your regular dances, you know at a regular time.)

(Mr. Warrior)

Yeah, so that's the reason for the dance today. It's more