

that might remind you, you know.)

MR. BLACKBIRD SERVED IN UNION ARMY

Old man--Old Man Blackbird told me he was in the Civil War.

(Oh!)

He was in the Union Army. Fought in Kansas and his brother (Osage name) was a Confederate. Fought for the South.

(How come one was on one side, and other one on the other?)

That's the way it was, some on the south, some for the north. Old man Tom Carson's father, he fought for the Union, and his folks were here down south. He wanted to see his folks, and had to get permission from the President, I believe or some high officer and had to get a pass. They gave him a pass, through to go pass through to South Carolina. So they let him go--let him through. That was the only way he could go through. (long pause).

(Well!)

That's when he died, old man (not clear). When this old man died, the old man had it all fixed like (not clear). And Wah-hre-she went over there, go burn them all up throw in the fire burn. The old man (not clear) see that buckskin, picked it up and that's where he saw that pass. There's lot of documents belong to Osages tolled in buckskin burn up in there. This old man Wah-hre-she burn them up after the fire died.

CEREMONY BEFORE GOING TO WAR OR ON A HUNT

(Those people back there, did they ever tell you--you know, when they went out on a hunt or going anywhere? They were--what kind of--did they have any kind of ceremonies before they went off to war or went out to hunt or anything like that?)

What you mean--ceremonies?

(Yeah.)

Yeah, they had ceremonies. They sing before it's dark, you know.