

places. And then at night they used to dance.

(Would this--like Old Man Ute--would he have anything to do with something like that?)

No. Just the Sun Dance. I don't know--I don't know very much about these lodges.

Oh, sometimes I used to hear my grandfolks talk about it. That's all I know.

But to know for sure for myself, I don't know.

DISAPPEARANCE OF OLD LODGES (SOCIETIES)

(I understand that--that's one reason I was asking you. I know these questions are sort of hard. But what I'm trying to understand is how these things came to pass away.)

You know, these that used to lead it--all these that were in that company--they all died away. And this young generation, they never been through anything like that so they ain't got no chance or they ain't got no way of having it again like that. Because there ain't nobody that knows anything. And it's just done with, that's what the older people always say.

(How about yourself and other Arapahoes of your age--do you think it's a good thing that it's done with--?)

Well, nobody don't know nothing about it, so we just let it go. Because there ain't nobody gonna come over there and try to renew it and not know a thing about it.

(Well, did women ever have any part in these kind of lodges?)

No. They never did have that I know of. Only at the Sun Dance they always sing for the men. They sit behind the drum. That's all I know.

(Did your grandfather, Sitting Bull--did he belong to any of those lodges?)

He just belonged to this Tomahawks. That's the only one, I think. I never did see him Sun Dance. He never did Sun Dance. And when they had this Tomahawk, I know he danced. That was the only one I seen him dance. No, he never did take part in the Sun Dance.

ARAPAHO GHOST DANCE & SIMILARITY TO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

(How did he come to hear about this Ghost Dance?)

Oh, my goodness--I don't know. They were way up north when he come from there. And then ten of the people--I guess they used to dance up that, and they give it to him. They give him an eagle feather that had to be tied to his hat all the time. And they learn him all these songs. So he come down over here and he started it up. Just made them Caddoes go crazy over it. They even use them songs for hand game! Yeah! They like it so well they just use them songs for hand game, too.

(Well--?)