

GHOST DANCE SONGS

(Tape opens with Myrtle singing Ghost Dance songs. She sings seven songs)

(When did you learn these songs?)

Oh, well, you know it was just right in my home--in my family. I used to hear my grandfather and his wife sing them. And I learn them. I was just a little girl when I used to--You know, people would like to hear me sing them. They used to give me a nickel to sing a song.

(Do you know who made up any of these songs?)

I don't know who made all these songs up, but my grandfather was the leader of it, and he's the one that used to start these songs.

(That's Sitting Bull?)

Sitting Bull, yeah.

(Is he the one you used to hear them from when you were little?)

Yeah.

(Is he the one that--?)

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He's the one that come back from the north somewhere. He went up north somewhere. He was married in Wyoming, you know. And when he come home, that's when he start this Ghost Dance around, and he used to sing these songs. And it seem like it's just the way it was with this Ghost Dance. It just seem like it's same way with this Pentecostal way. You know, they say they get the spirit and all that--that's the way these Ghost Dances used to do. There would be some jumping around shaking their hands--holding their hands up the air. It's just like a Pentecostal. We always think it might be the same thing. I heard these songs ever since I used to sing. I used to sing with my grandpa and my grandma. Sitting Bull. We used to live down there in the (black) jacks over there southeast of Judson (Hudson)'s