

they had a big old grass house about forty feet in diameter. Had a good dance ground. They used to dance Ghost Dance. Well, there was a say just before Friday or Sunday, they would dance Ghost Dance mostly. And they would tell us get in there. For awhile, when you a boy like that, they won't let you get in there. They say, you boys go over there and go down the creek and play, you got no business in that dance. Or after you was a little older, they say, you dance and you behave. Don't make any noise in there, or cutting up. Oh, they dance it. They don't dance it like they used to.

(Do you know about when the Wichitas started the Ghost Dance?)

Well, I tell you, about 1900 maybe a little before. It's something new, see.

(Where did they get it from?)

They get it from the Cheyenne.

(Could you tell me a little bit about how the dance goes?)

This..our way of carrying out this..well it is something that came to our people here. This part of Oklahoma. It came from way up north, Montana, somewhere up there, but it came to this people. They brought it down here. The belief was that when you danced you was so moved, I guess, that you fell into a trance. And in that respect, you had a vision or maybe see something wonderful or maybe you saw some of your people, or something good or wonderful that was saw in the vision. They believed that to be so. That is, that's why the people went and fell for that Ghost Dance. The way our people..well, I danced it when I was a boy. I thought that was good. I got out there and sing, and I never..in other words, I never saw the spirit, like what the older peopel believed. Well when I was just a young men, I did see some people get out there, mostly ladies get in a trance. Real hot summer day. Well, they used to dance in the afternoon in the olden days they dance until night, go home. Unless it was a special five days of dancing then they would dance day and night. I seen..I have seen some women get out there and maybe they saw the spirit, so they thought they were moved, envisioned, this and that. Anyways they believed that they get in a trance.