

PAWNEE-WICHITA EXCHANGE VISITS:

(Frank, I wonder if we could start out today talking about the visiting between the Pawnee and the Wichita. Do you know when that started?)

No, I don't.

(Is that a real old..)

Well as far as I can remember, I..it has been something that went on. Perhaps prior to my birth. I couldn't say the exact number of years. I never heard anyone say that. How long, but anyway, that's still going on.

(How does that work? For instance, now what happens when the Pawnees get down here on Monday?)

Well, they just camp. We'll say the Pawnees are coming this summer. They'll camp over here. Any do come before the real day, they'll perhaps camp at Bill Campbell's. They'll camp there, just like camping out until the give-away days, then after that's over, perhaps next day, they'll go back home.

(What do they do to pass the time before the give-away?)

Oh, they have..well what way back when I was a boy, they used to..like I said..they had a dance ground, about half a mile over the hill from us. A grass lodge there, but they have a building there now, presently. But anyhow they would camp there, some would camp there, oh, maybe two weeks. Have handgame everyday.

(When, in the afternoon?)

Yes, at night time they would dance and sing.

(What kind of dances did they do at night?)

Well, what I saw there, most of..particularly one year, they danced Ghost Dance practically every night. Perhaps war dance, every once in awhile.

(What happens on this main day?)

Oh, they have war dance. Well, during the war dance, the Wichitas would give perhaps a horse away. But here, like material good like you make clothes with you know.