

I guess.

(Are these the same kind of rattles that people use today? In the stomp dance? Those that are made out of turtle shells?)

Yes, uhuh. They're made out of turtle shells, but these were made out of shells, sea shells. That they had picked up on the coast. And Caddo Jake told me about it once. Where they used to gather them in the streams I guess locally mussel shells or something and then they said they filled them with various things and then so they could rattle. That's what they use to do. I don't have any idea as to how they were fixed, you know, but that's the story I got from grandpa, Caddo Jake.

(Is that the only musical instrument that they used way back in the old days when they danced the dance?)

Now they had the water drum and then they used, well there was a certain drum, they called beating of the hide. They had, well I know the song but I don't know whether it would be sung properly now. There was one old lady, Minnie Parden, she was the last one that made those songs because their grandfather used to be one of the singers. And they played these hide songs pertaining to a certain dance, why then they beat on these hides instead of a regular drum. They had a different versions of the dances, but they used a drum for this turkey dance.

(Were there any other instruments in the old days that you know about other than this water drum and the..?)

Well, they had these drinking gourds with the rattles because they used it right at the drum. Somebody kept time with it.

(What about rattles or maybe shells on moccassins? You know that girl that had a bell on her moccassins? Did they have anything like that in the old days?)