

GENERAL SUBJECT: PEYOTISM: GHOST DANCE RELIGION

PARTICULAR TOPICS:

PEYOTE: RECENT LEGISLATION AGAINST BY STATE OR TEXAS

PEYOTE: GETTING IT IN TEXAS

HISTORICAL ANECDOTE; SITTING BULL (ARAPAHO) AND SPOTTED TAIL (SIOUX)

PEYOTEISM AND GHOST DANCE

SITTING BULL: HIS CURE IN PEYOTE MEETING AND REJECTION OF GHOST DANCE RELIGION

GHOST DANCE: ROLES OF SITTING BULL AND JACK WILSON (RAIUTE)

DEMISE OF GHOST DANCE: OPPOSITION BY CHRISTIAN INDIANS

BROTHER-IN-LAW STORY ILLUSTRATING JOKING BEHAVIOR

GHOST DANCE: HISTORY, FORM, PARAPHERNALIA

CADDO, GHOST DANCE

ARAPAHO GHOST DANCE: FORM, BELIEFS

DIFFUSION OF GHOST DANCE TO KIOWAS

EXAMPLE OF GRANT LEFT HAND: QUALIFICATIONS FOR BEING ARAPAHO CHIEF

SUPPORT OF GHOST DANCE BY TRIBAL CHIEFS

DEMISE OF GHOST DANCE

GHOST DANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOTMENTS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMATION

Jess Rowldge is between 82 and 84 years old and is a well-known and respected leader among the Arapahoes. He is fairly well educated and articulate, and has travelled extensively on tribal business, having visited Washington, D.C. a number of times. He has been active in tribal politics for many years and has helped the Arapahoes in pressing their claims cases against the government. Nevertheless, Jess is well-versed in the traditional culture of his tribe and anxious for at least some parts of it to be preserved. He is one of the two surviving members of the StarHawk Society, one of the old age-graded warrior societies. And has often expressed hope that this organization would be revived in modern times. He is a peyotist, as well as a member of the Baptist Church and feels that the peyote ceremony has given him some of his greatest personal fulfillment as well as inspiration. Jess is no stranger to the role of teacher-informant in communicating knowledge about Arapaho culture. He has known and worked with such people as A.L. Kroeber, James Mooney, Morris Smith, Sister Inez Hilger, and Fred Eggan. Mr. Rowldge was born in 1884.