

that I know of. Course, my Dad never went to no Indian doctor or nothing. He believed nothing but just living. My mother never was convert to an Indian doctor or like that.

(Where were these dances held?)

You know when you come out from Calumet--it's way off the highway now. About two miles east of Calumet there's a grove there. And all around it was big prairie land and river right north of there. That's where the Ghost Dances used to be held. And over here at Left Hands across the river--as far back as 1895--the last year, I guess. James Mooney came out and I think he witnessed the last dance at Left Hands'. Black Coyote--the one that Watong's named after --wataeka.--he was the instigator. He was the leader of this last Ghost Dance. They danced three days. Every mornigg everyone would go down to the river and swim. Men, women, children and all. I think I mentioned it before. Then when the sun comes out they start dancing. Tree men would walk out there, and this middle one would holler four times. Then these other two start singing then the others come running out there and fill up a round circle and dance, dance.

(Did they have it in the summer time?)

Most of the time.

(Would they have it a number of times during the summer, like every week?)

Yeah, every week or every-- Well, sometimes they camp as long as two weeks. And they also had a black handkerchief. I don't know what the mystery of that was but they had a black handkerchief. I know Sitting Bull would swing it sometimes. Whenever anything that he held, or done anything with--seem like the people just go into trance. You know, inspired.

(These people that went into trance, were they men and women?)

Men and women, yeah.

(What about the ages. Were there all ages?)

All ages, but the young folks didn't-- Very few, about 28 years or 30 years or something like that--they'd participate and they went under trance too, but not the youngest.

(What kind of a dance step did they do?)