

No, he died in 1889. I just barely remember him..

(About how old were you when they had this winter Sun Dance?)

I was between sixteen and seventeen. Past sixteen.

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(Had you been in the Fox organization very long?)

Well, we were in the Fox organization, I think about three--let's see--nineteen--one, two and three--yeah, about two or three years. We was in that Fox organization. And we got pretty good training.

(How did you come to join it?)

Your age covers that. When you get to the age, well, your folks say, "You're going to be in the Fox Company now. When they call you, you have to go over there. Go in there and sit down, and our elders--our leaders--provide all the food in there for us. We even sleep in there--big tipis, you know. Bring our bedding in there and slept. Go out and take care of our ponies, what we have to do and come back. Eat meals there and slept right there and danced--all the time--every Fox dance. Didn't have no particular costumes--just Indian (costume) if you wanted to. Cheyenne boys--we had one or two Cheyenne boys that were enough Arapaho, but they were--of course, they were through their Arapaho--first day they could come in and dance with us. Otherwise--part Cheyenne and Arapaho boys participate in all those organizations--all through the organizations. Those lodges that the Arapahoes have--Cheyenne-Arapaho cross--mixed bloods--can join. Once in a while a Cheyenne comes in there that's a good friend of some Arapaho boy, or maybe by adoption he can participate in those organizations.

(How did it happen in your own case that you joined--did you father tell you?).

My father and mother told me. They said the Foxes are going to have this big tipi. They're gonna gather together and you're going to go over there. I had my boy friend with me. We came out from Darlington and he stayed with me and camped. We had some Indian clothes. We go over there and they said finally, You boys gonna dress up tonight and dance. We go back to our camp and put on