

T-226

GRANT WHITE, PAWNEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: PAWNEE DOCTOR DANCE

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

DOCTOR DANCE, PART OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY ESPECIALLY SICK PEOPLE
PROCEDURE PRECEDING THE DOCTOR DANCE

TWO FIREMEN ASSIGNED TO MAKE FIRE WHEN NEEDED

TWO HEAD MEN CHOSEN - DUTIES OF SAME

BODY PREPARATION BEFORE CEREMONY

MANY DOCTORS PARTICIPATE

DOCTOR DANCE IS FOR SICK PEOPLE - MUCH SINGING

PIPE - SMOKE CEREMONY PRECEDES THE DANCE

DRUMS AND GOURDS (DRUMS AND GOURDS ARE USED FOR DOG DANCE)

STARTING DOCTOR DANCE - SONGS

MORE ABOUT PROCEDURE AND ACTION

MUD LODGES ARE USED

MORE ABOUT PROCEDURE OF DANCE CEREMONY

MEAT IS PREPARED

MORE ABOUT PROCEDURE OF DANCE CEREMONY

PROCEDURE OF USING FOOD - MEAT SOUP AND CORN

SICK PEOPLE GET SPECIAL ATTENTION

AFTER THE MEAL, THE WHOLE CEREMONY BEGINS AGAIN

SERVICE FOR GIVING COMES FROM THE HEART AND NOT FOR MONEY

DOCTOR DANCE ENDS ABOUT DAWN - DISCUSSION OF NEXT DANCE TO BE
HELD

GRANT IS TOLD TO IMITATE A HORSE

COSTUMES USED IN IMITATION

WHEN ONE DANCE IS OVER EVERYBODY GOES HOME

CHOOSING THE TWO HEAD MEN IN AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Grant White is about 77 years old. He was born in the Pawnee area and still lives there at this time. He graduated from Chilocco Indian School and attended Carlisle School in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Native American Church and a Veteran of World War I. Mr. White is now retired.

Remarks: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Osborne are present and participate in this interview. (This interview is continued on T-227.)