

T-227

GRANT WHITE, PAWNEE

INTERVIEWED BY: RAMONA OSBORNE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: PAWNEE DOCTOR DANCE (Continued from T-226)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

VARIOUS KINDS OF ANIMALS USED FOR IMITATING  
MORE ABOUT COSTUMES USED TO IMITATE BIRDS AND ANIMALS  
DESCRIPTION OF HOW HE IMITATED THE HORSE IN THE DANCE  
ANYONE CAN "PUT UP" DOCTOR DANCE BUT MUST ADHERE TO ALL TRADITIONS  
PEOPLE BEGIN ARRIVING AT CAMP EARLY IN AFTERNOON BEFORE THE DANCE  
MORE ABOUT THE FOOD AND OTHER PREPARATIONS  
DRESS IN OWN TENT AND RETURN TO TENT AFTER CEREMONY  
DESCRIPTION OF SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR DANCE CEREMONY  
SKEDEE ON TOP OF HOUSE YELLS DOWN AND RECEIVES ECHO FROM PEOPLE  
INSIDE  
FOUR TIMES IS A RELIGIOUS ACTION AND BELIEF  
NEARLY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN DOCTOR DANCE ARE DOCTORS FOR DIFFERENT  
SICKNESS  
SEVERAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING INDIAN DOCTORING  
DOCTORING POWER WAS HANDED DOWN TO NEXT GENERATION  
USE OF HERBS FOR MEDICINE  
MORE ABOUT PLANNING FOR DOCTOR DANCE - ONE MAN GOES HORSEBACK  
TO PASS WORD  
OTHER INCIDENTS AND REMEMBERING  
BEEF FOR DOCTOR DANCE - DRYING AND COOKING MEAT  
THE DATE FOR DANCE IS SET AND WORD IS PASSED  
GRANT IS THE LAST ONE OF INDIAN DOCTORS  
THE PEOPLE ENJOYED THE GET-TOGETHERS  
SEVERAL INCIDENTS RELATING TO HEALING BY DOCTORS  
CHOICE OF ANIMALS, A MAN IMITATED WAS PASSED DOWN TO NEXT  
GENERATION  
GRAHAM YOUNG DOCTORS A CHILD - HELENA - SHE IS CURED  
HEALING A CHILD WHO WAS BURNED  
OTHER INCIDENTS OF HEALING  
DOCTORS DIVIDE A CYCLONE

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. He is now retired.

Remarks: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Osborne are present and participate in this interview.