

ceased to exist and I was not having no church to go to-- Oh, I used to go to the Baptist Church, but then I joined the Baptist Church. Well, I used to go to the Baptist Church more regular than I go to peyote meetings. Once in a great while there's an occasion for it, I go to peyote meetings. I haven't gone for four years now, on account of I can't sit--because of my age, any more on the ground. (Jess means that it's now physically too uncomfortable for him to sit through peyote meetings--jj) But how I got started in school was through peyote. I think I told you about that. I went in peyote meeting after my father died in 1904. I was asked to come to a peyote meeting where they was going to pray for me and my folks. They were bereaved, you know, after my father was dead. So I went there. Jim Hudson, and Lone Man and these old fellows was all in there. They made me take care of the fire. All that night they prayed for me. And that night,--oh, it was after midnight--after I fixed my fire up all nice--it blazed good--I sat down. I was sitting quietly you know. I had a cousin of mine sitting by me. And I heard a voice right over my head. It talked Indian. It said, "You--you stay with this form--this religion. You're a young man. You got chance to go to school yet. And if you carry this out, it's going to be good for you. But always go to church." That's what I heard that voice say--just--I looked around and there was nothing above me. Nobody standing in front of me or nothing. I was sitting on the ground inside of a peyote tent. I kept thinking about that. The next morning when I went outside, why, Jim Hudson, and them came--and they were sitting out there under a little tree--he asked me how I feel this morning, and I said, "I thank you people for praying for me and my mother and brothers and them." He said, "Well, do you feel all right?" "Yeah, I feel all right." "Did you know any hing in there?" I said, "Well, in a way I did," I said. "I heard a voice talking to me last night right above my head," I said.