

ceremonies, I said, would last nights and there would be, they'd always call it in the — in Indian they all said "carry it in." Whoever was — you might say sponsoring it. He and the preacher, I guess you would call him, and there would be two of them and then the preacher and there was three men that would always set on one side and right opposite of them would be the singers to do the singing. And they were special songs too. My father used to be one of the singers. And I don't know — I think there is someone somewhere that has a recording of those songs. They're our special songs. I know this Jim Jackson had some. He had made 'em on a record [along with Jim Thompson, recorded] two or three songs. And so these songs and then of course the person — it was open to anybody that wanted to sing. I guess you'd call them prayer songs. See each song was their individual person's song. So and then that way and then turtles — they had turtle shells. That was quite a — oh I guess you'd call it a tradition in our church. And they would — this turtle — they all say he had walked around, carried around. And they would pass it around and whoever wanted to perform that night, when he come to him, he would pick it up, and shake it. And then he would start you know, he would offer his prayer and then they'd get up and sing. They would sing his song. And then when he'd sing—you might say the first verse then the drummers then would pick it up, and repeat his song. And they would dance until he'd finished that. You're supposed to do that 12 times till you get back to where it started. Everything was done in 12's. I don't know exactly just know exactly why that is. But everything that you did why you were supposed to do that 12 times. And the first time there was a period in our — in my grandmother's time when for some reason they quit having them. For several years and then when I was a child about, oh I guess, I must have been about say eight, nine years old, why they decided—my grandfather invited them to come to our house and have a meeting to bring up the subject of why shouldn't we try to go ahead and have a meeting. And it seemed like — 'course where they had it it had grown up in brush and weeds and everything like that. So they had council there at my grandfather's and they all agreed to meet and clean up the building and repair it and there was always six — three women and three men and they call them Ashkasak and that would be similar to ushers in a church. Everything that was done the church was performed by these three women and three men. And they had to be chosen, you know someone that was willing to do it, put in their time. And then they camped a week before or maybe two weeks probably, because I know it'd take quite a little while to clean this place up. I think there was supposed to be an acre of ground that this building was given to the Delawares by some family but I don't know who they were now. I just really don't know because they used to call everybody by their Indian names and that way I don't know who it was, really. But I know about where it was, used to be. And so I, really, guess I