

LOCATION OF PEYOTE MEETINGS

And I continued, as I grew older, to attend these Churches with my father and at the time we changed to Mr. Antoine Pryor's place, just a few miles from old man Mickey's place -- old man Mickey having passed away -- the meeting or services there were discontinued, and the fireplace went down and you might say it was more or less passed to my father who assumed the position. That's the Osage way. The First Fireman would assume the seat that the "Road Man" had vacated. But as we went along, I remember we changed to my father's aunt's place. That was over on Nicola Creek where we continued to have the meetings. And I can remember -- I think it was in the early 30's that we used to have meetings out there at least twice a year. And other times, if we wanted to have a special services for anything, we would have special services. My contact with the peyote -- and I remember that the peyote would go in the Church, and we would pray for certain people, if they were in need or they were ailing. My uncle Edgar had assumed a seat there at the time in Mrs. Pryor's Church House. And I can remember that we used to have these meetings out there and they would be about the same as Old Man Mickey's place.

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And I also might add that the First Fireman's duty after he came out of the sweathouse would be to start a fire in the Church House. And by starting a fire, that was his duty to have the instruments -- or they would be already at the Church House -- that would include the several flint rocks, and course he would already have his wood there and they would have a little bag of some sort which would include some of the pulp, they call it "punk", out of an old dead log. I don't recall what kind of wood it would be, but it was a certain kind of wood. And they would strike this flint and have the spark light in the pulp of this wood which would ignite -- They would blow and it would ignite it. And that was what these small splinters -- and that's how they would start their fire. And it was his duty to keep this fire going until the services started.