

Yes, he was veteran, World War I.

(Did--after he composed this song, how did he present it to the organization?

Do you remember, you know? You all probably had it presented to you at a special occasion, or did he just come and give it to you?)

Yes. They tell us they were going to come on and have a song made and we was supposed to be prepared, waiting for them when they arrived with the song. So, that is when they brought our song, and sung to us.

(Then, what kind of ritual did you have when they brought the song to you?

And when was it first sang? What kind of a ceremony did you have? Do you recall?)

I don't quite remember everything.

(Tell me just like you remember it.)

I remember when they came and present this song concerning on behalf of our American War Mothers. And sung this song and we wanted to be known as American War Mothers's song. I don't hardly remember anything else. Might have something else, but that is just about all I can remember. (End of Side A)

(When Mr. Pettit brought this song, where did he bring it to? Was you down at the meeting down in the--where ever you hold these meetings?)

I think we was at dance.

(Your annual dance, hun?)

Un-hun.

(He brought this song down there to you.)

Yes. (sentence not clear) Why, yes, we were expecting it, you know.

(I just--I don't remember this myself. Course, I remember Mr. Pettit, but as far as him bringing it down, I don't even recall the event when it happened but when he brought it down, they were doing a dance and he was one of your singers anyway, wasn't he?) *