

Today, the boys have access to loans and scholarships. Back in them days, it wasn't stressed too much. And then they, most of them then said, "Well, if you got a high school education, you can get by." But now, today, you have to have a degree of even more to get by. This is just a brief summary of the Peoria tribe that I was called on to give. I wasn't prepared in no way. (Are there any Peorias who know any of the old customs, ceremonials or dances?)

CEREMONIALS

No. No, you see, the tribe, far as I know, never had any of the ceremonial dances, and I think that's why, for one thing, that their language died. You take the Seneca - Cayugas. Now they have a ceremonial. As long as they keep this ceremonial custom, their language will live with them. But the Peorias, as far as I know, they never did have any from, oh, I would say, since they moved down here. I have never heard anyone speak of them. They have always went to the other tribes, to watch them, but, far as putting on one of their own, they never did. I know of. Is there something else that you...

Questions that...?

(Well, I was just wondering if there...if any of you remember anything that your parents or your grandparents or your older relatives told you about the way things used to be, before they came to Oklahoma?)

Well, you would... It's like I said, my home life was interrupted real young. So, I myself cannot give an answer to that, but it may be that if you will come back again, I will find or try to locate someone that can answer that question more fully than I. 'Cause I just cannot do it because my home life was interrupted real early, even at five years old. So I don't