themselves. Asking Almighty to pity their souls or pity their people or anyone that's sick or anyone that's gone. Why they'd go and touch the pole. Get out of the ring and they'd go and touch the pole. They'd cry holding that pole, you know, having their hands on it. And then when they got through why they'd bless themselves facing east. They done that.

(Would they get back in the dance then?)

Yes, then they'd get back and dance. That's the way they did.

And then we had one man, his name was Joe Edmon. He was an old man, and some of his children are living today yet. And he used to climb that pole, he'd whoop and climb that pole as fast as he could. He'd get way up there and he'd come back down. Just slide down and that pole was just slick, too. And he didn't have but his shirt on. Sometimes he went without shirt and he had his breechcloth on and he was barefooted. Sometimes he'd wear moccasins then he had white sheet on him, you know. He'd climb that pole clear up there. Then he'd come right back down and that's the way he did. Well, that went on.

(Did he pray when he climb the pole or would he just climb and go up and down?)

Yes, he'd whoop.

(Whoop. Then go climb the pole)

Then he'd whoop then he'd come back down and he prayed and he done that. And so that went on for some years.

(How long would they dance the Ghost dance? When it started how long would it go?)

Well, it would go for about--what you say--maybe three days and then