

relatives over there, each one got one a piece, you know. And between time there was lot of grub and eats given between us. My relatives over here. My wife's people, too. They'd all picked camp around. I'd kill maybe a beef every day, you know. I had some cattle at that time and everything was handy like. But it sure do cost now. Costs quite a bit, you know. Lot of worry and trouble and everything.

But they like it, you know. They think it's a wonderful thing.

And if you don't do that, they think you're not much good. If you do those things, they think it's one of the things that they believe that way. If you do that and a child happens to be born. Well, they call that a child. They call that. They recognize that as a child.

If you go out and marry someone and have a child, no ceremony. That child comes, they don't call him child. I don't know what they call him. They won't recognize him. Probably, I don't know what they call him.

The white man, they always say rascal or something. I don't know what that means. But things like that went on and--

SOME MEN HAD TWO WIVES - REASONS

(Did the Osages, in your time, ever have more than one wife?)

Oh my, yes.

(In your days?)

I remember-- I remember two or three of 'em in my time. During those ceremonies--for instance, my own relatives, you know, further back before, you know. Right along when I was a kid, I guess, more of it, you know. After I got grown I seen quite a bit. My cousin, my mother want a certain woman and the folks on the woman's side they glad to do that. My cousin married that woman and when he did and accepted, they'd throw another woman in there.