

and everything that we could find about early Cherokee, that was primitive Cherokee, we tried to build it in the village. Everything we go in the village is made by people there, that had to be taught.

(Uh-huh)

We just didn't go out on the street and say, "come on and make the bow and arrow for us", they didn't know how to make them. Heck, I didn't either, But people are upset because the Cherokee didn't live like this. A lot of my own people get upset, especially the old ones because they say "We never lived like this". "We didn't live in old mud huts".

(In other words they, they really didn't but their grandfather's grandfather may have?)

Right. Uh-huh.

(And they kinda resent this, don't they?)

Uhhh . . . Well look, even the Cherokees today, they only have one dance, and that's the stomp dance.

(Uh-huh)

And even the old people know that we had eagle dances, turtle dances, buffalo dances, all kinds of dances.

(And the War Dance, and the Green Corn Dance)

Right, and there's not one Cherokee living today that knows those dances.

(Well they still know a couple, they just have the Green Corn Dance, don't they?)

Oh! Well, that's a stomp dance.

(Yeah)

All their dances are the ones that they know today . . . that's the stomp dance. That's the only dance they know now. They may call them something different, but they're stomp dances.

(Oh, I see what you mean, like around the fire.)

Right.