

COSTUMES OF DANCERS IN SUN DANCE

(What were their costumes like, that they wore back there in 1938 and 1940?)

These Sun Dancers? Well; they just had these white sheets for their aprons. And paint up here. They didn't have no costumes. That's all they wore. Like you seen up in Wyoming. You seen them. That's the way they used to dress.

(Did they use a quilt, took to wrap themselves in?)

Yes. And they rest where they used to have blankets. Just like it is up in Wyoming. --(unintelligible word) paint. And some of them, they always have black handkerchief, you know. And some of them--they say them were the highest ones--that used to wear mink, you know.

(A string of mink across their chest?)

Yeah.

(Was there any meaning attached to this black handkerchief, or any reason for carrying that?)

Oh, I wouldn't know. I wouldn't know. Just the way I see them. But to know what it meant and what they were doing that for, I don't know. I used to just look on. I don't know--

SUN DANCE PARAPHERNALIA

(You know up there, I think they had a buffalo hide up in the fork of the--)

Well, that's the way they used to do here. They used to have buffalo hide. And some of them used to tie white eagle feathers up there. Yeah, with that buffalo. And a bunch of sage and willows. That's the way--it's just like it up there.