

(Well, down here in Oklahoma, was there every any woman that had a part in it like she has up there? Like did any woman have part in the ceremony or have any part in carrying things in or out?)

Well, no. No. There wasn't anything like that down here.

MEM WHO PAINT DANCERS

(Are there Arapahoes around here now that are eligible to paint the dancers in the Sun Dance?)

Yeah. There's Freeman Pawnee. He's eligible to paint. And Franklin--his name is Buster. Buster Franklin, his father, Nelson Franklin. I think they're eligible. They always call on them to come up there and paint.

(What do you have to do to be eligible?)

Oh, they dance about seven times, I think, to be eligible. You know Freeman's been going over there almost every summer to dance. And now he's eligible to paint. He's painted--three times I was up there and he always paint, and this year I guess he paint.

(Yeah, I saw him up there. I don't know him very well yet.)

Just them three, I think--the Franklin boy and his father, and Freeman.

DRINK MADE FROM CHOKE CHERRIES

(Do you know anything about that drink that they drink at the end of the Sun Dance?)

They call it "Goose Water."

(Why do they call it that?)

Well, I don't know. I don't know why they call it that, but that's the way they call it--goose water. And everybody that could get there to drink it-- they say it's a blessing to them