

(In our early history books, they talked about the Iroquois and the Algonquins and some of the Indian tribes up in the northeast part of the United States, tobacco was a trade commodity. They'd trade tobacco to the whites for some commodity they they needed, and I've often wondered just how wide spread the growing and using tobacco was among the Indians. Of course, eventually all of them used tobacco of some sort, either the plant itself or some related plant they they can find. I know down in the--oh, way in south of here, I talked with the old timers, the Creeks, Choctaws, and the Cherokees, and they tell me that their old folks all of them had little tobacco pouches. And I have often wondered if that was true up in this part of the country.)

It could have been, I know--they used tobacco in their ceremonies, but later on and now there might be one or two that doesn't use, you know, the tobacco bought in the store. But--about forty or fifty years ago no one used tobacco.

(The use of tobacco among the Indians, as I would see it, was the first used as--the ingredient in some of your tribal ceremonies, rather than just enjoyment of it. Later I guess, they found out it was pretty good stuff and they used it as they wanted to.)

USE OF CEDAR IN CEREMONIES

Well they also use cedar quite a bit and not too long ago. That was another thing was never explained to me other than cedar, a lot of times they tell you to use certain thing and--then perhaps you use them and then the first thing you know someone's saying that you didn't do that right, he didn't use the--what he should have. And--why I say this I-- (not clear)--and then first thing we are using the wrong cedar. A female species and a male species. So that had never been explained to