

especially we, the Poncas. We have always been known--just like other tribes that we were not a war tribe and always tried to get along with everybody. But at that time we had to do something to survive you know. My grandfather said that one time that over nothing, that the Sioux jumped in our camp you know, with guns. Said they don't have no bows and arrows, they had gund. Now these things, somebody had done it you know. So those were the times--bad times started right there. But as far as Indian themselves, I believe that before our non-Indians that came in to our country, that we lived a pretty free life you know. And we had hardships probably, but--but you know that's with everybody. We moved about--migrated, tried to find means of existence you know. We knew where the good water and good hunting, and I think the tribe if they did fight over something, they fought over hunting ground or something like that back in early days, but that's human you know, human nature. Children fight over anything so these things happen.

#### HOW PONCA AND COMANCHES BECAME FRIENDS

But I was really happy to hear a story mentioned at Centennial at Ft. Sill last summer--forgot what date it was, but Comanches, and Kiowas, and Apaches, they had Centennial Celebration you know, of signing the treaty. And at that time, why one Comanche fellow (name not clear) made a mention about where they had gotten this war dance--called it modern war dance that it is called today. Said--he said where we had got this from, he said, from this tribe he said, told a story of how they got it you know. And it was from us--the Ponca Tribe you know. He said they had met them you know back in the Rocky Mountains over there, the Comanches went hunting and they were on horses. And they run on to the Poncas, they were on foot. We didn't have no horses back in them days. You know these hunters would go out on foot with the dogs. Always be with them dogs you know. They trained them to track you know, animals and even pack, you know. And he said we run on--they run on to them and they evidently fought over you know, how they something then--that's how they got acquainted, and the Comanches give the