

I don't go to some of them.

(About how often would they have a dance or something back then?)

Maybe every other summer. Maybe sometimes two or three years before they had another one. Used to all stay home. They didn't have them--just when anybody pledged to put that dance up, well, then that's when they used to. But not just any time.

(Well--are you talking about the Sun Dance?)

Yeah, Sun Dance and them other different lodges. They used to have to pledge. They just didn't go make them when they want. Over nothing.

(Did they ever have one of these other lodges without the Sun Dance--like, could they ever have this Tomahawk Lodge without having a whole Sun Dance?)

No. They used to not have them together. They're separate. No, there was never a Sun Dance with Tomahawk Dance. Used to just be one lodge put up:

SACRED PIPE IN WYOMING

(This man that keeps the Pipe--that's now in Wyoming--this Sacred Pipe--was it ever here in Oklahoma?)

No, it belongs over there. So I don't know anything about it.

(It's never been down here?)

No. They can't bring it down here.

(Is there some reason why they can't bring it down here?)

They can't load it on anything that goes fast. Person that carries it have to walk slow. If they walk fast the storm comes up and blow everything. They have to be careful with that Pipe.

(It's sort of like those medicine bags, then?)

Yeah. They don't never bring it down here.

(Well, the Arapahoes here in Oklahoma--did they ever--don't they still come under this Pipe up there?)

They always just go and they always pledge. They always go and cover it.

(Even back when you were a girl were there any people that used to go up there for that?)

I don't know. I never did know whether these people way back ever went to Wyoming. I don't know that.

(Well, this man that has this Pipe, is he considered sort of a chief or leader, like Little Raven?)

Oh, he's just eligible to take care of it. All them old people that used to take care it--all them old people--I guess they passed away. And he's eligible. I don't know anything about them Wyoming people. And I wouldn't want to talk about it.