

no leaders for them. They ain't got no one that knows what to do in these lodges. Nobody knows. Nobody is eligible. So that's why they always just go to Wyoming to dance, because there ain't nobody over here that's going to pull them through. Nothing.

(Do you remember this Tomahawk Lodge?)

No. You know, I think I seen it when I was just a little girl, because when we play around I used to mock my grandpa, how he dances. Yeah. I don't know just how it was done. Just how they did it, but I seen them dance, and I seen my grandfather, and I used to mock him.

(How would you do that?)

They always just go up like these Gourd Dancers. That's just the way they danced. But they have Tomahawks. They--some of them are flat. And they got fancy feathers on them. And then they have some of these willow sticks--

(?) Up like that--they had feathers on them. I forgot what they used to call the.

(What was the Arapaho name for that lodge?)

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(Did someone have to pledge that to have it?)

Yeah.

(What kind of a reason would they have to pledge that?)

Well, if any of their children get sick, "I'm going to make that lodge for my child will get well--or my mother--" Anything like that. And it used to be like that. They used to get well.

(Well, like if they had this Tomahawk Lodge for this kind of a reason, would the Arapahoes from these different communities get together for that?)

Well, they have to be all--like--they got bunches like Stars and all that--and these Tomahawks is the oldest. In their group they were the ones that used to dance--not everybody. Even if they're just three or four they used to carry it through.

(Would these men that were Tomahawks--would they come from Canton and Geary and Colony, or from just one community?)

They used to--well, they had to--you know the companies had to go together. Now if there was some down there that was about the age of this one, that pledged, he'd have to--maybe two or three of them--from Geary. And some here.

(Where would they hold it?)

Anywhere. Anywhere they pick out a place. They didn't have no--they didn't have to get through all this--they just used to put canvases around--just tie canvases and they set big fire and they used to dance there. That's all. Maybe they'd dance--three days, I think. Three nights. During the day they didn't