

(Were you ever in it, too?)

I used to just dance whenever--when my boy is dancing I used to have to dance. They used to pick him out, you know, for--Well, you know where these old men used to take them war bonnets off. He used to dance with them old men. Different kids used to. But my boy used to be in it all the time. His grandmother took care of that. I used to not know how to give away at that time. His grandmother used to give him away (give away for him), but I used to dance for them.

(Was that while your boys were still little?)

Yeah. At that time it started he was about eight years old. Lewis. And Hannibal, I think he must have been three years old. Just the three at that time--Rosie was the oldest and then Lewis and Hannibal. And in 1919 I had Tommy, and then Imogene in '21.

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(Can you tell me any more about how it came about that this Gros Ventre man gave it to the Arapahoes?)

Oh, that was this woman's relation. They went up and visit with them, and I guess they seen this dance and I guess she said, "Boy, I wish we could take this dance down," and I guess this man told her, "Well, we'll take it down." And they used to invite people, you know, and talk about it, I guess. So finally they said they was going to pick out the dancers. I think there was twelve. Twelve women. This one was the next to the last that had the pipe, and this girl that had a whip was way at the end, and then the rest of them. I think there was twelve if I'm right. They pick them out and then these that had war bonnets were--let's see--there was my aunt, and (talks low, thinking out loud) Myrtle Striking, and--There was four war bonnets. And then these staffs, there was four of them. And then I don't know what