

They used to called it "Wesley Osage Club." That's what it was.

(Oh, it's named for her boy?)

Yeah, her boy. She didn't have very many to join her club. Just among her own relations, you know--her own kids and nieces.

(Were there clubs like that in other communities, too? Maybe Colony and Geary--?)

We were the first ones that organized. And after they seen, then they organize here and there. We were the first ones.

(Did they have pow-wows back at that time?)

No. There wasn't no pow-wows.

POW-WOWS

(When did they start having pow-wows?)

I don't know just what year it was. It started over here in this reserve (tribal land in Cantonment area)--there was a pow-wow there. That was 1945.

When they start having pow-wows. It was a Cheyenne and Arapaho pow-wow.

It was in 1945.

(Who took part in it or organized that--do you happen to remember?)

I don't know. I think Saul Birdshead was the president. And Henry Bates, then Jessie Birdshead and who else was in there? Rosie Birdshead was secretary at that time.

(Is Rosie Birdshead Saul's wife?)

No, she's a sister-in-law. That's Jessie Birdshead's wife.

(You know, going back just a little bit further, before World War II and before they had these service clubs--what kind of occasions would they have specials?)

They didn't have no specials, that time. It wasn't nothing like that until we started this club.

(How did they give away back then?)