

Nations Reservation in Canada, making tapes, taling to people, because these Indians of the east kept their language. They--the language class uses some of the tapes that were made in Canada and in New York. Dr. Barbold apparantly made recordings of the Cayuga songs in 1912, but took pictures of the Strawberry Dance. He also carried to the museum of Canada in Ontario, 135 specimens of Cayuga culture--objects used in ritual and domestic life of the tribe. The young teacher at Seneca Indian school, who is a Wyandot, helped to gather and catalog the specimens for Dr. Barbold. She is still living. She is Naomi Dawson Peschecko, now in her 80's, and in many many talks has told of the time a young man came and (quote) carried many tribal treasures back to Canada. We also have had many talks with the late Laura Cedar, whose father James Logan assisted Dr. Barbold, in his work on the reservation. Laura's sister, is still living but not so knowledgeable in the culture, as was Laura. We plan to interview both Mrs. Pachecko and Mamie, as well as another Cayuga, Mrs. Thompson, who remembers the rituals and songs of the White Dog Dance. I might add that Bob White, whom you heard earlier, is the keeper of the names--names that are given to the babies, at the Green Corn Feast. Apparently many years ago, the families kept the names. But as they lost the language and the meaning of names, and why they were handed down, they always entrusted one of the tribal leaders to keep the names. And thus, when a member of the tribe wants to name a baby, he must go to Bob and ask him for a name. Usually, if possible, the name is from some deceased ancestor of the clan the person belongs to. Although, a great many of the Senecas who live in and near the stomp grounds, attend the Council House Friends Church, and profess to be Quakers, it is interesting that they still cling to the Long-house religion, which is as scholars know, the Handsome Lake Doctrine. Kellyville, where the school is located, where the language classes are being held once a week, is (a few miles from the stomp ground, near Turkey Ford, and not to be confused with another Kellyville in Oklahoma.

(End of interview.)