

the Quapaws in the old days, they would place their food and stuff in a large sheet. And take it into the woods and hang it. But the big feast that they have in these latter days, sorta of derived from something they have acquired from some of the habits of the Osage. Where they have their big feast at high noon. For in the old days, they would take this food and they would place it in this sheet and take it into the woods to the spirits. Course you know in the Senecas we call it our ten day supper and we place it upon a table nowadays. But that too, has quite a beginning to the story--the Ghost Supper in the Seneca Tribe.

(Can you tell me about the Ghost Supper?)

GHOST SUPPER OF SENECA TRIBE AND IT'S ORIGIN

I was told--handed down to me about the Ghost Supper, that years and years ago, course Indians didn't set no particular date or no time. But it was handed down from generation to generation. From mouth to mouth (coughs). My father told me, that how we got the Seneca Ghost Supper--that years ago, the Seneca had a certain place they would go and hunt. And so they all used the hunting area and there was a spring at this hunting area so they all went to work and built some kind of a wigwam. Somebody would call it a log cabin, but Indians didn't build log cabins in those days, they built sort of a wigwam. It was constructed out of bark and mud. But it was a long building. Like most of the Senecas lived in in those days. Then whoever would go in this particular area would--they would live in this particular place and stay there and hunt until they got all the game they need to carry them through the winter and then they would take and leave and come back and someone else would go over there and hunt. They was due at one of these places and they had an upper deck to this place they called it--nowdays we call it upstairs. But during this particular night, the father was in the wigwam with the baby--the wife had gone to the spring after water. She was