

(Mary, do you know if there's any special little gift that they give to the baby, or any little ceremony especially for it?)

Well, there's of course there isn't say anything special. They have a--lot of times a horse is given away--a horse is given away. And then of course there's always--we always called them dry goods, you know, linens and like that, you know, they give that away. And then sometimes maybe it's a feather--that eagle feather goes a long ways you know, in the naming and in the dances, you know. Quapaws have always used eagle feathers.

IMPORTANCE OF EAGLE FEATHER TO QUAPAWS

(Yes.)

And sometimes those eagle feathers come from way back, you know, their ancestors that they used, you know in their ceremonies, wherever they were, wherever they were traveling, you know. And probably they kept those and it's handed down. I know Tallchief has--he has a very very old you know, eagle.

He has a fan too. Of course it's just about gone the last time I saw it.

And then he always wore, in the ceremonials or in the gatherings, why he always wore an eagle feather in his hat. And then too, he was so tall and then having that eagle feather in his hat, you know, made it taller. But he was very nice. He would talk, you know, talk to the public, but he talked real soft you know, you couldn't hardly hear him, but anyway, he--people would just--would like, just to see him you know, to get up and see him, you know. They really--you know, just realized, you know that where his name came from, you know. It came from Tall Chief.

(I understand that he is called the last hereditary chief. Do you know if this is true?)

Yes he--that's what--it's always been said that. And of course from beyond that, why I really wouldn't know, but then he has been the chief, you know for a long long time.