

around north fork of the Red River close to where I live and we used to go up that way and we'd pick them, my father and my mother used to go up there in a wagon. Well, getting back to the story, Chief Saintati told his warriors after the battle was over. He said, "Seem like, we have been fighting our battle in a skunk berry bushes." And along with that, there was some-- some of these gourd the wild gourds were growing. And, of course, they climbed the bushes on the trees, and there were some dried gourds up there. And he told his warriors, "Right here, we're going to organize a clan. We'll call ourselves The Rattle Clan, and we'll take the gourd and use that as our instrument of music." Of course, today, we call it the Gourd--they danced the gourd, the Gourd Clan. Until Kiowas find this society. Now, this gourd was growing wild, and it so happened that at that particular time of the year, they were ripe. They were dry. He reached up and cut one, and shook it and made a beautiful sound, a rattling sound. He said, "We'll use this as our gourd--as as Gourd Clan instrument of music." Some kind of a percussion deal, and so that's the origin of the gourd. And here later on, when Dr. James Moony from this Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., live among the Kiowas back in the early '90, I think it was 1900's or some place there about. He wrote about that, and I went to Ft. Sill in that museum, and I saw where he wrote about the--this so-called Gourd Clan. He said it's called the Rattle Clan. But that's what my grandfather was telling me. He said, "That's where it started." And I just wanted be sure--see if it's anywhere near what my grandfather was telling me. That's exactly what Dr. James Mooney had written. Course, he spend several years with the Kiowas and lived with them, ate with them, slept with them, and everything like that, and got his story first hand from the warriors, early day warriors. And that was, he verified what my grandfather was telling me. Of course, my grandfather didn't know--he's been gone a long time, but when I went to this museum, well, I saw this, and I had a--I had a xerox copy of that at my house where Dr. Mooney gave a the names of the captains of the different clans. And so, when I came to this Rattle Clan, well, that was the Gourd Clan, and Chief Saintati