

people are placed together in chairs. Then, first, they'll usually exchange gifts, usually small items--this type of thing. And after it's over with, well, that's it. Usually, too, some guy would give a little talk. I don't know who that could be. Usually, I suppose, back in the olden days, I suppose the chief of the tribe usually would give a talk. Maybe, he gave a word of advice, additional---

Phillip: Question! (Laughter)

Frank: Yeah, that thing. And, of course, like I said, now, we don't do that any more.

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(Now, this is a recapitulation to some extent. But in the burial ceremonies, I know, they used to, as you say, help cry. Is there any trace of that pattern still existing with them? I mean, do they come back later after the burial and have a gathering, feast or anything?)

Frank: I think, if I can remember, grandma used to say that this cry usually, you know, after the person has had a burial, they have a cry. Then, they'll have another cry, maybe, six months later. This goes on for one year. After that, it's over.

(Do they gather any now? I mean, do any of them come back to give their cry?)

Frank: Now! The first time, no, I don't think so--not that I know of.

(In the dance, you know, there was a particular type dance that the Chootaws carried on and, uh--)

Martin: Let me tell you something. (Laughter) Do you want to hear something? Go ahead and talk.