

CADDO PEYOTISM:

JOHN WILSON AND HIS ROLE IN PEYOTISM:

(I'd like to find out something about Caddo peyotism and particular this person named Jack Wilson. Can you tell something about Jack Wilson?)

You mean John Wilson?

(Yeah, John Wilson, or I think he's called Moonhead.)

Yeah, Moonhead. It's John Wilson.

(So I was hoping you could tell me something about him and also about the relationships he had with peyote.)

Let me get my little book there on the..I'll get it cause a lot of times after..with reference to the years. I know the story, but it's the dates and things.

(Irrelevant conversation.)

(Well one of the questions I wanted to ask you was who was John Wilson and could you tell me any stories about him?)

Well John Wilson was part Delaware and part Caddo and he was one of the first to introduce, uh I think this was introduced by the Comanches instead of the Kiowa. So they have..then gradually when they kind of dismissed the ghost dance, when it was insisted upon by the Arapahoes that they were being arrested for holding meetings, and the same way the peyote was intruded and so they...well probably with just a very few members but eventually it is one of the main churches of the Caddos now. that is outside of the religious..which is a religious called the Native American Church. And my husband was the secretary of that order, so I know just about what all took place. And John Wilson was his uncle. So there were many things that I didn't know, that is officially know. I didn't know because my people were Babtist origin and that's what my grandpa