

drum is on the south side of the doorway. Well, this drum, before the Sun Dance is started, this drum will be removed to be back in here, and they have this bunch here--Clan here--in full regalia. And the horseback riders will be stopped here, and he'll be stopped there, and he'll be stopped there. They come in single file. The leader will go to here and his members will come to this position. Then the Fox Clan will come from this position to the doorway. Then this here Star Clan will come in and go into this position and be from right here back to there. And this bunch will be right in this bunch here. And the Dog Clan will be remaining silent, here. And they're the ones--these womenfolks--will remain there, and these men folks will be here. They're the ones that are gonna offer a prayer before the initiation of the Sun Dance.

(This is all in addition to the people that are going to dance?) That's right. But it's other than the people that's going to dance. It's just the Clans--they're celebrating that they have got this Sun Dance up. So after their hard work, they're celebrating that they got it up, so they're the ones that are initiating this lodge to the ceremonial Sun Dance. Now, when this bunch gets through singing, they are given so many numbers to give this group of people (time) to get ready to come back in there by the time they sing the last song of the seven songs that they sings.

(These would be like the Blackfeet songs--their own songs?) That's right--their own songs. They're the ones. They would sing the seven songs. The seventh song is sung so much longer that they have to wait on--one of these bunches might be a little slow getting ready. But they all have to stop along in here somewheres to wait for the exact four to appear--all at the same time. Then after their leaders have come with their horses, the horseback riders will come in in their positions. (Now is there an entrance or doorway to the lodge by this time?) That's it right here (facing east). Because all the brush is laid (against the sides) from this door(post) clear on around. It's covered with brush. There's a doorway here.

(Would the doorway begin where these post holes were dug--?)