

says Manatidie, but we don't know what that word means, at least I don't. Seems to me it sounds like a tribe name. Of course, we have three other names for the same Blackfeet.

(What were these names?)

The other was Xitidie (Horse Society). I don't know what that means either. And these two, well, I forgot these. And these two and this one here, well, we don't know too much about it. But Manatidie, that's what we dance today. It's been changing from when it's first begin. You know, it's pretty modern according to as the years go by, everything changes. Now, our people went out and got one of these staffs from other tribes and they brought it home. Pretty soon they got four of them....two of those forks and two of those hooks, and those never has been changes. But these staffs have been replaced. It's got a long history. One of these...these staffs is handed down from generation to generation. They stay in the family. It doesn't go to your neighbors. Just like my grandfather, his grandfather, or father, or uncle or somebody....it stays in the family. Just like a crown, you know, it stays in the family. It doesn't go to....like I got son-in-laws which is other tribes. It doesn't go to them. They go to my grandsons.

(Within the family, does it make any difference who gets them?)

Just so it's in the family.

PASSING DOWN THE STAFFS

These staffs are just like....Old man Josh, and there are some other