

PONCA ORAL HISTORY MATERIAL  
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WILLIAM COLLINS, SR., HIS STORIES

LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL

PONCA SUN DANCE

EXPERIENCE RIDING A RACE HORSE

BUFFALO CHASE AT 101 RANCH

GYPSIES AND COWBOYS

THE WAR DANCE

PONCA INDIAN SHINNY GAME, WOMEN'S BALL GAME, AND  
HAND GAME

THE PIPE DANCE CEREMONY

THE GHOST DANCE STORY

WILLIAM COLLINS, JR., HIS STORY (SCHOOL EXPERIENCES;  
CHILDHOOD)

METHA WATERS COLLINS, HER STORY (SCHOOL AND CHILDHOOD  
EXPERIENCES)

ALBERT MAKES CRY, HIS STORY (ORIGIN OF INDIAN CUSTOMS, SUN  
DANCE, ETC.)

LULA HEADMAN, HER STORY (PIPE DANCE, PONCA CUSTOMS)

ELLA OTHERS, HER STORY (REMINISCENCES)

WOOLSEY WALKING SKY, HIS STORY (EARLY WANDERINGS OF THE  
PONCA)

ADAM LE CLAIR, STORIES:

SUN DANCE CENTER POST

THREE BOYS AND OLD MAN RED HAT

THE WHITE PLUME BOY

THE STORY OF THE TURTLE

THE SNAKE MONSTER WITH SEVEN HEADS

THE FIRST MAN

SPONGEHIDE AND HIS LITTLE BROTHER

THE FOX AND THE TURKEYS

THE STORY OF A RABBIT

STORY OF TWINS