

swirled--swung over symbols, they they'd all get that trance, that (unin. word).

(Now was this back in the days when he first brought it?)

Yeah. Yeah. Now the government--the Darlington stores found out that Sitting Bull was introduced this kind of hat, several of 'em wore it. Even Boynton started to wear it. I wore one. Some boy give it to me. And they used to sell 'em at Darlington. They special order 'em from Mexico. Heavy, stiff, thick velour hat. Spanish style.

(What color were they?)

Gray and tan and some were black, mostly.

(How did Sitting Bull happen to adopt that kind of hat?)

I don't know. Probably--maybe from out there--maybe there might be some Spanish influence up there in Nevada--

(How did it come to be associated with the Ghost Dance?)

I never knew. Probably Jack Wilson preferred that kind of a hat through some Spanish or Mexican connection. Preferred that, and of course, being the introducer of it to these people and all that, they probably adopted that just by--

(Do you remember how much those hats cost when they started setting them over here?)

Well, I think they sold from \$3.75 to \$5.00, depending on the grade. They had better grade. I know this Black Man I was telling you about that E.A. Burbank painted, he had a hat. And it had--at the rim--it was little balls. Little crocheted balls and hang around the brim--Spanish style. That's what made me think it was Spanish, origin

(Back in the days when Sitting Bull first brought the Ghost Dance religion in, how did people participate in it? What kind of ceremonies did they have?)

Everybody went for it. I know a lot of us kids--our mothers would dance all day and I went hungry many a day. My mother wouldn't come home to cook dinner. Sisters was always--sometimes they'd dance and sometimes they looked on. Others there, folks sitting around there--all day long. Sometimes they'd lay out there. They'd go in a trance and then they'd fall down. They claimed they dreamed things, you know.

Hours. And we'd go hungry. Sometimes come home cook a piece of bread. Sometimes had to eat raw salt bacon and something like that. But Dad he was always home. Sometimes he went over buy my dad never did--He danced by my dad never was under no trance