

I sat on the south side--a few of us Arapahoes was there and some Arapahoes sitting on the north side--in the morning this Leonard Tyler, he set one out. It was that big around. About that high--just the root--I mean, just the top! About five inches. And it was about three inches thick, you know. Just the top part. He set it out in front by the altar and we all looked at it. My, it was a great big thing. A fresh one, green yet. It just come back the latter part of July and he had a meeting there in August. I think it was September. And it was green. And of course we ate the other Old Mexico peyote that night--smaller ones. But those few big ones--I think about seven years ago was the last I saw that same peyote. His brother-in-law, Harry Black, had it. And when Harry died I don't know who took it. But Harry Black, being his brother-in-law, took it when Leonard Tyler died. And Harry Black's sister lives in Calumet, here. Her name's Nettie Star. She's my age. She probably knows something about peyote. They're part Arapahoes--Black Kettle's descendants. Part Cheyenne and Arapaho. All those Black Kettle descendants. Part Cheyenne and Arapaho. All those Black Kettle descendants spoke fluent Arapaho.

(Did they dry that peyote, then?)

Oh yeah, they dried it. It got about this--they said it got about four and a half (inches) in diameter. It shrivels, you know, when it dries out.

TRIP TO OLD MEXICO TO GET PEYOTE IN 1903:

(But Leonard had cut it--?)

He cut it himself in Old Mexico and brought it green, and brought it--He run that meeting and in the morning when he was getting ready to clean up and after he cleaned up he set that peyote out and oh, it was that big around, and about that high.

(Do you know what part of Old Mexico he gathered it?)

Well, the way those Kiowas, I mean, the way those Comanches told me, where they went was somewhere near Alientes (?), Mexico. And eventually those Kiowas and the Cheyennes and the Arapahoes that went with them all went to the same place. I think that's either below or above Eagle Pass. I wanted to go this month to El Paso and then on to Juarez and on down to the interior so I'd get about even south of Laredo and then I'd come back, say, through Monterrey. But my money didn't come. I got one hundred dollars coming from Wyoming -- well, I got the letters here. I got one