

happened right here. And I'm still using it today and all those boys that been using it, that was way before me, they're all stepped out.

(Has your brother ever led a meeting?)

I'm the only one in the family that runs it. My family's side, just like this old man, they're all gone now. I got some cousins and relatives, but there ain't none of them that's run a meeting. I'm the only one in the family that does that.

(Where did you learn how?)

I just picked it up. Nobody never did tell me, "do this," I just picked it up. Those songs--starting songs. Well, I guess it's that way. Person that got good head can just pick up things. He don't need no attention; he just can go right on. But if you got poor head it'll take a long time to learn. They'll have to tell you over and over and over.

(When was the first time you ever led a meeting?)

I don't know what year it was. It was over there where Max (Jame's brother) is living now. I run a meeting for my brother-in-law--he's a white man. Married one of my cousins. Barney Miller, they call him. He was living not very long ago, but I don't know where he's living now--Oklahoma City maybe. Anyway, my nephew's supposed to run that meeting but he didn't show up and I had to take care of it. That's how I got started. But I had the peyote all ready--that chief peyote they call it.

(Where did you get that?)

Well, just like I was telling you about these old mens--they go down there and get peyote. And last time they went down there, they got some peyote and I guess the old man got two or three of them. Had 'em in a cedar chest. The one I use came to me in a dream. I dreamed there was peyote up in that box. Next morning I went up and looked in it, and there was peyote in there, and I took it out and went downstairs and told the old man, "Whose peyote you got in that cedar?" "It's just in there," he said. "Well, it's mine," I said. And that's the same peyote I got. It's come to me in a dream.