

to send her to school. She went to school at Cantonment. And when she did attend school, then that Agency wrote to this Agency where we had a military officer--at Darlington--about it. And then of course he gave his consent for them just to go ahead and have a Sun Dance, even though it was late--in winter. Because usually a Sun Dance that's vowed to be carried out must be carried out the same year it is vowed. So the man that was going to make that Sun Dance, he was anxious to go through with it before the end of the year. So then they announced the tribal chiefs--all the leaders of the tribe--got together. And they announced that the camps should come on immediately to over here north of Geary for that Sun Dance. That was held in December. That's how it was so late--after she had gone to school.

(Who were the tribal chiefs at that time?)

Well, Chief Left Hand was still living and my father was still living. White Antelope was still living. Black Coyote was still living, and Scabby Bull and Bull Thunder, White Buffalo, and younger chiefs that these old men had selected--like Bird Chief, Little Raven, Jr.--his father had passed away--and then there was Cut Finger. Oh, there was thirty or forty of them.

(Was Little Raven still living?)

Oh, yeah. He died here about 1947.

(Was that Little Raven, Jr.?)

Yeah--junior. Yeah.

(Was his father Little Raven?)

Yeah, his father was Little Raven. He was a priest. Recognized as a chief by the government.

(What do you mean by priest?)

Well, he had charge of all the ceremonies. Like these lodges above this Tomahawk--above this Starhawk. This Tomahawk, Girdled Spearmen, and the Crazy Lodge or Firebugs, and the Dog Soldiers--all those older organizations they go into. He was the priest of all of them.

(Was he still living at the time they had this Sun Dance?)