

(Self-torture--a man would have skewers through skin on his breast and be attached to center pole, dancing till the skewers broke through the flesh--jj) After that the government cut it off--1888.

LATE HISTORY OF SUN DANCE

(Well, you know when you said at that winter Sun Dance when you first joined that Fox company--were they still suspending them from the center pole at that time?)

Yeah--you mean this last one when I joined? No. No. It was already suspended.

This (the winter Sun Dance) was in 1901. The suspension (of the self-torture feature of the Sun Dance) was in 1888.

(Did the Arapahoes--did they do much complaining about that or objecting to that rule?)

Well, no, they couldn't. 'Because a Sun Dance must be vowed by some member of the tribe. There was no vow at the time. And they thought there probably won't be no Sun Dance for three or four years and the government will change all those officers and agents. And maybe the next agent won't care nothing about it. But as far as from 1888 to 1896--1896 was our next Sun Dance. Then there wasn't any other one till 1902. That's when George A. Dorsey from the Field Columbian Museum in Chicago came out and took the notes of the Sun Dance. You've heard about George A. Dorsey. Mooney couldn't come out, so George A. Dorsey came out from the Chicago Museum to take the notes of the Sun Dance. I was there. Nineteen-two.

(Was that after that winter Sun Dance?)

Oh, yeah. Yeah--the year after that winter Sun Dance. Yeah. This man that made that winter Sun Dance, his name was--well, his right name was Left Hand--Arapaho--young man. But because he went out of his mind--which caused him to make that vow for the Sun Dance that wasn't held till December--he made--he vowed for that Sun Dance for his own cure--He's the one that insisted on that--that Sun Dance should be held that same year even though it didn't take place until December. To carry his vows. But he got well. He lived to be ripe old age.

(Did the Fox company have any chiefs or leaders, or people in authority that ran