

T-227

GRANT WHITE, PAWNEE

INTERVIEWED BY: RAMONA OSBORNE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: PAWNEE DOCTOR DANCE (Continued from T-226)

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

VARIOUS KINDS OF ANIMALS USED FOR IMITATING
MORE ABOUT COSTUMES USED TO IMITATE BIRDS AND ANIMALS
DESCRIPTION OF HOW HE IMITATED THE HORSE IN THE DANCE
ANYONE CAN "PUT UP" DOCTOR DANCE BUT MUST ADHERE TO ALL TRADITIONS
PEOPLE BEGIN ARRIVING AT CAMP EARLY IN AFTERNOON BEFORE THE DANCE
MORE ABOUT THE FOOD AND OTHER PREPARATIONS
DRESS IN OWN TENT AND RETURN TO TENT AFTER CEREMONY
DESCRIPTION OF SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR DANCE CEREMONY
SKEDEE ON TOP OF HOUSE YELLS DOWN AND RECEIVES ECHO FROM PEOPLE
INSIDE
FOUR TIMES IS A RELIGIOUS ACTION AND BELIEF
NEARLY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN DOCTOR DANCE ARE DOCTORS FOR DIFFERENT
SICKNESS
SEVERAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING INDIAN DOCTORING
DOCTORING POWER WAS HANDED DOWN TO NEXT GENERATION
USE OF HERBS FOR MEDICINE
MORE ABOUT PLANNING FOR DOCTOR DANCE - ONE MAN GOES HORSEBACK
TO PASS WORD
OTHER INCIDENTS AND REMEMBERING
BEEF FOR DOCTOR DANCE - DRYING AND COOKING MEAT
THE DATE FOR DANCE IS SET AND WORD IS PASSED
GRANT IS THE LAST ONE OF INDIAN DOCTORS
THE PEOPLE ENJOYED THE GET-TOGETHERS
SEVERAL INCIDENTS RELATING TO HEALING BY DOCTORS
CHOICE OF ANIMALS, A MAN IMITATED WAS PASSED DOWN TO NEXT
GENERATION
GRAHAM YOUNG DOCTORS A CHILD - HELENA - SHE IS CURED
HEALING A CHILD WHO WAS BURNED
OTHER INCIDENTS OF HEALING
DOCTORS DIVIDE A CYCLONE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Grant White is about 77 years old. He was born in the Pawnee area and still lives there at this time. He graduated from Chilocco Indian School and attended Carlisle School in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Native American Church and a Veteran of World War I. He is now retired.

Remarks: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Osborne are present and participate in this interview.