

means. The dance itself is called--ni. tó be ii. nshwó.t--that means "the first foot front dance" or "front foot dance." Something like that. Now-- and another chief would come up and tell his war coup, and while the dancers were resting, their parents and relations of the dancers--the girls that were in that dance--they know where their girl or boy is standing there-- they come over and just throw bundles of things, like shawls, blankets, money, or stick that meant horse or beef. Right where he's standing. Anybody could come and get that. It was theirs. It's what they call "giveaway" now. Oh, it was a beautiful dance. I'm going to try and start that up. I told Jim Warden who could start that--I know all the songs.

(What do the Kiowas call it?)

I don't know what they call it. But these young ones, they call it the Snake Dance. They go around--it's always a complete circle. Never no winding or anything the way we dance it. But these new ones--these young ones--they always make that--they call it the Snake Dance. They go around this way and circle--and every now and then, when the front dancer throws his gourd up-- they have gourds (rattle)--when he throws his gourd up, that means "reverse." Everyone turns around. And the last man is the first. The way they dressed at that time, the last man was always painted. Strip-painted. And he'd be the first one on the reverse. The front of them dancers would be two chiefs. Two or three of them dance, then one row--every other one is a girl. That's the way they danced. That's the way the real dance ought to be. And then when they stopped to rest, just stand in a circle. The girls had their hair fixed, you know, unbraided, but they had a piece at the temple here--hair-- they would tie their hair down with it, you know. And the young men, of course they had their otter skins and they always had a feather--eagle feather fan and a gourd in their right hand--they shake it. And the girls--each woman had one eagle feather. They carry one feather on each hand and they