

STOMP DANCE WAS A RELIGIOUS CEREMONY IN EARLY DAYS

(In those days, the Indians used to have Stomp dances. . .and Indian ceremonies.)

Over at Caney we used to go. But I was married then. We used to have them

when we was girls but we didn't know anything about it. And we'd go every year

over at Caney, Claremore Hill was where did they have the stomp dance. Caney.

We'd go, and have it about two or three days. Stomp Dancing.

(Well, now this stomp dance in those days. . .it was a religious ceremony, wasn't it?)

Yes, religious. Course lot of people didn't understand it. They'd talk. We

went to one about several years ago. My daughter lives here. And she took us

up here at Hewitt. She went back home. . .just come for a visit. Well, she'll

be here next month. And we went, and it was the nicest one we've been to.

They had a big supper, and dedicating that road, I think, highway. And it was

awful nice. But they don't dance like they used to. They just go around about

it. And those kinds. . .my daughter's kids. . .you can take that with you.

(All right. I am very appreciative for that.)

Some things I want to keep, but you can take that.

NEVER HAVE HEARD OF CHEROKEE JEWELRY

(Something else I've always been wanting to ask about. . .and that was

Cherokee jewelry. Did the Cherokees go in for jewelry? Women or men?)

Well, I couldn't tell you that.

(I've never seen any Cherokee jewelry.)

MORE REMINISCENCES

No, I haven't either. We didn't live around the full-bloods, you know. We

just heard Cherokee just when somebody'd come through. There used to be an

old woman lived down by Standing Rock, and she'd come stay all night, and her

and mother would talk. We'd listen, you know. We treated them right. In

them days you treated people right. Come in and stay all night. I know. . .

one of my boys, when my son was talking to this girl over here, she married,

Phelps, was her name, her daddy's a white man. And he said, Mama wouldn't want