

Fred: Well, they're just friendship agreement, only I know it is. They just like to get together. They get together and they call 'em smokes. I don't think there's really any smoke in it, but they called them that.

Katherine: That's. what I was wondering.

Esther: My father said they would light smoke and pass it around.

Fred: I think they did do that. Yeah, I think they did do that. Yeah. That probably what that come from. That smoke.

Esther: My father got a horse and a blanket one time.

Fred: I know my grandmother, I think one time she got a blanket from the old Osage women gave her.

Esther: They just put that blanket on the horse, and led it up to him.

Fred: Either put it around them or lay it in their lap. And the horse, the way they do that, he'd lead it up to the person they want to give it to. Just hand him the rope, see, that's tied to the horse. That was their friendship. Course they'd shake hands, thank one another, and then they'd have big time. Oh, they'd have big time. Kill beeves, you know, just all around in there. There ' was alot of deer in them days, too. They'd go out in the Osage Hills there and kill deer. And they'd have beef and they'd have deer. And they have just whatever kind of meat they wanted. And they'd have the biggest times, I guess. And generally, lots of times a big carnivals would go out there and set up out there where they have, these smokes. Big carnival. Some carnival would go out there. They'd go to that carnival. They'd take in all in, you know. They had a big time. Everyday there's somethin' goin' on. They'd have races, horse races, foot races, just all kinds. Any kind of a games, you know, they'd have. –

Katherine: (About how many would they have at these gatherings?)

Fred: Oh, there would be, gosh I would say, 2 or 3 hundred anyway. Two or three hundred people.

Katherine: (Just camp out?)

Fred: Yeah. They'd camp out. Have tents and there'd be tents scattered all over that place. And Indians here see when they'd come here. The Osage come over here, why they fed 'em, you see. They'd take, oh, whatever they had, see, corn - anything that they in the eating line, they'd go to town, see, and buy stuff and take it out and give it to 'em. And of course when we went over there, the Delawares would. I only remember goin' one time. Oh, were it was, I don't know. I remember going one time and that's the way they do. Everyday they go to town, they go round and they get everybody camped in there, get everybody stuff to eat, ya'see. Every day. They really had a good time.

Katherine: (It sounds like it.)

Fred: Yeah, yeah. See, they'd come from Pawhuska and the only way to travel, see, was a horse, wagons,- see, and horseback. I remember one time we went there, I guess that's the only time I can remember - I was a little kid, I can't remember much about it. Why we started from -- we started