

Fred: Yes, quite a few of 'em use that. Yeah, just like the Osage, see, it's like that, but I never did and I never got interested in it. Now that Freddie Washington over there, oh he's a strong believer in that. Yeah, he's a regular peyote eater, you know, all of 'em, you know, they're what you call peyote men. Yeah. Yeah, they go on in. There's, let's see, two or three Indian boys around Dewey 'round there that use that peyote.

DOLL DANCE

Katherine: (Do you know anything about the Doll Dance or . . .)

Fred: Well, not very much. I've been to 'em, but I was just around 'em just a short while - never did get to learn too much about it. I went to, I'd say, oh, maybe half a dozen, something like that, but not enough to know anything about it.

You know, now dolls is suppose to be sacred y'see, of course, and I think the start of the doll, the way I could understand it, they was some girl. Now whether somebody had made this doll for her or she made it herself one. Said that she, did baby that doll just like a person. Said all at once that this doll, talked to her one day. They first, her folks rather, made her throw it away, that was they way it was, made her get rid of it. She said she had a dream about that doll, and the next morning she told the folks about it. She said that doll said she wanted me to come and get her. Well, she went back where they had throwed it.

And she told them, see, "You make me some new clothes, [Lenape word], Dress me up and you feed somebody." That's in the place of her, y'see, for the doll.. And she said, "Then you have a dance every year or two years or somethin' like that, in my honor, see, have a dance for that." And the doll even told the songs to sing and everything about it. But that just a little bit of it - is all I ever got. I was too small to understand it and 'course, I was a grown man last one I went to, but I was a good deal like I was by the Church, you see, just always, didn't go enough to understand any of it.

Katherine: (The Doll was dressed in Pottawattamie clothes?)

Fred: No, just in the ordinary Indian, Delaware clothes.

Katherine: (Delaware clothes?).

Fred: Yeah. Told to dress her arid then she'd feed us, y'see, then every year, well, they put good new clothes on her. They make them just like Indian dress, you know. Just moccasins and everything and every year, why, that doll had to have new clothes. And those others I think they burnt them, they had to get rid of them. They either buried 'em or burnt 'em , now I forgot which but one of the two. They had to get rid of them. And they'd have these feasts, what they called the feast for the doll and they'd feed some person, see, and tell 'em what it 'us for, then they'd have a dance. Either - one year I think they had the 'feast, I believe one year, of the doll