

happened. So he turned himself into a snake and he came charging around, he come crawling around the corner, he's gonna get these two kids, and so of course there is two of them now and they saw this snake coming and they picked up the sticks, and they beat this snake to death. By that time the grandmother came screaming around the corner saying that the kids killed her husband; those grandsons grandfather, he didn't know that his grandfather had these snake powers and could do all these things; the things he told him not to do were taboo as far as his medicine were concerned and that's why he come after them, the only thing, he turned himself into a snake and the kids killed him.

(How did it happen that both of your grandparents were preachers, were a lot of the Indians preachers?)

No, there wasn't too many, I don't think there was any Indian preachers as far as Plains tribes were concerned, There might have been some in the Five Civilized tribes at that time, but the Plains Indians of the southwestern Oklahoma, I don't think there was any preachers.

(Then the Wates and the, and Kicking Bird weren't the usual type?)

No. I don't know, I never did find out when they took up Christianity. Who influenced them, someone has. I've got to do some checking on that and see who had that much influence on them. But, in those days, they worshipped different deities, had peyote meetings, where after eating, well, they had peyote all night long through the meeting.

PEYOTE AND CHRISTIAN RELIGION:

All night long, they eat this peyote, as they eat quite a bit of this peyote, they have hallucinations they see things, you know, sometimes they be beautiful things; but other times maybe bad things, but I think it's mostly beautiful things they see. I guess it's on the same order what people see when they take LSD now. It wasn't that powerful, I don't think, but when they take too many of those peyotes, they go on a trip as we call it today when these guys take, certain drugs today. We say they are on a trip. I guess that's the way those Indians, only they don't take it often as these people do in some certain types of drugs that these kids use. They use peyote in those days, as sort of a it's sort of a ritual, they the way they use it wasn't