

Well, he was kinda fleshy and large. He was larger than I am, older. He was older, about maybe 4 or 5 years older than I am. But after he--he didn't finish, he quit school early and then he went back to the Indian costume and wore his hair long again. And of course, he didn't practice his schooling. He just went back into the Indian Native Church--American you might say. Peyote worship. Wasn't too much church in the early days except those missions and everybody takes part in the summer camp meetings. He was at the summer camp meetings.

(Everybody? Even Native American Church--summer camp?)

Yeah. Everybody.

(Was Preacher Kickingbird in the Native American Church before he became a Christian?)

(Mrs. Curley: (Kiowa words)--before he became Christian?)

Oh, yeah. Yeah, he used to tell us about--he knows all about it. He used it. In fact, the last time we had peyote in his house was in 1908, 1909. I think about the last one that they had of that kind. But he wouldn't light, and he was already preacher he wouldn't light--but anyway it was his cousin's son that was dying, Old Lady Hokeah's boy. They sent for Yellow Wolf to come and doctor him Indian custom in the peyote tipi. And they all was living, camping on his place over there. We was too, and the man that was going to doctor him, run the peyote tipi. They sent me after him in a buggy right here in Carnegie. I drove down and I picked him up way down here, west of Carnegie about 5 miles and haul him up there. Yellow Wolf.

(How old were you?)

I was about 22, 21. Along in there.

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(What was Kickingbird's house like?)

Well, you know--have you ever been over there in the mountains?