

and proper that it be sang every year at that--at that time when the Osage Day Celebration takes place. I hope to carry on for a few more years and after I have gone on, I hope my son carries this song on and carries on this celebration in all the tradition that has been his.

WAH-TI-ANKA WAS A GREAT LEADER

I just wish to relay the few things that I have been told to me about this dance. This dance, more or less is celebrated--commemorated for the great leaders who were responsible for our being here. Way back in the 1800's, through mouth to mouth history, this man called Wah-Ti-Anka was a great warrior. He made several journies, when we were living in Missouri. He made several journies way down to Texas, Rio Grande. He covered all this territory, he looked over many parts of this land and he passed this Osage Reservation as it is now called many times and this was his wish when we would always return home, that we would some day come back to this reservation. That was his desire and wishes and he so conveyed it to the leaders and chieftans at that time. And he was also employed by the United States Government and he spent many years in Washington, D. C., working with the Administration up there. At that time, communications weren't as good as they thought, at times, they didn't know what happened to him, but he'd always come back. He came with the tribe from the Missouri banks, to the Missouri and Osage River and he came to Kansas and he was--and he did, during his lifetime see his dreams fulfilled. He saw that his tribe was down here where he wanted them to be and he didn't live very much longer, but he did see his dreams fulfilled, that the Osage Tribe is where it is today. And so, in tradition with our tribe, we wish to honor this man whose intellect and vision we revere so much and we have this celebration in honor of him and at this time I would like to turn this microphone to Mr. Lamont Brown who has a few things to relate to you regarding this man and the song that was made in his honor.

Here's Mr. Lamont Brown.