

LAMONT BROWN SPEAKS AGAIN

Lamont Brown: In 1926, on the farm of Antoine Pryor, Charlie Waters, a Ponca Indian from Ponca City, was asked to compose a song by Antoine Pryor, for their great leader, Wan-dine (?). At that time, I was present and I was at the drum when that song was sung, in the presence of the celebration held on Antoine Pryor's song--Antoine Pryor's farm. Now here's the song...

(Song lasts for about three minutes of tape.)

Thank you Mr. Brown, Mr. Warrior for that wonderful rendition of that song and I'm sure all Osages revere that song. And as I have come to the close of this tape, I realize I have omitted many, many things and left out many a person whose more or less responsible, even small and large for this celebration and it may be at a later time that I might bring a more clear picture of this celebration to the generations to follow and I hope that they would carry on this tradition. There are many people who have contributed to this cause to the Osage people, because of the Osage coming to this reservation. We realize that it's hard to put on everything that we would like to put on at this time--it's like I said before, I hope later on that we would put on a more detailed account of this celebration. That in the last few years, we have on during our celebration, we have always included a song for the veterans, and at this time I would like Mr. Brown and Mr. Warrior to sing the veteran song for us.

(Veteran song sung for about three minutes of tape.)

Thank you Mr. Brown and this concludes the tape.

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