

T-339-2 (Second of Two Interviews)  
SYLVESTER WARRIOR, PONCA  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE PONCAS;  
CEREMONIAL DANCES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION  
RESENTS GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN TRIBAL CUSTOMS  
THE ORIGIN OF THE TRUE WAR DANCE  
MORE ABOUT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE  
THERE ARE MANY DANCES USED NOW BUT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF  
THE ORIGINAL WAR DANCE IS GONE  
EACH KIND OF DANCE HAS REASON AND DEEP MEANING  
VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES IN THE ORGANIZATION  
DIFFERENT VERSIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE DANCES

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Sylvester Warrior is about 60 years of age. He lives in Marland, Oklahoma where he was born and reared. Mr. Warrior is an outstanding singer in the Ponca Tribe and a reliable informant on Ponca history, culture and customs.

Note: The other interview on this tape is: Leonard Maker, Osage

Remarks: This tape was made while Leonard Maker and Sylvester Warrior were visiting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Waters, Ponca City, Oklahoma.