

I am the last bride of the Osage traditional ceremony--wedding ceremony. A real, full, complete ceremony. So, as we were going to the other camp, the wedding procession, there was a race. They race for prizes. Who reaches the bride first, and so on down the line, they receive fabulous prizes. And from my point of view, I see this--the race. Well, we reached the bridegrooms camp and they all rush out to meet the procession. And I get out of the car and they had a blanket spread on the ground, and they carry me, several of their men carry me in the blanket to the seat of honor under the big tent, where they have spread a table on the ground, a long table, for all the wedding party to feast together. And each bridesmaid, has her own dinner and her own setting of her--own setting to eat and her own food is prepared individually for each bridesmaid and for the bridegroom and the bride. And we all were undressed and we were dressed again with the clothes they were going to give to me and to the bridesmaids. And we all sit down and at that time there were many people around the tent. It was a long tent, spread out under the trees, these big tall trees down in the yard. And we wait for the bridegroom and he came with his party, the wedding party. He had his best man and his men relatives and some of them were women, and his relatives, there were about six. And from there, we were married in a civil ceremony by a Methodist Preacher, for everyone to witness. And we ate, and from there, the wedding was over for my part. And the next day, they return the bride back to her family with her bridegroom, which is another wedding procession. We rode back in a--in a buggy and a team of white horses. And the--his main--his main member of his wedding party, she rode a car, which is to be given to the bride's family. I believe, my matron of honor and his main person in his wedding procession, exchanged gifts which were the automobiles and--and we were in a procession on the way back to my family and my home, which was led by the American Flag,