

Chief's pitying me and authorizing me to go ahead and sing. I can truthfully say on this reservation as of today--that would be in 1968-- I been around that drum for--maybe this year will be the 47th. year. And as far as I can remember back, there has no one man was ever authorized by the Chiefs excepting me, myself, as I'm living today. And I'm not afraid to back that up. I've said that to my Ponca people more than once. I have got up at the drum when the people wouldn't respond. I got up and talked to the people and they responded. So I guess the Chiefs' words had a lot of bearing on 'em.

PONCAS MAKING SONG FOR OSAGES

(Now, at the other occasions such as a dance is over across the river-- (Osage and Ponca territories were separated by Arkansas River)--These people back in the twenties, far as I can recollect back, been having those dances over there. . Could you recall any of those songs that were made for the Osages back there?).

Yes, I can. . Because I happened to be around ther very much. I can remember the time we sang Francis Claremore's song. I can remember the time we sang Joe Abbott's song, Buster Hamilton, Y. Wadaling, and Omaha Cummins. Sang songs for a lot a Osage people. I know the composer and the tribe they belonged to, of all the Osage songs over there. Which there is a hundred and six songs, always call 'em the "Osage Nation Tape". And I'm the only man that can truthfully say, that I know 'em all fr. Maker. (And back in those days, the way I recollect--You were speaking of Mr. Francis Claremore's song--was he a singer at that time?)

At that time. He used to be a head singer for the Hominy District. There is a very few Osages that used to be head singers. I can name two or three of 'em--Henry Peace of Gray Horse, Old Man Watson, Old Man Little Star, Old Man Ray Shockey. And all them old people. They used to be head singers and as far as I know as of today, there are two songs that was