

the Osages about nowadays is the way when they came to the, this reservation. They bought this reservation, course it's all in the history books, you can read, but one of the things that the other tribes respected the Osages was the way they determined their headrights in 1906 and '07. In '06, little before when they allotted this reservation and give 660 acres to each individual Osage and announced we had headright interest in the mineral rights come up. Other tribes admired the wisdom of these old leaders, these Osage leaders. 'Course down through the years its held us in good standing, financially and everyway economically. They were saying that one of the tings that brought our people this far, they were saying that in the olden days the Osages were the balance of the power up in Missouri, Kansas, and the Dakotas. They were great men, great thinkers back there and we like to, when we dance we like to think that these men who had done so much for our tribe. So, getting back to the dance though, these dances telling you about Osages had their own way, everyway and they had their own religion back there. Even before the coming of the peyote, and 'course that's another story. But they had their own dances, their own ceremonials and they had their own, more or less, their own medicine men, their doctors, you might say. They had their own way of life. They got along among themselves, conducting themselves as only, I would say, I don't think any other tribe had conducted themselves as the Osages. 'Course that's saying quite a bit, but the way they, their moral were the highest way of life. They were religious people. Every morning these old people would get up when the sun come up and pray to the Great Spirit. He might help'em live their life out, better themselves, all the time they're doing that they would hold counsel and talk of these things. They would--always looking for a way to better the tribe, itself. It goes along with, this thinking goes along with and shows you what the tribe is today, and 'course, of these dances, I just wanted to relate to you that the Osages had all these before any of these other tribes come around and intergrated with us more or less on a social basis. So, like I was saying, when the Osages came to Oklahoma, the Indian territory, as it was called then, the reservation was not given to them, the Osages bought this reservation.