

General Subject: Green Corn Dance, Religious Ceremony; Life History Material; Allotments; Schools.

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(January 20, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Scott Secondine. An eighty year old Shawnee of Whiteoak Community, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mr. Secondine has spent all of his life in this area. And he tells about the Shawnee Hills, the Indians there, and other things pertaining to his life.)

SERIOUS PRAIRIE FIRES

He lived over on the prairie over there. He carried the boys along. Put them to work putting the fire out. Oh there's two hundred acres across that pasture there.

(Hum-m-m)

He saw another fire. He went on and left that fire, went to the other fire. It was bigger.

(Uh-huh)

His own job was -- He said, "Well boys you better go back over there and put that fire out." He said, he went over there to put that-that fire out. So they saw that head fire. They went back over there fast as they could. They seen a lot of smoke over there. George went back over there quick as he could. He stand it off as long as he could. I guess they seen that gate post burning. Big old heavy post. Gate post. He went back up there as fast as he could. I guess he caught too much heat and scratched up fresh dirt with his hands. I guess when he stooped over. He fell in that sand. Well it hit his body.

(Well)

Well he laid there for two hours or more.

(Huh)

They seen him lay there when they drove up. They just thought he was laying there resting.