

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw

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Grandma: They, they used to have Stick Dance, long time ago. Uh, when they, sick people they had, you know. They give a dance, and they, special dance they always have special dance, and uh, they, they get well, so, and they want, only get to have dry corn, so, they have to come tell my father first. First thing, he's going to sing, so they come after him, and uh, they come tell him, before that, you know, because they want him to come, so, and they all get ready go down there where they going to have a dance, you know they camp there, and uh, my father have to tell some them first, so. So, and he get ready go over there that, that day and they have dance that night. And he pick out, uh, eight dancer, four singer, four of them sing, and he one of them, that tell, he, he, he know all those song, each one, they want him sing, so he sing that. So they dance, one leader, special leader, they dance around, and uh, them dance, go around, I don't know how many time go around, maybe, two, two, three times, maybe. And uh, they sit down and they give all, two waiter, uh, two man waits on them, they give all them smoke. Give my father drink then singer, they all rest of them give them smoke, because they dancing, eight dancer. So, and one, one woman special, chief daughter, she has, chief woman, daughter, special dancer. They pick out her, they always make, pick me out, I was little girl, but they, they pick me out too, so I dance too, I dance with that woman, and when they get through, when they get through smoking and they give water, and uh, after they get through they dance again. They do that four time, and uh, when they get through, they eat, they use dry corn. Uh, they give, uh, my father bowl, uh, dry corn and uh, and uh, singer give a bowl, eat all together. And they give that, that special dancer, eight of them, give them too, eat, four of them eats together and the other ones eat together. And uh, oh, after they get through and they carry that stick away that, uh, two waiter, they put that stick away, put back where, where they got it, you know. And uh, and uh, what corn left, everybody wants it, and, oh, that woman give, uh, these two eat dry corn and men, uh, they give little bit and we eat that and then, where the corn left, everybody go get it, like the Bread Dance, you know, what's left everybody

have it. Shawnee, they all come too, Bird Creek people, they all come down, come down there eat the corn. So, when they get through, so, they, they dance the stomp dance all night then. Just that special dance, that's all they have, when they get through they, whatever they want to.

Kugee: Oh, yeah!

Grandma: Use to be dance over here at Quapaw Creek.