

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Bill: Who started this Peyote?

Grandma: Oh, John Wilson, Moonhead they call.

Bill: Moonhead.

Grandma: He started, uh, Caddo, half

Bill: John Logan?

Grandma: Uh huh, half Delaware, his mother Delaware, I guess. So, he start it, come down there too Wilson, down there at the, Reed (Wilson's) father¹, he (Moonhead) come down there first to eat, teach him down there awhile, and then, and they want to know, my, uh, my father (Tallchief-Louis Angel) want him to come².

He (Moonhead) hear it and say "Yeah, he can come". He used to drink all time. So, he come after that, and Mary³, she's about eight month old when he come (1898), and, and they, they come up there in their, their squaw wagon. So, uh, he, he fixing for, uh, go in that, they build tent and where they go in there (Quapaw Creek, Skiatook).

And Osage come, Claremore, oh, Claremore and, uh, some old people there, Black Dog and Claremore they come, so they went in there. John Logan, they went in there, eat medicine, and uh

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Irene: He says was there any Shawnee or Creek Indian, then, took that?

Grandma: Uh, huh, ya.

Irene: Was there?

Grandma: They don't eat that then.

Irene: No, they don't.

Grandma: Just Osage eating it, then. So, uh, so they learn that, eating it, so Quapaw call, uh, they know, they come, they eat too. Four, have meeting four time, but they quit that. They went back (to Quapaw), and my father he want his tent down there, Quapaw, so, he had teepee made down at Quapaw. Where they're dancing now, right along there somewhere (east of present dance grounds), and that's all, and Quapaw that's all, Osage that's all they eating then, they, that days and Delaware.

¹ Ice Wilson's place just west of Quapaw Creek near present day town of Skiatook, Oklahoma.

² To his place just east of Quapaw Creek near present day town of Skiatook, Oklahoma.

³ (Mary Thompson-Williams, Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw's oldest daughter.