

Mary Maude "Grandma" Supernaw
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Bill: Did all them Osages used to come over here for Peyote Meetings, huh?

Grandma: Uh huh, and they commenced to, after we live up there, uh, John Wilson come (1898), so my father quit stomp dance, so we just go eat Peyote, eat.

Bill: Oh!

Grandma: So he (Tall Chief) had one, they have meeting there four time, but Black Dog and Claremore and, uh, Ms., uh, from Hom, uh, Barnsdall, Louis Bighorse, they come. They want one moon and house there like they had, you know.

Bill: Yeah.

Grandma: Moon, build house, and uh, Cla ... Claremore, he want one, so they fix him one, and uh, Blackdog, he want one, they fix him one, and uh, Francis Claremore he, he had one too, he come meeting all the time. So, that's how come that they all have teepee up there.

Bill: Oh.

Grandma: And they take his (Tall Chief's) down to Quapaw, he build his, uh, moon down there.

Bill: Who?

Grandma: Your grandpa (Tall Chief).

Bill: Oh, yeah.

Grandma: Uh, you know that moon we had.

Bill: Yeah, uh huh.

Grandma: That's where he had build his¹.

Bill: Oh.

Grandma: That's all. He have house on it but somebody burn it up, that house. So I guess, uh, so.

Bill: How many was up there (at Quapaw)? Just Pete Clabber's and that one or what?

Grandma: Uh, they move back, they all moved back then.

Bill: Oh, they all moved back.

Grandma: Yeah.

Bill: Oh.

Grandma: They ain't no Quapaw around here then (around 1898).

¹ Located just east of present day Quapaw Pow Wow grounds on Supernaw-Proctor land.