1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of Study

Indonesia is a country which has many tribes: Batakneese, Javanese, Acehnese, Minangkabaunese, etc. These tribes have their own tradition. Tradition is something that has been done a long time and become a part of the life of a community. Tradition could be information passed on from generation to generation, both written or oral.

Among many tribes in Indonesia, one of them is considered unique, that is a tradition in Pariaman society in West Sumatera, it is heritage. This tradition is practiced when parent inheritance will fall to girls. This legacy will not fall into the boys if there were no wills of their parents. The girls in Minangkabau society is very valuable, as all parents will be given a legacy to the girls such as land, houses and property. On the other hand, the boys just get a room in the house, if the boys are married and then divorced, he will get right inside the house but only the room and will not become his property. If they do not practice this tradition, they will not get blessing from their parents. To get blessing from parents, they must obey their parents order. That is why, this tradition is still practiced in Pariaman community.

Based on the above statement, the writer is interested to raise this heritage as her topic. Since the writer wants to introduce that the heritage as a part of the tradition in the Pariaman. Besides that, the writer is Minangkabaunese.
Data for this paper is gained through library and field research methods, that is by reading some books concerned with the topic and asking some questions to Pariaman community around who still practice heritage as tradition. Thus, this heritage will be known and will be an information for us.

1.2 The Scope of the Study

There are many tradition that need to be practiced in Pariaman such as Batabuik, wedding, heritage etc. But, it is certainly impossible to explain them all in this paper. Therefore, the writer just focused on heritage and how this tradition is still practiced in Pariaman community.

1.3 Purpose of the Study

By writing this paper, the writer wants to inform, introduce, and preserve the tradition of Pariaman community to the reader. The objective of the study is to explain heritage and how this tradition is still practiced in Pariaman community.

1.4 Significance of the Study

This paper discusses heritage as tradition in Pariaman community and how this tradition is still practiced in Pariaman community. Besides that, it can be the source to the other community who has different tradition.

The writer believes and hopes that this writing will enrich information on Indonesian culture, especially Pariaman. Besides that, it can be used as reference for the readers or students who are interested in analyzing Pariaman tradition.