

their children had the measles?)

Mrs. Carey: They use some kind of root.

REMEDY FOR MEASLES

Mr. Carey: There's one remedy for measles now. They use some kind of a root now. This is something, I imagine, I done it myself and probably my sister here. They get some kind of root. I don't know the name of it. But anyway the root end, see.

(Do you know the name of the root in Cherokee?)

No, I sure don't.

(Was it a bush? A flower? Or--)

No. It was a bush.

(Conversation in background not clear.)

The root for measles. They gathered their leaves close to the river banks again now. They take the leaves when the measles outbreak would come in. They would brew it again. And see, it would make that water, pan of water, hot. And the root would be hot. It would be steaming, steaming hot.. And they would leave that fire in sort of a tent like. Put a quilt over the fire and the brewing pot. They would set the child in there. Let the child have a steam bath.

(To bring out these measles on 'em?)

They put the fire, and the boiling part of that medicine, be steaming hot, just smoking hot. Put quilt or something over it. Put that child in there.

(Quilt or something over the child, you mean, so they'd be real hot?)

Yes.

(It must have been some kind of a root. I wish you could think of the name of it. It must have been some kind of a root to make 'em