

(Oh, a cottonmouth. Now did--were you treated by an Indian doctor?)

No. I didn't have any Indian doctors around when I got bit.

(You were forced to go to a white doctor?)

I guess there was about 16 Indian people in a group camping. Group. There wasn't any Indian doctors, herb doctors of this kind in that group that day. So I just had to see a white doctor. I come in the hospital. Now if I had taken up, you know, from a herb doctor, in the community. If I had taken up his place in the community as a herb dealer, I would have probably known what to do then. But I didn't do it. I lost out in that.

(How long did it take you to get to the hospital after you'd been bitten?)

Well, I imagine about thirty-six minutes.

(Were you already getting sick?)

Uh-huh.

(How did you feel?)

Well, after a few seconds, after I got bit my left hand, the whole arm right in here went numb.

(uh-huh.)

I couldn't lift it up. Sort of a shock, I guess. It hit me just right, I guess, on the nerve. Vein or artery or something. My whole arm just went limp. And about five minutes after I begin to getting blue. About, oh, ten or twelve minutes after that everything was just getting black. I was shaking all over.

(Had anybody in the meantime--had you told anybody or had anybody caught on that you'd been bitten?)

Oh, yeah, they knew right away that I was bitten. I hollered. They seen the snake and I did too. They had to carry me about half a