

two first doctors. And he was my doctor till he passed away.

Now I go to the hospital.

(Well, how did the Cherokee people take to him at first when he first moved here? Him being colored and all?)

Well, some of them was kind of scared, I guess. Just like some of them would now when you first see them. But he's really a good doctor. He had lot of patients come from way, Stilwell, Westville, and Blackwood and everywhere else. Come down here to the colored doctor.

(He had a good reputation, didn't he?)

Yes, he did. Yeah, he did. And he could just look at you and tell you what was wrong with you. Yeah, he was really a good doctor. I sure did miss him when he passed away. I don't know what I was going to do after that.

(Luckily they got the hospital in after that.)

Uh-huh. Yeah it was lucky. I finally got used to going. I was scared to go for a long time.

(Scared of those white men?)

Yes. I didn't know the white doctors.

(Those white doctors?)

Yeah, I didn't know them. But since I got used to them and met them, well, I don't care about going now. And that's where I go now to get my check-up or anything like that.

CAME FROM LARGE FAMILY

(Well, when you were in your own immediate family, like your mama and daddy, how many brothers and sisters did you have?)

Just one.

(You were the only one? Or, you had--?)