

way it was. They weren't appointed and they weren't hereditary, you know. And these sub-chiefs, you know, they were appointed, and some of them got in there by performing certain deeds, you know, good deed to the tribe and something beneficial to the tribe or someone down the line, you know, and down to, you know, just like we call heroes, you know, nowadays, done something over there. Well, he's taken in there, there's one council chiefs council, you know. So that's the way we get our leaders. (How much, you know, about the, in those days, if all tribes have them if all people have them, you know, like these white man call medicine man, you know. We have in our tribe, you know, people who heal.)

Yeah.

(And, you know people to help women who give birth and all that. Did they have a similar thing here in the Ponca tribe?)

RECEIVING POWERS

Yeah, they have the similar thing like the, like the ones that got their power from the buffaloes. They are, some, cause that's the only one that I heard mostly that got power to doctor, healed the wounds, you know, thing like that. But there are others, you know, that heal, how to (not clear) you know. And I remember in my time when I was a boy, they used to tell us of a doctor, I believe I saw that old man. I don't recall his name, find out where they, you know, he does certain kind of a doctoring to certain people. I don't know what kind of a sickness they have. Anyway, this man gets owrns out of people, you know. I believe they had them, you know, in some ways or another. So, they, yet, they have these doctors like that. (Static)

(You know, like the, you see in the movies where they, medicine men, you know, such as that. And seems like they had got some kind of power from