

finished one year, and she finished the next year. She was pretty smart. This drinking has just ruined her (at present time).

(Was there anything--like if you wanted to wean your child at a certain age--was there anything that women used to do to try to wean their child?)

You, know, different ones, when they wean their kids--I used to wonder why--they used to get these charcoals and put all that black stuff around there--(the nipple) and then they used to sprinkle pepper on there.

(Black pepper?)

Yeah. Maybe that's how they did it. But I never did do anything like that with mine. You know, my mother-in-law used to--right away when they're three months old, well she'd start making fires and she wasn't backward about doing it--she done it every--three times a day she would make gravy for the baby and give it gravy, and then oatmeal. And they just--they just forgot about nursing. That's the way she went about it. I believe Rosie, she was weaned when she was five months old. She wouldn't nurse. All she had was this gravy and oatmeal and crackers. That's what she used to eat. Then maybe eat apple one day, and then another day maybe her grandma would give her an orange. That way. And then she would boil raisins, and she'd take the raisins out and just the juice, she'd give it to her. Her bowel system moved that way.

(Well, when they put this charcoal on their breast--what did they do--just put it around the nipple?)

Yeah, just put it around the nipple. And then when this child wants to nurse he would just look at it and get scared of it! (Laughs) He would just look at it, and then when they'd try to taste it, then that pepper would sting, and that was all. But I don't know how the Cheyennes does.

(Were there any women you ever heard about that maybe didn't have enough milk for their babies?)