

I guess this woman, she move. And again I guess they shot. They hit on top of it. She turn over. And her husband was sitting there. They shoot again, and I guess she said, "Give me some water." Fourth time they shot up there she got up. "Are my boys home?" I guess she said. "They're home," I guess her husband told her. "Your mother is up," I guess he told his sons. Oh, I guess they just holler and yell. "Come on out, mother, and cook something for us." This woman crawl out and come out. She was just as healthy as she was when she got hit with a tree or something. And I guess that way they got their mother up again, these boys. I don't know how true they are, but that's what they used to tell me.

SWEAT LODGES: HOW CONSTRUCTED AND USED

(When you were a girl were they still using these sweat lodges?)

Yeah, they used to use sweat lodges.

(How did they fix those?)

You know, they put a big--well, they weave it with willow stick, and then a big canvas goes first, and then all the quilt they could get, they put them up, on top, and then they have four for a doorway. Four quilts, to cover the door. And somebody have to watch that door. And they heat rocks, you know, outside. And they make a fireplace and then they put these rocks in there and a bucket of water. And they pour water on them rocks. And that steam is what bathes them. And once in a while they throw the door up, you know, to let the air in. Oh, my, when they come out they used to be red! Yeah. They used to use it.

I watched the door one time, and I left it! I forgot all about it.

(How old were you?)

I was already a woman--I had three kids. My mother-in-law and my father-in-law they made a sweat lodge. They used to all gather, you know.