

(Did you ever just get it and dry it?)

Yeah. We used to dry it. And then make a little sack and put them in the sack.

(Some irrelevant conversation)

(Did they ever pull teeth, if one was real bad?)

They used to pull them themselves.

(How would they do that?)

• They used to just wiggle them.

(Some irrelevant conversation.)

(You said men used to do this cutting on their heads?)

Yeah. Jay Black (a Cheyenne) used to do that. And there was a man named Sharp of the Arapahoes--he used to do that.

(When they pulled a tooth, did they use any kind of tools?)

No. Just their fingers. They used to keep doing that way--and then they would tie--take some sinew and tie it and just pull them out. That's the way they used to do.

SORE THROAT

(What about things like sore throats and colds?)

Sore throat they used to use cedar. They used to boil cedar and drink it. That's what they used to use.

(Myrtle is digging around in her trunk and some boxes and brings out a pair of earrings)

EAR PIERCING

(That's for Alta's ears? That were just pierced?)

Yeah. They're about healed. I got her some earrings. I didn't have to give Madiline anything for piercing them. Oh, she wanted her ears pierced. She said, "My grandmother won't pierce my ears." "I ain't going to do it," I told her. Madiline (Sankey) said, "Well, I'll pierce them--yours and Annette's."

(Annette about 10 years old, is daughter of Madeline's daughter, Wilma.)