

women sitting next to the wall, and they are pulled by the motion of spirits. They are being doctored with the gourds rattling while the singers are singing the Sun Dance songs. While the doctor's in motion, this man that's been tied with rawhide and the quilt--and the flag's been posted at each of the four one-gallon cans--has disappeared, made into a ball, and the rawhide has disappeared from the man where he was tied. The rawhide is formed as a ball and been tucked under by some other people, by the spirits. And the quilt which the man was wrapped up in, is folded up to where it was tucked under some old lady who was 93 years old. Her name was Sage Woman. As the doctoring proceeded, everyone was being blessed by the gourds from the spirits. As the singing proceeded I, Jim Warden, was the last to sing a song--a Sun Dance song--and I was lucky enough that the spirit had hand me one silver dollar. The date it had on it was 1789 (probably means to say 1879 or 1889). And that's what became the reality of spirit doctoring. And as the doctoring ended the man who was sponsor of the doctoring had requested that we turn the lights on. There he were, sitting in the middle of the floor as the light was turned on. He wasn't tied. He was free from the rawhide rope around his neck. He was free from the fence made of the tying (or twine) cord. The tobacco pouches were torn loose from the strings and were put in some man's pocket and I happened to have some of those tobacco pouches been slipped in my shirt pocket from the spirits that had passed the tobacco pouches around. That's the blessing that we got from Indian doctoring.

Now it happened so that the wife I was living with, Mattie Warden--she's a Kiowa--other than Arapaho tribe--she was doctored in the year of 1950 once, while we was there. And the spirits had told the sponsor that this southern Arapaho-Kiowa woman had a serious case of gall bladder trouble. So the spirits had requested the sponsor, Raymond Harris, had requested him to tell Mrs. Warden that she must be doctored four times. So the following year, 1951, we were lucky enough to go back up there and we went back and requested Raymond Harris to sponsor a doctoring--spirit doctoring--so that Mattie could be doctored