

physician that they had here at the agency at that time. So when my father went in and made a report that one of his girls died, I have an older sister, why they just took it for granted cause they knew that I had polio, so Dr. Hume always called me the walking dead. (Laughs.)

(Were there any sort of Indian medicines that was given for this whooping cough or smallpox?)

Oh yes.

(What kind?)

Skunk oil.

(Skunk oil?)

Uhuh. Skunk oil was used for whooping cough.

(How do you get skunk oil?)

Well, you have to kill the skunk and render the fat off it. That's the way they made and it really worked.

(How would you take it?)

Just by the teaspoonful. Just like you would for mineral oil or anything. See I imagine that kept the throat moist and oiled.

(Who were the people that lived in your family? That is in the same house that you did?)

Just my father and my oldest brother.

(Was your mother there too?)

Yes, my mother was..that is as a family. There were just four of us, in that one log cabin, and my grandmother and my aunt lived in the next cabin.

(Were those the grandparents on your mother's side?)

No, that was my father's.

(Your father's side?)