

was several of them medicine men and they all get together and they all doctor this wounded man and they get him cured. And they know how to stop the blood. Like if they cut a vein, they can stop it. That's what they do. Well, then my grandpa had that medicine. Doctor what they call him. Sometimes they come after him and my father said at midnight. He have to get up and go. And then he doctor. They give him when he doctors, they give him seven gifts they have to give him. The first one is a black handkerchief or buckskin, and feathers, some certain kind of feathers. And then these other things would be whatever they want to give him--blanket, maybe a horse or cow or something like that. Anything you wanted to give this doctor. But this black handkerchief have to come in first and the buckskin.

(A black handkerchief and the buckskin?)

Yeah, and some kind of feathers. I don't know just what kind of bird feathers. But they have to be, even if you can't get the whole twelve feathers, you could put one there fore, what you call it--? Because you don't have the whole feathers, you can put one there.

(Well, then would they have to get the rest of the twelve later?)

Later, like you pay a doctor. Well, if you don't have the money in full, well, he can wait until later.

(I see, and they put that one feather down as sort of a pledge that they're going to pay?)

Yeah, later they get the rest of them. That is if this person is pretty sick and have to be doctored, he can do that. So when grandpa passed away, well he passed it on to my father. And then my father was a Buffalo Medicine man. And there was two other men that had that medicine too when my father had it. When these doctors