No, no.

(Did the clan always accept anybody that came and asked them to learn?)

Oh, yeah. Well, there has been what I would call reptile symbolisms--I knew a man at Canton that had started his doctoring from some older persons that, you might say, wasn't commonly known, but their symbolism was the turtle or reptiles--snake. Snake or turtle. Or these here what they call "water puppies" (probably water dogs or salamanders). They call them "water puppies"--dull, spotted-like. They live in water. Indians don't like them, no. They say when there's rainy nights in camps, them things come and go where there's light, and they'll suck your skin and you'll never feel it. Toe or foot or finger--kids--those lizards suck you--suck the blood. And when they once get on you and suck, you can't hardly get them off. They have to cut off their heads or something like that. Just like a snapping turtle. You know once a snapping turtle has got you, he just won't release you unless you cut their head off. Now this man in particular--he has a daughter who lives about two or three miles from here--he had that kind of doctoring. But who his elders were, I don't know. But I know he used to go up northeast of Carleton up in them hills--in the breaks--he used to fast out there. I know I heard him say one time he went out there and fasted I think two days, and when it was coming morning a rattlesnake crawled to where he was laying at. He had no cover or no blanket or pillow or nothing--just laid out there and this snake come to him. He said he let that snake come close enough to him and then he sat up. The snake just left. Didn't bother him.