

But as far as the turtle part, he said he used to go down to the river and he spent most of his time down there at the river observing these snapping turtles. Great big old snapping turtles. I don't know what his methods were, but that's the style of doctoring he practiced. And he joined the church. He wouldn't eat turtles. And we like these turtles--these water turtles--moss-backs and snapping turtles and soft-shells--we like them. Cheyennes and Arapahoés likes them, but he wouldn't eat them. (When he joined the church, did he continue to doctor after that?) Yeah, he continued. He practiced that.

DOCTORING SNAKE BITE

(What kind of doctoring did he do?)

Well, he doctored mostly snake bites and insect bites and something like that, mostly. I think he doctored children, too, you know.

(When was this--do you remember when he used to go out there and fast?)

Well, he died about--soon after 1937. That was Willie Meeks. He was Arapaho. He's a descendant of Spotted Wolf, one of the Arapaho signers (of Medicine Lodge Treaty).

(Did you ever hear how he might doctor a snakebite or something of this type?)

No, I never did. I know one doctor over here southeast about eight miles--his name was Black Bear. If you got him early enough for a snakebite, he could cure it. He had medicine that contained this vermillion rock--stone--that they used to pulverize and make paint out of. Well, he evidently mixed it with some herb. I know he doctored one woman that got bitten by a snake--I don't