

(This other one, your cousin--?) .

Cecil: It's my father's niece.

(His brother's daughter?)

Cecil: Yeah.

(What kind of services did they give to your mother when they attended her?)

Cecil: Oh my, I don't know anything about-- I saw some others. They just wait on you and you got to--

WAITING ON A WOMAN GIVING BIRTH

Jenny: In those days when they gonna labor--well, the womens are there that waits. And when the baby is coming, that's the time that they have--they have someone just like a nurse, that know how to take that baby and just fix it up and dress it. So sometimes there always be two women there. No mens are not allowed to be in there. Just women. So, this woman, I guess she just sits there and waits with maybe a diaper or little blanket ready for the baby to come. And then when they come they take them and cut off their navels and fix them up. Yeah, and the mother--not sometimes, but always--suffer to give them birth.

(Would the birth be in the same tipi where she lived?)

Jenny: Yeah.

(What about the navel?)

Jenny: They cut it off. I remember grandma always tells story--of course, he's a man (referring to Cecil) and he don't know. They use a knife. They said they used to use knives. And here not too long ago they learned how to use scissors. And they use twine. Twine string. Stout thread--something like a--they tie the navel with that. And they cut it off.

Cecil: They have to know all about it before they can do that.

Jenny: Yeah. They don't just get anyone.

Cecil: --and they got to dress that, just like a doctor. They got to know.