

a horse instead of some other animal?)

It's been way back there I hear--but Old Man Roberts was telling me that Old Man Matthews told him about way back there, that being blessed over there where we use to stop for awhile--use to bless over there how my folks got it over there. Handed down from my father. He's from over there too. Nebraska, they had it back there. And they use to say Old Man Roberts say that he fasts you know, fast, old man, use to stand for days, four nights, no nothing. Just stand there and get blessed. Good blesser. They go off some place where there's nobody around. That's--old man Roberts telling him how they got it over there. Different ones you know.

Mrs. Osborne: Just handed down to them you know, like the old man, he's your relations. See your father handed it to your uncle. Yeah, like that.

Yeah, like that just come on down, come on down, way back there that's the way it comes. He talks and have good talk.

Mrs. Osborne: He talks to them and tells them where it comes from and he passes it on down to a man, that was just the end right there. So they didn't get it see.

That's the end there and so Old Man Roberts--over there we talk about the old--like we're talking here.. And he say about my uncle, if he (Paynee word)-- I like that, I tell him "No". I guess that's the time you know.

Mrs. Osborne: See, Old Man Roberts would ask Grant, he would say, well did your uncle, now has he talked to you. Now that's what he means in that doctor dance. And Grant would tell him no. See he knew that he was getting right near, because that was all, all of them gone now.

(You mentioned, you know, that they represented a different animal or they represented an animal who they were blessed by. Does that kind of go back to what you and Pop were saying that they were blessed through this fasting period, that maybe they were blessed by a vision, by this animal?)

Yeah, yeah, Old Man Roberts, we sit down and talk to maybe about 11 o'clock