

STORY ABOUT SWEET MEDICINE (MUDZI' IYOIV)

--frozen lake. They thought it was a lake. Maybe it was the ocean. When they come from Russia. See, where they first stop and then when the buffalo was killing them, eating them. And I guess they were good-tasting to the buffalo. And they couldn't get out of those tree-roots. They made their houses on the tree roots. That was the only safest place. And this man, he appeared to them one night. He went into somebody's house. I guess you would call it a house--dugout, or whatever it is. Anyway, it was at the root of a big tree. And--we wrote it--And one night a crier was calling all these men. He said, "Come together. There's a man that's going to tell us and show us something--how we can protect ourselves." So everybody, I guess they looked out first to see if the buffalo was waiting. It was at night. The buffalo might have already left. And somehow they made it over to this one place where this crier was calling them. And they all went in and sat around and this fellow got up and talked to them. And they think it's this Mudzi' iyoivhi (Sweet Medicine, or Sweet Root Man). See, nobody knew who he was, then. He just appeared to them, just like when somebody comes one time you don't get too well acquainted with them, and you don't know them before. And sometimes you're not interested and he's gone again, and another time here he appears again. That's just the way he appeared. He didn't be with them right along. And another time when he came, you know them clan accused him of killing a man, you know, when he went in-- This old lady said, "Come in, grandson." This old lady was cooking something over the fire. You know, when they used to have them old-time something where they hang their containers they cook with, and this blaze in the fire would