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(This is December 22, 1968. I am in Hominy, Oklahoma. I am Leonard Maker, Osage, field worker for the American Indian Institute of the University of Oklahoma. We, are--my wife and I, are discussing the various incidents and happenings that occurred to her family and the use of the herb of Peyote. And the art of healing and curing of certain diseases or defects that have occurred on certain members of her family. And other people who also--we have heard other things that have happened and we have been told about and we have seen some of these things that have occurred and heard from reliable witnesses of some of these cures that are--you might say--would be unbelievable. But they have occurred and through great faith and such as our belief, through the use of Peyote, we have come this far today. And I think that it is a remarkable achievement that these Indians did--using this Peyote. So at this time I would like to turn this microphone to Katherine, my wife, and she will relate to you a few of the things that happened to her through the use of the herb, Peyote. Here's Katherine.)

To begin with, my great grandmother on my father's side, my paternal grandmother--great grandmother, she was what you would call a doctor and she specialized in delivering babies, was one of the things that she specialized in. And I remember my father telling us that they used to--people use to come to her all hours of the night, all hours of the day, she was always called upon and she travelled many miles to help deliver babies. And she was a very remarkable woman and it was also said that she could remove arrows from the body with no bleeding, no infection and of course we don't know exactly how she done it. That was something that they never did tell. And her--what they call medicine bag is--was placed--