

CHANGES IN INDIAN WAY OF LIFE

(You mean Indian doctors?)

No. White specialists. Yeah, that's way back there. They didn't have no kind stuff (anesthetic) to kill your nerves. They have pliers you know, and just where your teeth hurt, you know, they take them pliers and pull your teeth out.

(I'm glad those days are over.)

Yeah, me too! There's been a lot of changes. Of course, you take fellows of my age and back. Henry Achilta and Tennison Berry, and some of my kinfolks, like Louise and Conna Mae, and Redbone, and they seen a little of what I seen. There's been great changes in our Indians. ~~But~~ we love our ways. And a lot of us were brought up that way. We can't change it. Our children are changing.

They're loosing their language now. Even some people that's little younger than I am, they understand good. But say, kids, of say, around twenty-five or thirty years old today. They don't understand their own language: "Of course they can sing songs--these songs we sing. And these songs have got meanings from way back there.

When they sing the song, the tribe knows these fellows that sing and the tribe listens and they know that song, and why they're singing that song, and what it means. And on this other side--this Native American Church--it's the same way. All their songs have got meanings. Why he's singing it. Everybody knows that he means it. He shows it and he lives it. But today a lot of us are changing.

ALFRED'S INDIAN NAME AND HOW NAMES WERE GIVEN

(I want to ask you one more thing about when you were a baby.

When did they name you?)

Well, they named me when I was one year old. Of course I had English name. They named me just like -- I don't know how long it took for them to name me. But when I was a year old they named me. They