

blow in the water, and then after he had done that he'd read that book just like he would read a Bible, and then he doctor himself. He'd go in the woods, that's when he was laughing about that too and I asked him if it helped him and he said he didn't know but he said he lost that little book and not too long after that well--well, somebody had said that they had seen that little yellow book. Somebody had it. And those songs they sing to the medicine to doctor themselves was in those books. He was supposed to know it by heart, but instead he'd read it off, and doctor himself. And the Indian doctor don't do that, they memorize it, and sing it to the medicine, to doctor. I am almost to the part where he was already talking about the river and the fishes. So I'll just go ahead and start writing from this.

(Mr. Porter is talking in Creek as tape begins.)

(What do you call them things?)

Da Ha Ka Dasoo (He then speaks in Creek language for about 3 minutes.)

(You've already started talking but some questions that I'm going to ask you and first (sentence in Creek)-- Tell me your name.)

Ben Porter.

(And where do you live?)

2924 Courts Street (Creek language for one sentence.)

(And if you want to talk in Creek or English (Creek sentence).... 'Cause I can interpret on a paper so--)

Ben Porter: (Speaks in Creek)

(That's all right. (speaks Creek). It doesn't matter. And then, first we'll talk about, you know, you've already started talking about some things--I took those down too. When you was a young boy and how Indians used to live and how you used to live, and when you lived with your mother and daddy--you know, when you was a small boy and growing up or after you grew up and how you farm. But first, when is your birthday?)