

(--just talk like this. What is your name?)

Mamie Long.

(Where do you live, and what is your tribe?)

I live down near Turkey Ford, and I'm Seneca-Cayuga.

(This name Turkey Ford, where did it come from, Mamie?)

It was my mother's name--maiden name, and Turkey Ford was named from them, my mother's people.

(Your mother was a--?)

Was a Turkey.

(Are you one of the Pot Hangers?)

Yes. (Much background noise.)

(Wait a minute. Keep the door shut, honey. We pick up all that back talk.)

Stay out of here. (Laughter)

(Just go ahead and tell me, Mamie. I know that you do so many things.

Tell me about how you happened to raise the tobacco that's used in the ceremonies.)

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Well, mama was a Pot Hanger, and after they put her in--I think they put her in when Aunt Kate Bee passed away, and they put her in in her place.

And then, I was ten years old. And I've planted tobacco ever since. That's been sixty years now. I'm seventy. And I plant it and raise it every year for the ceremonials and everything they need it for. And I guess I'm the only one that does since my sister's gone now.

(Your sister was Laura?)

My sister was Laura Cedar.

(I understand that you know quite a bit about Indian medicine.)

Yes. Mama was a herb doctor and she taught us a lot of things. Of course, there's no demand for things like that any more, but there's some girls