

where they got it. They used to come get it from my parents. I guess they used to bring it--give it to them. Some come from Colorado. Them Utes, Pueblos, they bring that medicine. The one you talk about (purple cone flower, used by the Apaches as thoothache medicine) they used to call it Black Medicine. It used to grow in Kiowa country.

(You mean that toothache medicine?)

Yeah. I know that medicine. They dig it a long time ago--those that were medicine men. That old man used to give me one whenever I had a toothache. It quite but you feel numb. You just chew it and put it in your teeth.

(When you were a little girl, how did the girls wear their hair?)

I had long hair like this, my granddaughter, when I was young, but when I got sick two years ago it all come off. I just got little braids now. I used to have long braids. We used to braid two braids--young girls.

(Going down to your knees?)

Yeah, you've seen that little girl. I used to got long hair, but it's all come off. And mens they used to braids too and some of them yarn--wind around that yarn. I don't know why they wore braids. And Richards father too, he used to wear braids.

(Did the girls decorate their hair in any way?)

No.

(What about the men, did they decorate their hair?)

No, just when they dance.

(A Comanche woman told me that their girls wore paint--)

They used to paint long time, when they dance I guess, but my days we don't use paint. They used to put red paint on some of them--yellow.