

skin and go through his ceremony and that yellowhammer come to die, (Guy says "die", but he probably means "comes to life.") and where that wound is-- where the worms is--the yellowhammer pick them worms' out. Eat 'em. Pick them out. Get all of them out. Man gets well. That's the way it is.

UNDERWATER MEDICINE: STORY ABOUT SNAPPING TURTLE (TONOKAT)

Well, different things like that. Some got underwater medicine. Dauhai (Kiowa name not clear on tape.) got underwater medicine-- Tonakat (tonak^ot)--his emblem was a big turtle. It was on the tipi--on his tipi door. Snapping Turtle, they call him. They said when you go to his tipi, he's inside, the snapping turtle is his watch dog. The tent flap that he's got on his door--when you reach out to open the tent, they said that snapping turtle sticks his head out towards you like he's going to bite you and then he get away. That's just hypnotism or something--anyway, people are afraid to come in. They get close to the tent, that snapping turtle moves. And he'd say (Snapping Turtle) "Come in! Come in!" And he'd come in then--open it and it don't bother you.

(Was he an old timer?)

Yeah, he's an old timer. He's dead now. But some of them tried to carry on his gift. They said you could transfer those gifts. Now this man, Clyde Coko, he's dead now--when they was over here at Fort Sill--when the Indian soldiers was over there--this young man was a little baby about maybe a year old. And he had high fever and he was sick and they called to this Snapping Turtle. And he took him down to Medicine Bluff on Medicine Creek, and people were watching. He took that sick baby and walked with him in the water. And the water was clear. They walk under the water and they say they went way down in the deep water and laid down and he put the baby on his arms and they both laid there under the water for maybe an hour. And people were watching. And he stayed under there and they could see him and when he came out of there he gave the child back to its mother and it was well. Just a