

and kind of go along with them hoping she might get well.

WICHITA DOCTORING PRACTICES:

(you don't have any Wichitas that doctor with peyote do you, like Bill Campbell or Mack Thomas?)

No, I don't think they practice anything like that..you know. But you know way back there in the..my mother told me that my grandmother, she used to doctor people. But I don't know, this maybe something unreal. But she..my mother told me that my grandmother in doctoring people used some part of a peyote for medicine purpose, that is, as an ingredient with other medicine, with other herbs. That's what she said. So, she believe that much.

(Would you tell me that story that you were telling in the car again, about doctoring with the rattlesnake rattles?)

Oh, well, my wife did some midwife services for people in our community and well it was something..I don't know just how she was instructed to use this medicine. But anyhow, she had faith enough to take this advice, or how to do this..use it better. She never did tell me. In other words, it's something like a doctor..a present day doctor. Other words, what he learns it's personal.. yes it's right with him. Anyway, she had a rattler..I don't know where she got this the first time. Oh,, it was a bunch of kids, young then. I don't know which of the kids got the rattler, I don't know, threw it away or lost it. So that's in about '50. Karl (Schmitt) was down here and he I think talked about going to New Mexico. So she asked Karl, would he be good enough to get her a rattler. He said, well I'll try. I think I can. So it just so happened that he was going out on the rocksout there and he seen a rattlesnake, just going toward a hole among the rocks there. He got a pretty good (stick) just put it about half way off his body and just stationed him there. Enough time to get the rattles off. So she had it..she used to use it. I don't know just how she use it cause she wouldn't tell me.

(Do a lot of Wichita women still have children with midwives at home?)