

(Were you pretty sick with the flu?)

I was pretty sick. Me and my baby--Lewis. And I guess Rosie had it over here at this school at Cantonment. He went over there and treated her. I guess she was afraid of him. But I guess he told that woman--the matron--that he wanted to see her--to see if she's got bad headache. Well, most of them employees were Indians. There were some Pawnees and Otoes and Osages. They were mostly Indian people. And I guess they let him. And he went ahead and cut her head and this Eagle Feather said just the very next day Rosie was up. She got all right. (Did you all have to pay him anything then?)

No. He just wanted us to get well.

(You never did do this kind of cutting yourself?)

No. No, no, no, no. I never did do anything like that. I wouldn't even cut anybody's head--I might cut too deep and that brain might run out.

TREATMENT OF BROKEN BONES

(Did the Indians have any way to set broken bones? Or how did the Indians treat someone if they had broken their arm or leg or something like that?)

Well, they used to--you know this rawhide--what we used for soles? They used to cut it and tie it on there to make them straight. Yeah, they were just as smart and the white man.

(Would you have to get a doctor to do that or could anybody do that?)

Anybody--they used to do that themselves. There wasn't no doctors.

(I mean an Indian doctor.)

No. Just anybody could do that.

(Would they have that rawhide clear around the arm?)

Yeah, clear around. Well, you know, they always be flat and they used to measure it and cut it just as long as how far they want to put it. Then they'd put it on there and then they used to run that string and tie it that way. And on the leg, too.

(Would they use any medicine?)

No. They didn't put no medicine on there.