

(Was it very common, as far as you can remember, for people to break a bone or hurt themselves like that?)

Well, I didn't think it was bad to treat a broken bone or anything. Now when they broke a rib, the same thing--this hide, they used to put it on them. Just like putting a bandage around them--taping them. It was like that. They had ways, you know, of doctoring things. They had brains.

(What if anybody had a bad hit on the head or fell and hit their head, or something like that? Would there be anything special they'd do?)

I don't think so. I don't think I know how they treated anybody with a hurt on the head. I know they didn't stitch anything. They didn't sew anything up. I don't know how they would.

TREATMENT OF CUTS

(What about cuts?)

These cuts, you know, it's funny. When they get cut they used to put dirt on it. Sand or something. Not sand--just this earth dirt. Dirt. They used to put it on there to check the blood. And after that they would mix lard and sugar and put it on there and that used to close up the wound. You know, wherever you got cut if you put sugar and lard and then tie it, next time you open it the wound was closed and there's a scab on it.

(What would you tie it with?)

They tie it with rags. Just any kind of rag. It didn't have to be a white rag. Just any cloth they could get hold of, they used to tie them with it. They didn't have no bandages at that time. That's as far as I know. I've seen that. Now, like, I had a cut--you could see it yet--look there--from there, way down there. I run into a wire fence and it was different from this wire that we got. It was flat and it was just twisted and little sharp things. We were chasing this Old Man Little Raven's calf. He wanted us to chase it in the corral. And Ralph and his brother and myself and my brother and my sister, we was chasing it. And I run into that wire and it cut me. And it was just wide open. And my grandmother, she mix lard and sugar and put it on there and tie it, and that's what heal it. It