

them. Take all that infection or something like that. That's what they used to say.

(Did they ever have much trouble with their cuts or sores getting infected back in those days?)

No, they never did used to have any. They never did have to suffer with what sores they had--cuts, or anything. They used to heal up. And one time there was a bunch of people that had--they said it was the itch. They had it over here, between their fingers, and you know what they used? Ashes. They used to wet their hands and just put that ashes in there and they said it used to burn. But it healed them. And then I guess some of them, somebody had sores between his toes. And they used ashes and it cured them. And you know when their feet stink, they used to put sand in their shoes and put their feet in there barefoot. That sand used to take all that smell away. (Would they use very much sand?)

Oh, yeah, they used to put sand in there.

(Would they put the sand in their shoes at the same time they're wearing them?)

Yeah, they put it in their shoes.

FACE PAINTING

(Did they do anything to keep their skin soft or keep their skin pretty or try to keep wrinkles away?)

No. They never use nothing like that. They're just now using them. They didn't use nothing on their faces.

(How about just painting for decoration?)

Oh, they had different kinds. They used to buy it in little boxes and they used to paint their cheeks. Just their cheeks. And sometimes clear up from here to their eyes.

(Just women or men, too?)

Women and men, too. Men, they used to paint theirs across--across their eyes.

(Would it go clear back to their hairline?)

Yeah. They used to paint that way. And some of them used to paint over here.

(Would it be just a smear of paint on their forehead?)