

after it's born. She say right after it's born don't feel nothing.

They just pierce their ears right away. Say that's the reason they pierce their ears right away.

(What was your Indian name?)

Nin-ka-na-ta-equak.

(Daughter: Tell her what it means.)

Oh, I just can't know. Something about bloom.

(How could you tell when a woman would have twins?)

Yeah. Well they use this medicine. That's why they know. See like grandma she know about that. That medicine--on the medicine. They dig it and they know how it is.

(Which way it grows or something?)

Yeah.

(Could they tell whether it would be a boy or a girl in the same way?)

Yeah, my mother she knows.

(And then when she dig this medicine nobody could go with her. And then she puts tobacco in it.)

Yeah, we got our own Indian tobacco, Not just any kind. We got our own. Own Delaware tobacco. I still got some. This tobacco--God give us. And she say it's powerful. And she say that's the only reason nobody else got it but me, now. I'm the only Delaware. My people here--they're Delawares but they don't know nothing about that. See my mother use it for tobacco. Then when she can't use it anymore she told me how to use it. See, when our boys went to war, I had two boys went down there. I had a lot of nephews too.

(Daughter: In World War II)

And we pray. And my mother she goes down to the creek and she used this big rock. She build a fire and she takes this tobacco and she prays on that. And the boys--all our boys come back safe. Nothing wrong with them. They say that's what we prayed for them.