

Put that tobacco on that fire. Put just a pinch of it. Put it on there and that's all. She does that every now and then. Then when she gets medicine too she use that Indian tobacco. And she prays. She don't just put it down. She prays for God to help them. God put this herb for us to use for our bodies to get well. That's the way she prays.

(Did that come from East?)

Oh, I don't know. That's way back. Generation to generation. Them old people. I don't know how they got it. Can't tell you that.

(Where did your mother get her medicines? From somebody else in the family?)

Yeah. From generation to on.

(Is it passed down to either of the sexes?)

Yeah. Both.

(Will you pass yours down to anybody in your family?)

Yeah. The oldest one. I have to pass it to her. But she can't tell no one else. You have to keep it to yourself. Said one day you have to give a horse away for to tell you one medicine. That's the reason we don't tell our medicines to anybody. Because we ain't got no horses anymore. (laughs)

SCHOOLING OF INFORMANT:

(What school did you attend the short time you were in school?)

I used to go to a public school. A school here over across the creek. My grandmother used to send me but I wouldn't go.

(Daughter: I thought you went to Riverside for a little while.)

I did--a little while. And I stayed down the creek. Played hooky.

(Was it a mixed school?)

Yeah.

EARLY SETTLERS:

(Did your grandmother ever tell you anything about the early settlers