

NURSE'S AID TRAINING IN CHILOCCO - HELPED DELIVER SEVERAL BABIES

I delivered two.

(You did?)

This Mary--James' father-in-law, their oldest girl, I delivered her. All by myself.

(How did you do it?)

Well, when I was at Chilocco I took up nurse's aid.

(How would you go about delivering a baby?)

Well, I read books--baby. I had to help him once. I had to reach in and grab the baby and he taught me how to do it. I just followed his instruction. And pulled him out. Got that baby's head and every time she take a deep breath (word not clear) and go back in when they take that deep breath. And there was her mother and there was another woman sitting there by her head and came after Dr. Hart and he came over there and pulled me out and said he's going to have to help me. Use to bring me books to read and I told him I took up nursing aid when I went to school. He asked me if I wanted to read about different things, you know. So I did a whole lot, read a book and then he come back and give me another book.

(In a dry birth, do they start pushing again and then they just pull them out?)
Oh huh. I told her; I said, I tell you whenever that baby's head is coming out. They usually come so far and that was it. And she start to want a drink, want to get up, want to use the stool. And I told her no, you're not going to do it. This was another girl. So I know what to do. I wash my hands in alcohol and pour mineral oil on her and that was time and try to grab him. And I just on my back and I told her it would be hard because her pain were coming too quickly already. And so I got ready. Put ner legs way up. Kept holding them up and doctored her. Against her knees. And I told that