

he waited on me and his wife. They waited on me. And then I went to the hospital from the house, because everybody goes, all these young womans, you know, have babies they all have them in the hospital, but in them days, we never did have no doctors or nothing.

CARE OF MOTHER AFTER CHILDBIRTH:

(In the story you said that the woman had to stay in the tipi ten days after the baby was born. What went on in the tipi during this time?) You know, I'm going to tell you how they fixed their..you know, sometimes blood clots up in the stomach when they get cold. Well, they have a fireplace out there and they put big logs on it and the daddy of this woman built a fire, and her husband built a fire, and they dig a hole for it, oh, so big like that and about that deep and they dig it in there and after that fire turns into coals, you know and they fill it up with coal, they fill it up with coal. And then they put sage over it. You've seen sage, haven't you? They break them about that long and put them this way and some this way and you know that heat don't come over this sage fast. No, they cover the coal with dirt about that deep with dirt. And then they put that sage over it and then they put quilt over it and then they let her lay there, just like steaming her you know. She get real hot and all and her stomach get real hot and then it don't clot up. And then they tie her real hard around her waist so it won't turn in to poison or anything. And they lay her this way and that way. For ten days they got to do that to her and then she's all right. She'll be all right then. Well, that's been done way back in years, and I never did see any, but that's what my mother told me. When she was young, way back in years, with her first child, that's what they done to her. And that's the way they used to do to the woman. And