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I'm going to start a story of where I was born. I'm a Kiowa--full blood Kiowa, and the oldest granddaughter left from Chief Stumbling Bear, the peace treaty signer of Medicine Lodge Kansas and this is hundred years that they celebrating at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. So I'm figuring on going up there. And my mother is the daughter of Stumbling Bear. My father's name was Apekaum, and he's the one that had a uncle and his name is "Do ha di", it mean a big medicine man, that's the name and they call him Snapping Turtle, in English, because he claims that the medicine came from the underwater animals all kinds, that's where he got his medicine and everybody know him by that.

FATHER'S DOCTORING

So my father, when I was a little girl, I was about--born around here, and when I was a small girl he put up a tipi. He wants to doctor some of us that been sick, you know, and he learn it from my grandpa, his name was--and my father's father, and his daughter was Mary Buffalo. So I have two aunts and two uncles. Old Man Sankidoti was my father's half brother. So they all come down, and Jack Sankidoti, my cousin, all came down to a meeting. He put a tipi, and when he put it up they all come in evening all get ready for peyote meeting. Go in and made medicine and sing all night and pray.

ALICE'S PART AT PEYOTE MEETING

So my father said, "I would want my oldest daughter," there was four of us you know, two little ones and two sisters, that other one up there (indicates photograph) and I "I want the oldest one to carry water for me in the morning for the men who sit up all night and drink that water. "I want to use my feather on her so she can grow up in good health and she become a young women and get married." That's what he said, and I