

tell anybody. Because when the white people get hold of that and--medicine they going to use it and they going to cure a lot of people with cancer. They going to make them get well right now. It's going to kill that cancer. And I use this. I got it here at the house right now. Got a little old trunk over there and I got that medicine in it but nobody ever come to me with cancer, always go to a doctor.

(Is it a plant medicine?)

Yeah.

(Well, I won't ask you anymore about your secret.)

It's a white medicine. Come from the white man. He told my father and my father got it. One lady used to live up here. She had cancer so bad, right in here, all along her neck, and then his neice had it and right through here too and he got them well with it and another woman, right on her arm. It was broke out. I saw him doctor them with it. We ain't got no name for it because it come from this old Dr. Sherry who lived back there and he was on that off road that come--dirt road, not gravel road--going south about, well it's on this side where that spring is, you know, up this way, he use to live there. He's house still stand up. Standing there yet, and I guess his grandchildren there yet and or somebody is living over there, or they just lease it. That's where he used to live and him and my father was good friends, you know, they neighbors together and he was a doctor. All these white people from around here, on Cache Creek, they come from to him when they get sick. This woman had cancer. They live up here on the hill and my father said--that was his second cousin's daughter--she said, "Would you get that girl well? She lives up there and she got sores all over her. No good." You know how these old peoples talking. "Yeah, let's go." And they came up here and he showed them that medicine and he said you just wash her and clean with soap real good and just dry it off and just put that powder over it like that. Get it well. And sure enough, she live many years after that. She got well. I didn't think she was going to get well.