

womans, they had that scalp, you know, and they dance with it. They thought they done great things. That's why lot of them goes. And the one that done bring the scalp, he's got big name. He's a chief then. Some other man might pick up a stick and run up there and hit that dead man over there with a stick and "ah-hay!" (Louise demonstrates a yell) they holler that. That's another big thing. That's way they become big chief.

(How did your dad happen to get acquainted with the Mescaleros?)

Well, he stay around there with them. That's why he understands little Mescalero. Just like he said, he's so poor at home he just go anywhere to get by. So that's why he stayed over there. He didn't tell me how long he stayed there and how he got in with them.

(Did he ever mention the name of any people he knew at Mescalero?)

No, I don't remember the names. No I don't believe I know the names. Seems to me like he called some names but I don't know--I don't remember.

(Later on did he ever go back out there to visit? Like after you were born?)

No. No, not that I know. No, I don't think he ever go back.

HOW SADDLEBLANKET DOCTORED CLAUDE JAY:

(Would you mind telling me how he doctored Claude Jay?)

Well, his mother (Claude Jay's mother) has some water in a coffee pot on the stove and when the heat was coming out from the point of that coffee pot he-- you know how children is--he went over there and he suck that heat out of that coffee pot. And it just burned his throat down each side and he can't breathe. And Claude Jay come over to my daddy's place and he told him, he says, "This boy's pretty sick. His throat's all burned and he can't eat and he just cry all the time." So he took him back home, and he told him, "Do your best. Doctor him." And he said, "Well, I don't know much about it, but I'll try my best." And he said, "Well, I don't know much but I'll try my best." And he keep doctoring. He's knows something about when you're burned, you know. He know how to heal it. So he did. They just kinda suck on his throat--outside, of course, you know. But he managed how to get to it. And he had some