

a bunch of roots, I guess about dat big around (12 inches in diameter) in his hand. So he pulled his clothes off and went in dat water and set down. But before he set down, he dipped dat medicine in de water toward de south; toward de east, toward de west, toward de north, then he set down; just headed down in de water, dat way. And you know, you couldn't see a speck of cloud nowhere. Hat, man and dry. Dat time it's gettin' long up, you know, close to 12 o'clock. Yes suh, everybody was settin' there. He set dere, with dat medicine hold down in de water. I guess between 12 and 1 o'clock, you could see a little spot of cloud way back dere in de northwest, I mean southwest. It keep spreading out, seem like. Get a little bigger and bigger; a little bigger and bigger. Directly, hear ditto, ditto, ditto (sound of rain coming) Hey, heh, heh. Everybod gonna look like way up. That cloud go to spreading out. First thing you know, there's plum across the sky dere, you know, look it, it's so black you could squeeze de water outta it. Ditto, ditto, ditto, closer an closer, and don't you know, it rain de rest of dat eveything and all night dat night. Well, dat fall de folks didn't give him a barrel of corn, dey brings a load of corn. Yew suh, dey bring a load of corn. He had an old log crib dere. Dey had de crib full and a big pile of it down de other side of de crib. Crib couldn't hold what dey bring.

(How many people were gathered there?)

Oh, man I guess there's I know there's 75 easy enough.

(And there coulda been--)

Coulda been more.

(Coulda been more?)

Yeah, coulda been more.

(Do you remember Chilly's father's first name, Old Man Fish first name?)

No suh, I sho don't. All the name I know is Old Man ish.

(Was he a Seminole medicine man?)

Yes suh, yes suh.

OTHER STORIES OF SEMINOLE MEDICINE MEN

(Mr. McIntosh, do you remember any other Seminole medicine men from that time?)