

Yeah, I had been right there. It come no more doctors. There was just a few of us. That's all they do is just sing. Just all. Eat, meet, sing, and that's all. Everybody left, no more.

USE OF HERBS FOR MEDICINE

(Did--what types of--I've heard mentioned that they used herbs. What types of things did they use as medicines? These doctors, do you know?)

Oh, they use like just a few of 'em. Like the plum bush roots. And that's the one I seen out there once in a while. It's green and look like a fern, they use that. And them water lilies the roots of them are in the water. They use that. In the ponds, use that. And some others. There's several of them.

(Did they prepare them in a certain way or did they just use them as they were picked?)

Mrs. Osborne: I imagine they dried them.

They cook them right there. They make kind of a tea. And they give it to the one.

Mrs. Osborne: And liquid?

Liquid, yeah, make it warm. I was sick one time here, and I went over to Denis Hostettler, and sure was high fever, and I took real high fever. Alice-- you got that on, you go up there and get some of them rag weeds--not them white ones, boil it and make water, and drink it up. I come back and had some more. I was all right the next morning. Yeah, that rag weeds you know.

Mrs. Osborne: Well, I don't know what it was, you know Grant, that my mother use to carry--what herb it was, but I remember that was when I was just young you know, and I begin having, I really had stomach trouble you know, just real pain you know. And so she fix some for me. She had a little grater you know like you grate things you know. And she'd do that with this herb you know and she go and cook it you know. Make tea. It use to smell good too.