

Side B - Part I

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Informant: Wilburn Battie, Cherokee

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Wilburn Battie, 88 year old full blood Cherokee, of Hulbert, Oklahoma. Mr. Battie is presently a patient in Monholland Nursing Home, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and is not well enough to give a good interview. March 12 1968—

William Battie, Cherokee of Hulbert, Oklahoma. Mr. Battie is remembered by many Cherokees as an authority on snake bites and as an Indian snake doctor. This brief recording is made in attempt to obtain information on the matter.

(—rattle snake bite?)

Well, I'd have to (not clear).

(I thought the rule is that you'd have to tell a woman then have the woman tell him.)

Yeah. I know that's the way it used to be, (not clear)—I never did—

(Well, does Walter know how?)

Well I don't know. He don't know much about snake bite. I just (not clear).

(You have to use a certain kind of weed?)

Yeah. They (not clear) Dad asked me if I doctored lots snake bites. I said, "Yes." He showed me one time. And that is all there is to it.

(Does the weed have a name?)

No. Not that I know about. (not clear) I want to show you the weed next time in the summer.

All right. Yeah. We'll just come down in the summer and you show us that weed.

(End of this recording.)