

And before you know it, you have the gift same as I have. And that way it's been promoted and given to others.

(Does it have to be somebody that's a relative?)

No, it's not necessarily a relative. Anyone that's worthy or wealthy enough to pay for the gift. They do not just bestow it on everybody. Not very many practiced the buffalo gift.

(Why is that?)

GROUP OF BUFFALO MEDICINE MEN

Why? Well, there'd be too many medicine men, I guess. They have so many and that's all. In my lifetime there were just about ten in the whole tribe. And then later on my cousin got shot and they doctored him and there was just about five or six left. But they all combined to doctor.

(Oh, they did?)

Yeah, just like a consultation of doctors on a patient. They all work together. They all work together for the good of the patient. Now this lady, after it was bestowed to this young man, after that the young man had the power to bestow it to other young men among the tribe. He had the equal gift as the old lady had originally. And he had the same power to bestow it on others.

And it's been handed down generation after generation till this 19th century stopped. I don't think we have got a one in the whole tribe now. The last one died about three years ago.

(Who was that?)

The last one, we had about five left and they died. In the last ten years all of them died.

(Do you remember the name of that young man?)

The Original? I did know but I forgot now. And I don't believe