

him to marry a Creek! I said well, if it suits him I guess it suits me.

But she's a very smart woman. And he married her. That was my son. My boy graduated there and then went to Northeastern.

(Tahlequah's sidewalks were just planks?)

Yeah, planks. . .and hogs runnin' in town, and cattle. . .yes. I know people would but watermelons and the hogs would just be eating around the wagon. We had wagon. That's why I never learned to run a car, I guess. We owned a wagon. . .and the boys got cars. And I told them well, I was too old to try to learn then. And I had arthritis anyway. Yeah, we got cars after. . .my daughter got one after she went to teach. Louise never did learn. She's been workin' now about. . .she'll soon retire, I guess. At Hastings hospital.

ROOTS AND HERBS FOR MEDICINE IN EARLY DAYS

We use roots. . . .

(Yeah, to make your own medicine.)

Yes, we did. In growing up we didn't know what doctors was. And mother and daddy would know what you get for bad cold and things like that. We never had doctors then. Unless we just got real sick. And we's healthy children. We'd eat anything, green apples. . . . Yeah, they was things like that.

(Well, did you ever learn what the herbs and roots and. . . .)

Some I know, yes.

(And what they're for?)

Yeah, (not clear) and there's pleursy root. Take the pain out of your side.

There's some of them called this. . .what's them bugs you get on you?

Pleursy root. It blooms.

(Oh yeah, a butterfly root. . .when they call it now.)

Yes. . .we used to see, remember there used to be an old colored man been a slave, and he could doctor with that. You took pneumonia, it made you sweat. Cover you with a blanket and you'd get well. And called it pleursy root. Some of the roots I know, but I've kinda forgotten now.