

(Do the Indians down in here still use roots for medicine?)

I don't think so. I don't know any full-bloods. You see, I wasn't raised among them. That's the reason we never learned much about them. Except in Mission school.

MOTHER AND FATHER COULDN'T TALK CHEROKEE

(But your mother was full-blood and she knew those things, didn't she?)

Yes, she did. Yes, she's a full-blood. And we'd, went to school and walked way up to Parkhill. Where Cherokee is, used to be further there than it is now. Born and raised down. And that was daddy's home up there. That was his ancestors, kinfolks. He couldn't talk Cherokee, but he could kinda understand 'em. Old chapel where this boy built, Semone Chapel. That's where Mr. Duncan used to preach. Watt Duncan's grandfather. Raised Bob and he preached, and Ellen, my oldest sister heard him preach there. And he'd wear boots. And then he was still livin' when I was growin' up. Seemed like people long years ago lived to be old. And he had his last ceremony when he married us.

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