

toothache doctor." (Laughter) But I went on ahead and I just bit him clear across.

(Really?)

Yeah. And then I went back the other way. Then she told me what to say in Cherokee, as I made my tobacco for people to smoke. And a funny thing happened to me. I went for years. I never did mention that to nobody. And she said, "Your doctoring will be found out in a secret way."

(Your grandmother told you that?)

HE REMEMBERS YEARS LATER AND USES THE GRANDMOTHERS STORY AND CURES A LADY WITH TOOTHACHE

Yeah. Said, "You won't have to tell nobody." And so, it went on for years. I lived right here then. Well, it's not been too many years ago. Hitches lived back over there. And Alex Fitzgerald married one of the girls. And they took his wife down to the doctor. Oh, Boy, she was swollen just like that.

(Face all swollen?)

Face all swollen, slobbering, hadn't taken a drink of water or nothing. And so, doctor wouldn't do nothing for her. Give it up. And I don't know how in the world, Boyce, they found out. But they found out some way, that I was a tooth doctor. Well, he come over here. And I was afraid to try it. (Laughter) I said, "I am not a doctor." Said, "Yeah you are. You been pointed as a doctor--tooth doctor." I said, "Now listen." I said, "I don't want to go over ther and make a fool of myself." I said, "I don't know whether I can do that or not." He wouldn't tell me how he found out. And I said, "I don't know if I can cure her or not. I'm going to be honest with you." And there was a little store right up there and I didn't have no tobacco. And anyway somethin' went wrong right up there and I didn't have no tobacco. And anyway somethin' went wrong and the store was closed, they'd went somewhere. And so my and my wife got in the car and went down on the creek. And I stopped at Mary Folkow's.