

female but they got on the back of the alligator. They rode just when that witch came to that bank. Well, they were on that alligator back. And then that alligator started out and she put her hand like that, just you know--just about to touch them but that alligator took them off. And he went and took them on the other side of the river and he let them off. He said, "Go on your way now." He said, "Nothing ain't going to harm you." Then that witch hollered at that alligator and said, "You come and get over here and take me across too." So that alligator came back--came back and that old lady, that witch was standing right there. She said, "Take me across and hurry." And that alligator said, "Get on my back." She got on him and kind of hit him like this and told that alligator to hurry, you know. It was a mean witch, I guess. "Ya'll hurry up now. Go fast so I could catch up with them. Hurry now!" Just kind of treat that alligator mean. Now this alligator start out while she was talking. Right in the middle of that deep water he went in. Went inside and that witch woman got drowned and don't know what became of her. So the young girl and the sister got saved. They didn't say whether they found the camp or not but they didn't get killed. They got saved. And all the rest of the childrens got killed.

(Oh, that's great. Where did you hear that story?)

Jenny: I heard it from my grandmother. It's all from my grandmother.

(Is that your mother's mother?)

Jenny: Yeah.

(What was her name?)

Jenny: Her Indian name is--it didn't have no English name. Her Indian name was Hó tá dá, Hó tá dá. In a white man's way that means "Running through a big crowd," that's what it means. You know, they