

SULPHUR WATER - HEALING OF EAR TROUBLE

And Walt had something the matter with his ear. And course my mother took him to the doctor. And he said, he just run blood all the time out of his ear. We wasn't there but three months. Till that ear was sound and well.

(Well.)

He, I know, the last time we was up there he said there's that little bush I used to hang that rag on.

(Uh-huh.)

You know it had a big branch on it. He'd go down there and squirt some water in his ear out of that rag.

(Well, my goodness.)

And uh -- .

(What was that water white looking, or yellow looking?)

No, it's just -- .

(Clear.)

It's just clear looking.

(Uh-huh.)

But it tastes of sulphur. I know.

(You could smell it and taste it.)

Yeah. And the road used to run from Gore plum on up to Braggs. Come by Sulphur Springs. And we'd be up there at the house. Course the house wasn't too far from the springs, And them people you could just hear them going. Shooooo-weeeee. Going on about that water. They'd hold their nose and drink it. Course they camped there all night.

SALT WELLS NEAR ILLINOIS RIVER

(Yes. Some place they had up here on the Illinois River they had salt wells. And Indians would boil that water and make salt.)