

after she passed away, was placed in the Smithsonian Institute. And we have travelled to Washington and we wanted to see this--this Indian medicine bag which belonged to our great grandmother but we were unable to because I think it was put up on a display every so often. However, we are going to go see it whenever--next chance we get. But they--we were told--that's one of the things they tell us, that we are not suppose to be curious about these things. That they are usually buried with a person to whom it belongs. So we were a little undecided as to whether we really wanted to see it or not, but I would still kinda like to see it. And from that, my father, he didn;t practice any of this--it was never handed down to him, even though I think he knew some things about it. But he laid all those Indian ways--like that down and he just--we just never did--or he just never practiced it. So, however, I became ill about 1958 or 59. I suddenly became ill with pain and fever in my stomach and, of course, I was rushed to the hospital. And they discovered that I had a gall-bladder infection and gall stones. And it was very painful. So my brothers and my family were concerned and they wanted to have a Peyote meeting for me to help me, and that was the only way that they knew how to help me. So we had this Peyote meeting and it was held in our living room, which was a large living room. And about 20 or 30 people came and stayed up all night with me. And I always knew that in my father's religious instruments that there was an eel skin, he always had in there. And I never did see him use it. But at this time when they held this meeting for me, they prayed for me and they gave me Peyote tea and I ate a green Peyote. All this was done during the night. And before midnight, they took the eel skin out and they placed it around my waist where I was in pain and prayed for me and gave me more tea and I became comfortable and, of course, I prayed myself, too. And I--I would say I had this eel skin around my waist for about, oh,