

where there was no hair I guess. But I often wonder why--they must a sterilized, or else they got infection you know, because you know, a head is dirty. It catches lots of germs. I often thought about that later, because that time I didn't know nothin'. But later I remember that and I just thought--Wonder how they did that to keep it from getting infection set in. But that's what they did and afterwards I thought about it. They must a had high blood pressure. You know they said blood goes to your head and you black out. And he did that and he also doctored people that didn't eat, when they just kinda feel bad. They don't know what's the matter with them, because they don't have any doctors. And my dad had a piece of herb 'bout like that. I used to have it, but I don't know what I did with it, it's round here somewhere, I believe. And he used to take that herb and scrape that. You know when I got so old, when I got way older, why I noticed Mr. Martin call him over there--my dad.

(Walter Martin?)

Uh-huh. Walter Martin. He called him over there and he took me with him. When we got over there, why he scraped that herb--took a little white clean cloth--he scraped it like that. He called for water. He want a glass of water he said, 'bout half, I guess. He want them to bring a glass of water--he said 'bout half a glass--and he put this herb in there.

(After he scraped it?)

After he scraped it, he put it in a glass of water and he left it and he told me--Mrs. Martin wouldn't eat, she felt bad and she wouldn't eat--wasn't hungry.

(Helen huh?)

Uh-huh. Helen. And Mr. Martin got worried, I guess, and heard about dad doing things like that. Maybe the old folks heard about it, I don't know. Anyway, he doctored her and I just thought why, "Why that don't look like that herb would do any good", but I guess maybe he knows what he was doing. I was small, you