

Old Bunt Markham, he was the daddy of Whistler. He was Whistler's grandfather. He was a big kind of feller.

(Well how old a place is that store down near at Turner's site? Is than an old place?)

Yes, it is. An old place.

(I wonder who started that place.)

Well it was after statehood before that was built. I don't remember who did start it. Joe Crist put up a grist mill there. Fellow by the name of Joe Crist put up a grist mill up there and then they built that store. I don't remember whether he put it up or not. I don't remember that. It was just a little trading point. Just tobacco and things like that. Then you could get a lot of stuff for a dollar at that time. Tobacco, coffee and sugar and things like that. A dollar go a long way. By golly you take twenty dollars now you can't buy much. Then we doctored with herbs first one way then another. They got along pretty well with what they know was a fact. But that's how they got along.

INDIAN DOCTORS - HERBS USED FOR MEDICINE

(Well did they just use old Indian doctors?)

Yeah, used herbs and potions. I still know quite a bit about these medicines but they hard to find now.

(What were some of the things they would use, that they hunt for?)

Well all these weeds that was good for something. If you have chills you take black haw weeds and chigger weeds and use them. That will get you well. Whooping ccugh, you take wild cherry and hickory bark and boil it and make a tea out of it. Makes pretty good cough syrup. Huckleberry, just trees and other kinds that grewed out in the hills. Them really do the work. Builds your blood up and you get well. Course you people living all right but not that old. That used to be a good place.