

Small children, the ones that were bigger than what they were, they didn't want them kids to go off, and they used to run them back. Yeah, they'd keep them back. Keep them close around home. That's the way.

(Did they used to tease you or anything like that?)

Yeah, they used to tease me.

(This kind of teasing they did, was it a good kind of teasing or were they ever sort of mean, or anything like that?)

Yeah, it was good teasing. They used to say I had big eyes, and I had everything--big teeth. And they used to call me "wolf." "Look at that wolf coming," they used to tell me. One time my uncle, I guess he said, "I guess she's going to be the best one. She's going to be a hard worker," I guess he told me. One of my uncles--Punkin's boy, Ben Road Traveller. And these other uncles just turned around and said, "Look at that hard worker!" in Indian. But it was the truth. I worked all my life, after I got married. In the fields, everywhere. Everybody knows it.

(How love did you live with Punkin?)

Well, she died right after I went to school. Well, my mother lived with them while we were babies there. I went to school when I was thirteen and after that she died.

(Your mother?)

My mother died that winter. And then my grandmother died the following fall.

(What did your mother die of?)

I thought I told you. She had a little baby and after she had it, this baby died and she died. She must have got hurt some way, or maybe--I don't know.

(That was right after you started to school?)

Yeah, they put me in school then.

(Then after your grandmother Punkin died, who did you live with when you weren't in school?)