

(What year were you born in?)

1898, July first. We always tried to make out what month, what year we were born. The old folks always tell us that we were born in the spring or summer or fall or winter, but we didn't know which month it was. But we just now realize that the four seasons of each year. So I just always say that I was born before fourth and I just make out that my birthday was first day of July.

(Did the family always decide who a young girl would marry back when you were a girl?)

Yes, they always used to pick out for their daughter to marry a nice boy and the girl to a nice boy. And then when I was married to this young man, all his relatives, his folks gave me shawls and boots and in return gave them tents and moccasins and a comfort to replace all what was given to me by his relatives.

(And you say that your brother wanted you to do this?)

Yes, because he was the only brother I had and there was five girls of us and he was the only brother I had.

(Did a brother decide a lot about who his sister would marry?)

Well, if a young man wants this girl, he used to give him a horse, or a gun or money. In that way this girl would have to marry him. In that way they traded, this young girl for the things that this young man give to her brother.

(Did the girl have to do it?)

Yeah, she had to do it.

(What if she didn't want to?)

Well, I don't..well, the old Indians believe that you had to.

(Was there any girl who didn't?)