

(Did they give you anything to ease the pain of childbirth?).

No, nothing, but these white people now they give you something to ease the pain, but in those days you know, you have your nurses, these Indian women you know. They just bear them. Sometimes they just die with them I think, because they wouldn't be born. They just ~~be born~~ dead. Because they wouldn't be born. They don't know how to take em out or something.

(What did a woman have her child?)

In a tent or tipi or anywhere.

(Did she have a special tipi or tent?)

No, just anywhere she stayed. In her home you know like they have their own tent or household, you might say. They have em in there. But in them days they always put em on the ground. They have a ground and they cut grass, you know. They cut grass and put em under there (meaning they put the grass on the ground) and then they put the clean bedding and then they put em (meaning the female) down. And then they have their baby there sometimes. Some womans have quick birth you know, and some have long, long time. About three or four days before they have their child. It's just tough on them.

(Do you know what they did with the afterbirth?)

Well, it comes out and they just bury it. They bury it.

(Did they have any beliefs about it?)

I don't know. Some do I guess. That's as far as I know. But ah, I've seen some womans you know having child and it's just pityful you know. It's just terrible. When we were little you know, we were around the camp you know and some say you know a person that bear babies right quick have a fast birth you know. When they find them they let me walk around