

(Was this a common thing for people to...)

They give their kids away. Like that. If they ask anybody, "Do you want to marry my daughter, I give my daughter to you." They say "Yes.", and that's your husband.

(Did anyone ever not want to do it that way?)

I don't know. My age...I know they used to do that to all the young girls like my age but I don't know after that. We think...I don't know I never did ask anybody how they got married at that time, but I know that's how I got married to my husband.

(Do you remember when this practice stopped or how long it went on?)

I don't know. Not too long after that I guess because I seen lots of womens run around with different mans and then they quit him and go run around with another man and then finally they get married and settle down. I never did, ...go places, because we didn't have no places to go in them days...no cars, or nothing. When we come out of school we just stay home all summer. Help my father with the work and everything he's got. He had a lot of crops. My brothers cultivate that corn. I have to ride the horse for them and keep it on the row because the corn was so high that the horse would keep eating back and forth and my father makes me ride that horse to keep him on that line, so he won't be eating the tops of the corn. The corn was high and the cultivator was just a one row cultivator and he wants to hitch that horse to this plow and then one of those boys holding the cultivator they have to walk. They take turns three of my brothers, while I be riding the horse all day, all day. In the morning we go plow till noon and then we go to dinner and then we go back there and plow again till we get through with it. My