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(Back in the time when you were starting to school, at Darlington--was your family living in a tipi at that time?)

Yeah, all the Indians were living in tipis.

TIPIS AND THEIR FURNISHINGS

(When did they stop living in tipis?)

When the white man came in and they built houses. And that's how they commenced to have houses.

(Where was your family living when you first started to school?)

Right here. Not in this house, but in tipis.

(How many tipis were there in their camp?)

Well, there were families here--they got maybe three or four tipis.

(How many families could live in one tipi?)

One family.

(Like in the tipi that you lived in, who was living in that one tipi?)

Father and mother and them brothers.

(Who were the others that were camped near you?)

Oh, the folks--grandfolks and aunts.. Uncles.

(Were the tipis very large?)

You've seen them, I guess, when they have tipis up. Well, that's how large they were. Enough to make three beds inside. And right in the middle is the fireplace.

(How did they make their beds in the tipis in those days?)

Well, they had willow beds. They made them. They cut all the willows they could get and make them like--they sew them with sinews and then they cut four forks--two on that side and two on this side. And they have poles, you know. Then they put them willows on them. They make good beds.

(Did they use anything for a mattress?)

They had quilts.

(Did they make their own quilts or did they buy them?)

Yeah, and some of them buy them and some of them make them.

(Did they have any other kind of furniture inside of the tipis?
--like benches or tables or anything like that?)