

(They had adopted another person when they were dead--I mean after some person died then the family would adopt another person to take his place?)

Yeah.

(No. I had never heard that before and I think that is most interesting. Well, did the Indians go by signs, doing things, building houses, planting or harvesting?)

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Oh yeah! (words not clear) Wouldn't do you no good and in my mother's life they didn't know nothing about housing. Of course they made clap board with shingles. But majority of 'em--I think she said when they first come from Indiana there was a tall grass that they covered their dry sheds with, and things like that with in order to have a dry place to dry their corn or somethin' like that. They tied it down with poles. Now that's amazing to me how that would turn water, but I guess it did. There was a tree that they called linn trees, they would peel the bark off them and cover their houses and tie 'em down with a pole. Buckskin type.

(What was the name of that tree?)

Linn. (Linden tree is meant.)

(Linn, well.)

I have seen 'em when you would have thought they would have died, but they didn't happen to take the bark off when the sign was in the heart or it would have killed it. Because when you are skinning the bark off a tree, you are going pretty close to the body of it, but I guess they didn't, well, I don't suppose--I don't think that would be as big around but what I could reach around it. (not clear).

(Well they grew so fast they (not clear)--)

Now their gardens, they didn't have no irish potatoes like we have now.