same way--we don't speak much to our sisters. Only on very, very important

problems. Even in the family. We don't usually converse with them. Just

like the mother-in-laws--pretty near like the mother-in-laws. We don't speak

to our mother-in-laws.

(What if you're talking about--this work, nae.haebaᶜhaeᵃ, that would refer

to--?)

Sister or young brother.

(Would that be your younger sister?)

Younger sister. nɛbi is my older sister.

(If you had two or three younger sisters, how would you be referring to all

of them?)

Well, I'd refer to them by their name. It's a known fact in the family that

they're my younger sisters. Consequently I'd have to refer to them by their

individual names.

(What if you had several sisters--say an older sister and maybe two or three

younger sisters and you're talking to someone else. Can you just refer to

"my sisters"?)

Yeah, I'd refer to both to both--"my sister" and then call her by her indivi-

dual name. They identify them that way, you know--who I'm addressing to or

referring to.

(What would you call your brother's wife?)

neiθɛbi And if I'm addressing her, I'd call her neiθɯbɯ. Whether

she's a younger sister-in-law or an older sister-in-law. It's the same.

(Would you say that again?)

neiθɯbɯ. when I'm addressing her. And when I'm referring to her I call

her neiθɛ bi.