

guess he run around the tipi and I guess there was a snake. It got him right on the back. Oh, he said, "It was a snake!" We all went out there and boy, he was just bloated. Swelled all up. He died. It killed him right then.

(What happened to your other brother?)

Well, he was sawing a limb. He told him to saw a limb off a tree. And he fell with that limb and broke his neck. And he died. That's what took his life. He went up on the tree and tried to saw a limb off and maybe he didn't see he was about through, and that limb come down and he come down, too. And he didn't move. We used to have to get out and get wood for her, you know. But she'd go with us, you know, on the wagon, when we'd go after wood for her. And it seemed like she used to drive us. Drive us to do this and that. In a way it was pitiful. When I think about it, it was pitiful, the way we were raised. But I'm still going, and she's gone!

(How did she punish you when she punished you?)

Oh, she just used to make me stay inside and not do anything and not talk to nobody. That's the kind of punishment she used to give me. And if any of my friends--you know, like girls--come in to see me when I was in here, she'd say, "She's not here--go back!" That's the way she did. And that's the reason why--I don't care whose child it is--these orphans--I always try to help them some way because I know how it is to be an orphan. I went through it, and it's pitiful. A kid without a mother never can find a mother, but a grandmother. That's the way it is.

(Was this your mother's sister?)

No. She was just married to my mother's brother. She wasn't my real aunt. She was just married to my uncle. My mother's brother. She was married to him. And he died, and then she married this Jim Fire's father. And she used to come after us. I don't know--I think it was our money, what she was after. She wasn't my real aunt. Just while she was married to my uncle, and that was