

Christian churches among the Arapahoes, or the kind of religious training you had when you were a girl. Could you tell me about this?)

Well, let me tell you, I never was taught no religion while I was a little girl. Until, well, I must have been about eighteen when I knew there was church going on. Never had nothing like that before. But these old Indians, they had a way of praying, you know, like having service, but I don't know nothing about them. And they were all, you know, sacred. They didn't even allow children to go around there where they have their doings, you know. And I don't know nothing about them. And when I know, when I went to school, and they said, "You're going to church." And we used to go to church and it took me a long time to understand what it was. Then they'd give us Bibles and we'd read all of them and then I finally knew what it was, you know, that we were going through. And that was a Mennonite (church). It was right there by the school and we used to go every Sunday. And Wednesdays. Two days a week we used to go to church. And sing songs, and stuff like that. And then I used to see these older girls. "I'm going to join the church." And they used to join the church. I used to wonder how in the world they're going to join. Then I used to see them when they baptize them, you know. I never thought anything about it. And then, you know how girls are--they used to tell us that they weren't supposed to dance. They wasn't supposed to smoke. They wasn't supposed to gamble or anything. They used to tell us that. I used to believe it. And then they used to pray, and finally I understand and I learned how to pray. And I never did--well, one time, we had a church down there where that church is, and there's a bunch of them that was baptized, like Henry Lincoln, and Ben Spotted Wolf, and Wilbert Tabor, and Striking First--and with their wives they were all baptized. We used to go to church with them. So finally I was baptized in the Mennonite church.

(When was that?)

That was in 1910.

(Were you married at that time?)

Yeah.