

I heard her coming into our room, and she said, "All the ones who were going down the stairs, get up," and we got up and...you know it's got upstairs. It's a two story building and we was in the second floor. And she told us to set on the stairs like this all the way, and it was dark in there and she comes out this way and out this way and down that way. So she set us way down there like that. Not together, just separate, you know. All the way up there. And then we'd be halfway from the top and down that way. And when she leaves we all get scared and run together and set together. And when she's coming we go back and sit where we sit when she seen us. And she turn the light on. They had those Coleman lights then. They were bright and she would turn that on and about that time she would catch us and when 12 o'clock came she said, "Now all you girls go to bed." And we did. She punish us like that you know. She said, "I don't want you girls to go out there no more." We can't even listen to her and every now and then we going down there to steal some dried prunes and dried peaches and those barrels full of apples you know, where they shipped in from somewhere. I don't know where but they come in on wagons from Apache where they ship to Apache on train and then from Apache they take them out to the country where the school was, just barrels of apples, barrels of everything you know. Government give to the school. So we go down there and steal some of those apples, if we could make it back upstairs. We wake all the little girls up and give them apples and prunes and we be eating way into the night, prunes and peaches and apples. And a lot of times she caught us.

(Did she make you sit on the steps every time?)

Every time she make us sit on the steps

(Do you remember any other stories like that that happened to you when you were at school?)