

the first lady that brought the tent, well, she got her pick first. She didn't have to look at the names. She got her first choice, and on down. And my mother's side, they all cooked food, and they took it to his relatives on his foster parent's side. And after they had all eaten over there, each individual that had brought food, they had to go meet these over here, my side, and get what food was given to them. Well, they ate it, and after they got through they went, and then tags on the gifts, well, they put them on their tents, so they went over there and looked whose tent where it was, they took them down. That was all of it. That was the way it was, but two years later we had to get married by law. He wanted to get on the tree rolls here on this project, but we had to have married license. So two years after that we finally got our married license.

(How old were you when you got married?)

Oh, I must have been 17 or 18.

(And did your parents decide who you were going to marry?)

No, but they knew, and they didn't have no objection to what I'd done or...

(Among the Cheyenne, when was the typical age when girls married?)

Oh, they used to say they were over twenty.

(And how old were the boys generally?)

Well, like my mother used to say, my sister died when she was 28 years old.

(When did the Cheyenne consider a girl ready for marriage?)

Well, I couldn't answer that.

CHEYENNE MARRIAGES LONG AGO:

(This morning you were telling me a little bit about the arranged