

iasiwat , he's buying this girl.

(What of the other kind of marriage--the more common form--what was the name for that?)

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MARRIAGE CEREMONY AND GIFT EXCHANGE:

Then they get this girl ready in her very best. Then all her aunts and mothers and girl cousins--no childrens --they bring this girl. She be in the lead. Like a parade towards this boys parents, people, where she's going to be given to him. The girls aunts and mothers, and all the ladies friedd's, they meet about three-fourths of the way and they just welcome the girl, puttin' their arms around her and showing her how much they welcome her. And they spread a beautiful robe on the ground and they get her down. And then these--his sitters, or aunts or someone is appointed--well, they carry her. Maybe six women. She's not supposed to walk. She's not supposed to touch the ground. And they take her to where they were.

(Are they carrying her by holding the robe?)

Yes. Or blanket or shawl.

(And she's in the blanket.)

Uh huh, she's sitting up. And then they set her down. And after they set her down, well they have her wedding clothes were ready. Maybe a buckskin dress and pretty leggins and moccasins and necklace and pretty belt and her shawl. And maybe they put this beautiful war bonnet on her with a long tail. All right, then they get ready with all the stuff that the boy's people gathered, these beautiful gifts. They take them to her people. And then people would meet them people half way. They just each just grab what this one is carrying. Maybe these women were leading horses. Well, they'd get these horses and maybe some carryin' guns. Well these man folks that came to meet--to get the horses and the guns and the war bonnets--well they'll cary them away. And the ladies would carry away these pretty shawls and the food that was given in dishes. They take them in one place. Then they began to divide them up. Bundle of shawls and two dress goods and dishes.