

one up and mama said, "don't just stand there and look at us--help us!"

And I pulled that thing and I broke a string! I got tickled. I was small.

But I never did learn how to make them. I never did learn how.

(You just started making them after you got married?)

Uh--no, I never did. These cattails, yeah, I use to make them. Even him,

he knows how to tie them. He ties them and sews on them. Yeah, he does lots of woman's work. (her husband)

(Maybe you shouldn't say that!)

Yeah, he did lots of women's work.

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(Now you didn't have any younger brothers or sisters did you?)

No. I just had one.

(That was younger?)

Uh huh.

(Did you ever have--was that a brother or what?)

It's a brother.

(Did you ever have to take care of him?)

No, I never did. But I had to take care of my older sister. Mattie. I use

to carry her on my back. She act like a baby and I'll carry her on my back.

She go "unh, unh, unh!" I get so mad at her. She use to be sickly and she

always act baby-like. I make the bed at nights and she'll go to bed, and

I'll have to fold the covers up. See, we don't have no beds. We have to

fold up our beds when we wake up in the morning, when we get up. And my

daddy--see we don't have no beds in them (Indian house). We make our beds

all around. And eat on the flat, too. Mama cooks in there. Sometimes it

be so smoky when it rains. But we were used to it. And so I always tell

her to go to bed when I get the bed made.

(Interruption)