

TIPI FURNISHINGS: BEDS, BEDDING

What you want me to--?

(Can you tell me any more about those beds?)

My uncle, he used to live at Carnegie. Well, we used to live three miles north--my uncle and his wife, they got a tipi. And they got their bed made. I don't know what kind--willow tree, ain't it? Willow tree. Them straight ones. Maybe they kill it, and they set it together like that. They sew it up like that. And they got it for their bed head (probably talking about willow back rest made of willow sticks sewn together) It looks nice. Big wide one. They stick are just like that (close together), sewn together. Three times. And they put some kind of rag or something--they bleach them. They bleach those--it's some kind of canvas. No, not canvas--some kind of wool, and they bleach them and they sew it together. And up there they put a stick up and they hang it up. Oh, they use it for their head bed. Yeah. Now they make the bed. They put the pillows so they won't go fall. And under there they got same way--those sticks. Wide ones. They make it like that. They put it for their bed. That's the way they used to live. I don't never--I never did see my mama make anything like that.

(When you were little and lived in a tipi, what kind of covers did you use on your bed?)

We had covers like these. Way back they used to have buffalo hides for covers. They tan them. But I don't know that life. Just on this side. You know I told you the government furnish them. Give them. Yeah. They give quilts and blankets and pillows, sheets, canvas--everything.

(What kind of blankets did they have?)

Oh, government blankets. Some brown and some black and some white. Oh, they