

(When did you first start making things--beadwork?)

Oh, I wish I had written all that down--so I could know!

(I didn't mean what year--was it when you were a school girl or after you got married or what?)

We used to do lots of beadwork in school. Our matron used to make us bead and learn this and that.

(Was she a white woman?)

She used to send them off for us to sell for us. Such as necklaces and some little things that a person would keep for souvenir. And little moccasins. She used to get beads for us and tell us to make this and that. And when we finish them she'd take them and send them off to sell them. I don't know where she sold them, but she'd send them off and she'd share with us, the money.

(How much would you get?)

I don't know how much she used to get, but she used to give us enough to buy our paper or pencils or anything like that.

BEADED CRADLES

(Did you ever make a cradle--or bead one?)

No, I never made them. Older people used to make them.

(When you were taking care of your brother's little boy--your nephew--did he have a beaded cradle board?)

No.

(How about your own kids--did you ever have one for yours?)

I had one that had a cradle but it was given to him when he was a baby.

(Who gave it to him?)

His father's cousin.

(Did she make it herself?)

No. I guess her mother-in-law gave it to her when she had a baby, and then she pass it on to my boy.

(What ever happened to it when you got through with it?)

I passed it on to my cousin's baby.

(Your cousin on your mother's side or your father's side?)

I think it's on my mother's side.

(What was her name--your cousin whose baby you gave the cradle