

in them days. Great big old skirt they was, and they wore about three garments of underclothes. Look like they'd smother to death to me. But that's the way they dressed. And they wore their skirts plumb to their ankles. And they wore white blouses we call them now days. They called them middies in them days and they were dressed up when they wore them. Mama had a big old black skirt on and that old white blouse on and course mama wore a hat. Wore a big black hat. They use polish them, they paint them, and they wore a hat. That's the way they dressed me. I use to just -- I just wanted those bows off of me, I'd be so hot. We were the same way. We had three or four undergarments on and long dresses and they had to be long sleeved and we were dressed up. But they were just plain dresses, you know, just plain dresses. And then they believed in putting the undergarments on,

(There certainly must have been a reason or custom--)

Yeah, and you know these were every day clothes. You know, even in the summertime when we wanted to be cool we had to wear at least one heavy garment under our dresses, because they just didn't let--we didn't --

(How did the men dress? What was their costume?)

Well the best I can remember papa just wore dress pants, just like anybody else does now. And coat. They always believed in wearing coats. You know, dress coat.

(Did they wear a vest too?)

Yeah, papa wore a vest a whole lot. I remember mama had his clothes put away and she had several vests that he'd put on.

(I've often wondered if the Indians back in those days go in for jewelry