

(Did you all live down there?)

Uh-huh. Allen taught school there--Catholic school. So we run off and got married. Going on 50 years, 50 years next February. He was 18 and I was 13. (Mama said that--I think her sister married when she was thirteen and Charlie was thirteen.)

Well, I heard that they was gonna marry me off and that scared me. I got acquainted with Jesse, and when he asked me to marry me, I was ready to go. I don't know I just feel like if I knew him all my life why I figured, you know. And like he says we went through thick and thin. And we're so old and we're getting old and nobody'll have us so we'd better stick together. (Laughter)

#### LIFE ON TRIPS TO MINNESOTA AND COLORADO IN SUMMER

(Well, when you used to live around here and go off to Minnesota, how long did you stay? Did a lot of Indians still go up there?)

We used to go in June and stay until about September. Then we come back. Then we--oh there several up there. But I think we were about the first ones there. And Wagon he came up there then Ernie. No, Charlie Brody, Jess took him up there one time, him and oh, and Indian from up there at Chippawa. I forgot, one of the boys went up there. Anyway, they went up there and Jesse always tell about gettin' so mad. Said they went into Iowa. They went in cafe and he said that they sat down and waited and waited and said nobody ever did come to 'em. So finally he asked that girl, waitress; he said, "Aren't you gonna wait on us?" She said, "We can, we don't wait on Indians." She said "We'll wait on you." He said, "If you can't wait on them, I don't want to be waited on either." So they got up and left.

(Did a lot of different people from around here go up there?)

They used to.

(Like when they'd go off like that, did they always wait until the dances were over?)

I don't know I didn't pay much attention to dances then. I really didn't pay