

any attention to 'em until we were married, and I joined the club. But always the Indians dance was new to me then.

(Well, you know 'cause mom talks about, you know, as soon as school was out going to Colorado.)

Lot of 'em used to go to Colorado. We used to. I think--Jesse went--well, he went first. This Chippewa Indian came down, his name was George Selkirk. And he went back up there and Jesse and Charlie Brave and--but I can't think who else went. But anyway they all went up there and the next year, well Jesse took me and Katie. Then different ones. The Strike axes come up here one year and Wakon, just different ones. Oh, it would be muddy. I had to go a week one time, going up there. We had to stop and get stuck and stop and the car was way ahead of us and we had to wait. Thresa was just six weeks old first time we take her up there. One time we all camped. They didn't have motels them days. You had to take your own tent down with you. We all got out and they had their poles all out and a car come by and he says, what time does the circus start? Show--what time does the show start? There was about four cars of us and we were putting our tent up and they asked us. We laughed about that. And one time, we got up there and they had floods and we had to stay in Omaha two or three days, the creeks were up. So, mama was along and loan us some money. Oh, I don't know, we had all kinds of experiences. I guess. (Laughter)

#### ACTIVITY IN EARLY DAYS - CAMPING - DANCES

We cut across that prairie and there would be a spring. I can't think where it is, but they used to stop and eat their dinner and things. And then they'll go on and maybe they stop at a creek. You know if I see 'em I can remember 'em but I wouldn't name 'em. They'd go on down to the creek and they used to camp there and stay there all night. But my folks live way on the other side of Fairfax. They lived in what they called Big Bend. It was about nine miles from the Arkansas River. We used to go dances over and have a big pow-wow.