

case where the girl would ask the boy for herself. But those two are my cases.

(Did it ever happen that a girl might ask somebody else to ask the boy for her?)

Not that I know of, But in my case, you know, they ask this girl--through my cousin--for me to come after her. Which we (unin. Phrase). . . But we all understood that I'd be the only one that she had in mind and in return she'd be the only one that I'd make any agreement with, and consent to. But there are other cases where--the old custom was that a man, regardless of the difference in age, if he wants a girl, he'd work it through her uncle or brother. For instance, he'd maybe give this girl's uncle ten or fifteen or twenty dollars, or buy him groceries--maybe he'd get him drunk. And he'd ask his the uncle for the girl. Naturally the man would be willing under those situations. But the others may not-- She might have other uncles--two or three--that might not agree to that. And her brother may not agree to that. I know one case, what happened through the rest . . . and the brother didn't agree to this girl being bought through her uncle. Whisky, groceries, money--and her two uncles didn't agree to that. They'd rather have the boy that she was acquainted with and they all liked--and was respectable, you know, for the girl's husband. But it's just outright Indian way, you know, and the girl had to comply with that. If she didn't comply with that, why her father and mother would get mad at her and her uncle would sever relationship with that family.

(Now her uncle--would it be her father's--?)

Her father's--No. Her mother's brother. Her mother's brother, yeah.

(Did her father's brother ever have anything to do with it?)

No. No. Her father's brother had never anything--

(And her own brothers would have something to say about it?)

Yeah, they had something to say. Could object over it. If they had been approached like this boy approached this girl's uncle, they'd been agreeable, but for as long future expectation of happiness--if the brothers didn't see any advantage, they'd object.

OTHER GIRL FRIENDS:

(Did you ever have any other proposals from girls? Did any other girls ever try to