

gets up.

(What was his name?)

Alonzo. Alfred's daddy. You seen him, ain't it?

(No, I never did see him. I've seen his pictures.)

(Well, those first houses that they built, where did they build them?)

Well, wherever they think they're gonna live, that's where they build them for them. See, now, like this time Rachel's got that place down in the bottom--our place way down west of Fort Cobb-- And there's two room house they build next to that river. But it's way <sup>off</sup> from the river, though. It's 'bout half a mile from the river-- not too far though. But we don't live in there. We're just out in the tipi all the time. I don't know why they never use that house. But later on, when I got married, well--I been away from my folks then--and when we went back they were living in the house. But she had her tipi up, though. And that was the year my aunt pass away. And I guess my mother and them they took notion to live in the house. Then they move in the house and they were in the house.

(Did you like living in the tipi?)

I like to stay in the tipi.

(What was it like on the inside of the tipi? How were your things fixed?)

Oh, well, they got beds. You know these boards? These board beds? You know them what they call board legs--how do they call it? They make bed out of it. They have one here and there and then they put boards. And then they put what they could put on there--quilts. If somebody know what mattress was, they use it. But some don't. They just use it. Some people use--oh, they put up--'bout this high--you know that time there's all grass everwheres. They put up high as this. They fix their bed on it.

(Fix grass in there?)

Yeah. And they have one (cloth or something) rolled up like this--big one--around it where the grass won't push in the fire. They have it fixed nice.

(Do they cook in there?)