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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Childhood in the Stanley Mission area of Saskatchewan.
- Schooling and work at the school.
- Trading furs for goods.

Rosalie Ross interviewed by Janet Fietz, 7 September 1981, La Ronge, Saskatchewan, for the Oral History Project, INDIAN AND METIS ELDERS OF LA RONGE. (Partial transcript and translation from Cree.)

They used to make a living when I was a child by fishing, trapping and snaring rabbits while living at Stanley Mission.

He had a good strong dog team.

They trapped for silver fox, coyote, weasles and mink.

I did not attend school too much as I was working for Mrs. Fisher. I went to school in the afternoons. I also worked at the school washing dishes, washing clothes at the laundry, cleaning fish and cleaning ducks. John Cook used to hunt for food for the school children. We also did all of the mending for the children. We learned to knit and also to do beadwork.

When I left school, that's when I left Stanley Mission and came to live in La Ronge as the man I married was from here.

He too made a living from hunting and trapping moose. We had quite a few children. There are four living. We lost six children.

In the spring, while trapping, the free traders would come bringing goods and other things for us to buy.

The man I think of right away, his name was Alfred Sanderson. There were two of them. They came to buy muskrat from us as there used to be a lot of muskrat at that time. Harry Paul used to come up there too to bring fur at Hall Lake, which we used to call Moose Lake at that time.

Since my husband died, my children now trap and they help me by giving me money to buy things with. I was also given a new house. I don't go to the trapline any more as I can't travel far. Sometimes we go paddling around Big Stone Lake. I have not been feeling well for a long time.

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