Caroline: ...that was that epileptic or seizure or something, drinking too much.

Margaret: What did you have much close contact with the people on the reserve, or did you...

Caroline: Oh yes I know the people on that reserve. I know these other reserves too.

Margaret: When you were younger when you went to the dances what kind of dances did you dance?

Caroline: Oh we used to have those (?), square dancing.
Margaret: Square dancing.

Caroline: Quite a bit of square dances and the old time waltz, schottischt.

Margaret: The schottischt. (laughs) And who used to play the music?

Caroline: Oh there used to be a lot of violin players and a lot of guitar players. Now what the music we have now it's nothing compared to our music, you know. I used to like the old time better than this today. Oh I can dance that too, you know, I was the great one-steps. (laughs) Here about four or five years ago when I was down to the Fort I used to go to that (?) used to dance. That's the young people (laughs), yeah I used to dance quite a bit five years ago. Ever since I, I dance here my sister had her fiftieth anniversary, she got married in 1932. She had her fiftieth anniversary here on about a month ago on the eighteenth of last, this month. And I'm telling you she, eighteenth of July she, here in July she had, eighteenth of July she had, and it was the first time I ever danced it was a waltz, oh I just was one of those fancy dances wear a thing like that, you know, they had nothing but waltzes and stuff like that. They had a (?) between the young people, was pretty good to watch the people. Yeah it's nothing like the old times on the dances.

Margaret: Why do you think they, or do you think that the family like when you were growing up were closer together than they are now?

Caroline: Yeah.

Margaret: Why?

Caroline: Like my sister, you know, she, if she could phone without paying she'd phone me ever morning or else every night. That's how close we are now, we didn't care one another at one time. And she's got her own place and I got my place in Regina so...

Margaret: Everybody has gone their own way.

Caroline: Yeah. And now she's at least little thing I appreciate her if I'm sick well she'd come right over. See there's just the two of us now, she said, we got to look after one another. And she's a diabetic and I'm not, you know, I can use sugar and stuff like that but I don't know I use honey for my tea, and I don't sugar that much. Oh I like sweet stuff like that, you know, but it's my vegetables and meat and so on. And mom was always on a, like she used to be on a diet all the time she never used sugar. And whenever I, they told me when I went in Winnipeg they told me that sugar is bad for you and so is salt, so I quit salt and I quit sugar forty years. And yet ever since that I don't use sugar in my tea, I like my salt I used to put a lot of salt and when I used to boil potatoes and
Margaret: What did your mom and dad or grandparents every tell you any fairy tales or anything when you were younger?

Caroline: Oh my grandmother used to tell us all these, how they used to like in the olden days how they used to go about things like they used to, when their travelling they used to walk at the back and there's their bedding and stuff like that. Some kind of a little wagon they make, you know, and they used to travel so much, so far. When it's coming like supper time getting kind of dusk like, you know, they all have, make their camps. They used to have camps with their hides, yeah they used little tepees or whatever they are. Actually they used to have our bedding and robes they make for summer, you know, so they used to cover with that. How in the heck would you cover with that, you know, I used to ask her. We have a tan enough and soft enough just like your covering with a mattress. So I don't know how they...

Margaret: Well were they travelling to?

Caroline: Oh well they travelled like one place they'd travel when they got tired of this camp here they'd travel to another place.

Margaret: Just like Gypsies. (laughs)

Caroline: Yeah.

Margaret: (inaudible).

Caroline: Yeah. So they were all over states and whether this is a fairy tale I don't know, but grandmother, is that right grandmother? Yes, she says, that's true, she says. That's what they, like they took some fish I guess they want to eat fish or something, they seen fish going around in the creek so they got some fish anyway and they boil them or something. They boil them. And in the morning there was no noise that they were camped, you know, the, like their tepees oh they can see snakes going into the river. And that was the people that was eating that snake, that fish turned to snakes. (telephone rings) That was just a fairy tale, and I asked my grandmother two, three times she says, yes that's right. What did she do with their thing, they all went to the... And then says, what did you do with their things? We says, we couldn't know nothing and we didn't like to take anything.

Margaret: So the people that ate the fish turned into snakes?

Caroline: Yeah. And that's funny I thought, you know, fairy tale, but my grandmother says it's true.

Margaret: Well didn't your grandmother eat the fish too?

Caroline: NO, she was in the other camp. And if they seen any fish they wouldn't take anything like that. It was such a (?)
that's why I don't prefer to eat any (?) fish. (laughs) I got the white fish in there, you know, I bought some last Thursday that farm market on Albert Street. Now it's, I always figure (inaudible). I hope nothing. (laughs)

Margaret: Or you'll turn to snake. (laughs)

Caroline: Great big monster be crawling around. (laughs)

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