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Videotape 1

(Video Time: 10:00.25.17) SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – You can look at me, look at each other.

0.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - What are we gonna talk about?

0.4 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well I just like to know where you're from and a little bit about your family background.

0.5 GEORGE KLYNE - Well my, my Dad was Andrew Klyne. He lived down the valley, actually he was from the North. Kelliher he came from. He went through there and then, and they line up and he had a homestead, and then they let go, then they come down in the valley. That's where we lived in, where he met Mom down there, her name was Vera Amyotte. He married, then that's where, then we had, he had three other boys beside me, but they didn't, they didn't survive and they had five, five sisters. I was the only boy in the family.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh you got spoiled?

GEORGE KLYNE – Well not really.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...(Inaudible)...

GEORGE KLYNE - That's right. Then I was a, then I was just about gone too. I was sick till I was about 12 years old. Then one day, they wanted to send me to school, like I say, like he says, we didn't understand English to go to school. And then I'm 12 years old, all the little kids looking down like this, they all laugh at me, make fun of me, this and that, and I couldn't answer very good. So on the horse I used to hide in the coulee. I wouldn't go to school till, till the, I got caught. Mom, Dad was going to, gave me a lickin and Mom stopped him and what does he want to do? I said, "I'm gonna work." What could you do? I'm gonna see a farmer. So I went to work for this farmer herding sheep. I herd sheep there for two summers at twelve dollars a month.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya. But that was good, that was good money them days. And I quit there...(Inaudible)...went to a, a farmer and I drove horses on the land, this and that. Seeding, farmer helped me out. And I know how to set my drill in that, how much to open for wheat and for roots, stuff like that. Well I done that for a year till I got to another farmer, he had a tractor. And I learned how to drive the tractor and I stayed there for eleven years or twelve years, something like that. I worked there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – So you started working when you were twelve?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You started working when you were twelve.

GEORGE KLYNE - That's right, ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible)**...till I was fourteen.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Holy.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

(Video Time: 10:03.34.09) 3.7 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE -

Whereabouts in the valley did you live? Like whereabouts in the valley?

3.8 GEORGE KLYNE - I lived, I lived, you ever been, you been in Maurice Amyotte's place there?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Yeah.

GEORGE KLYNE - You had to pass that yet.

BOB DESJARLAIS - About two miles.

GEORGE KLYNE - About two miles. Yeah, past that road down.

BOB DESJARLAIS - East.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Who were your neighbours?

GEORGE KLYNE - A neighbour, well, well we were there alone for quite a while then this Joe Cardinal moved into another place there. A neighbour was before that was Billy Bardale's...**(Inaudible)**..., he was an old Englishman or something.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay.

GEORGE KLYNE - They was a bachelor, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What about you Bob?

(Video Time: 10:04.16.02) 4.5 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, well I was born and raised in the, about four miles from where he lived. And I was brought into this world by my grandmother, Kokum Flora Racette. She was a midwife down there at that time. I think she brought quite a few of us into this world down there at that time years ago and most of us were all born at home. And I lived there for, well all my life eh, until I was fourteen years old. I went to school when I was seven. Had a heck of a time in school because I had to learn how to talk English. When I was at home, like we didn't talk English at all because my grandmother stayed with us and my grandmother, all she could talk was French and Michif eh. So we had to talk Michif to Kokum all the time eh. But we never got a chance to learn how to talk English till I went to school. And then when I started school I had quite a time because I had to learn how to talk English and...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Same time.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...try and learn at school at the same time, boy I'll tell you, it was a tough battle like George says, you know, the kids make fun of you, you know, and what not, it, it was very, very tough. But I, I stayed with it. I, I went to school till I was Grade 8, and, I passed the Grade 9 and I still got my report card from my last school days. My kids always look at it and they laugh, you know, and my son was saying to the girls here one day, he said, you know, he said, "Dad didn't do too darn bad in school did he?" My marks, my old report card, but I started working too at a very, very young age. I was fourteen years old I, I quit school and I went to work. It wasn't, it wasn't due to the fact that we didn't have any, any money or anything to eat or whatever. But it seemed like that was the way of life for us at that time.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Most people did that. Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well 99 % of us did the same like George was saying.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Started working young.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, we started working at a very, very young age. And I worked for a farmer, I worked for a farmer all winter and all I got out of it was room and board. I didn't get any wages at all, when I first started, ya. But that, that summer, when the summer came, when we started working in the land, well then they started paying me wages. But through the winter they didn't pay me wages. Because, but I was looking after about 35 head of cattle, and about 60 pigs and chicken house full of chickens, you know, had to clean that out everyday. Clean the barns out everyday, because we kept all the cattle inside the barns at that time. They didn't leave them outside, because at that time we used to get 40 below weather, 35 below weather, and it was just not feasible to keep cattle outside, so most of them were kept inside eh? So it was a lot of work and that I did for my room and board but...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Sounds like it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - At least I wasn't eating at, at, at home eh? This was a thing, I was saving some, a bed at home and a, and a place at the table eh. And, but it's, it's, was a real tough going, all the time for us due to the fact that we were Michifs and living on road allowance eh? And like everybody else has talked about the road allowance life, like in the summer time we used to go out digging Seneca root. We used to dig lots of Seneca roots.

(Video Time: 10:09.12.13) 9.7 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where does it grow? Does it still grow?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, oh yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Seneca root still grows?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well it must, but people don't pick it any more eh?

9.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - No, no, no, no, well it's not, it's not used as much anymore.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What did they use to use it for?

BOB DESJARLAIS - They used to use it for medicine.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - For medicine?

BOB DESJARLAIS - There was four different kinds of medicines they got out of Seneca root. They made four different kinds of medicine out of it. And the only guy that I knew that used to dig Seneca root here, right back to here is my brother Tommy, passed away here about two years ago. And he used to dig Seneca root every year. And he'd send in a bunch every year just before Christmas, about this time of the year he'd send it in, and he'd get a cheque before Christmas, a couple of hundred dollars, you know. But, you know, it was...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Go digging around looking for it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, in the summertime.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where does it grow?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh it grows in, in ravines and ...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Down in the coulees?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya ya.

(Video Time: 10:10.14.29) 10.8 GEORGE KLYNE - And then there's the black Seneca root, it grows in the hills. They're quite big you know that, being about like so, like maybe my finger that, and long you know, about, some of them about a foot long down. Dig them out and when you have a cold you could put it in your mouth and just hold it there, you know, just have it in your mouth, because...**(Inaudible)**...just like that.

BOB DESJALRAIS - ...**(Inaudible)**...

GEORGE KLYNE - Still grows I guess. I can find them but them other ones that are little flowers, I forget how to, they got little, just about like that, you know, when they grow in the ground, that, that's the real Seneca root, and make all kinds of medicine with it.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - But you have to know what it looks like on the top...

GEORGE KLYNE - See, when they first dig em, when they're green and that, you know, they can sell them there but then they're heavier, they won't give you as much. But they, my Grandma and them, they used to put it on, dried em and if they were dry then, then you got, they got lots of money for it.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh really?

GEORGE KLYNE - Yes. It gets crispy eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible)**...

12.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - Anyway my, you asked me about my folks, I ...

Someone - Sorry to interrupt, they just asked us to stop.

12.3 – 13.2 - [No audio]

(Video Time: 10:14.01.14) 13.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - Yeah anyways, kinda going back to Sherry's first question she asked me who my Dad and mother were and I failed to tell you guys. My Dad was William Desjarlais and my mother was Florence Racette. And my Dad and mother married in 1929 and I was born in 1934 and I had two brothers older than me. Anyway, and then now I can go back to, to my digging Seneca roots, but it was, it was really a, a kind of way of life, years ago for the Métis people to go out digging Seneca root. That was a good way of making money. And it was good money, like, at that time, and even at that time they, they, they got good money for that dry Seneca root eh? And so a lot of them went out digging Seneca root and what we used to do in our family, I don't know about George's, but my family, my Dad, my Dad when they came out of the Red River settlement they, they settled just two miles south of Ituna in a Métis settlement there called Ste. Delphine and this is where they settled. A whole bunch of those Métis people. They had a church there they had a school there and that's where my Dad went to school. Anyway, but from there my Dad came South and got married in, in the valley there in '29 and what we used to do is, we used to get in the wagon, Grandma and mother, and my two brothers and Dad. We'd go up North and Dad used to go and work for the farmers all day, and we'd go digging Seneca roots.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh so while he was working for the farmer, the rest of you were sorta ...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya the rest of us are all digging Seneca root.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So the kids and the women?

(Video Time: 10:16.26.24) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya. Mom and Grandma, well we'd go and dig Seneca root all morning and then we'd take a lunch along with us and, and we'd have a lunch along a slough or someplace. And then, then at night, well Dad would come back to camp there and come stay with us overnight, and then next morning he'd go back and work for the farmer eh. And then when, when we finish digging in a certain area, there, when we got to the point where we had to walk a little too far, well Dad in the evening when he'd come back, we'd have have supper, and then after supper well we'd, get the horses and hook them up on the wagon and move camp couple or three miles up there and went to set up camp there again and we got fresh digging. But my Dad made, made all these Seneca root diggers the way they used to do it is they used to take the, the spring on the old buggy's years ago, they used to have springs on the old buggies. So they, Dad took those apart, and then he'd cut em and he put a, an ash picket on, on that, that piece of spring.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh, so it'd be metal, on the metal?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, so it was metal that we used, and, and my Dad, he was very, very, strict about us when you, when you'd push your, your Seneca root digger into the ground beside the, the plant you pull on your Seneca root digger and then you pull on the plant, and, and you keep moving your Seneca root digger...**(Inaudible)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you're just loosening it and then, so you don't touch the root?

BOB DESJARLAIS - It loosens it up and then you pull out the plant, you'd pull out the plant...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, you don't break it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...and then you pull your digger out and, and lotta times you, you hardly leave any marks where you were eh? And, and that's the way my Dad taught us.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you don't go make a big mess.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya. So you don't go dig up somebody's pasture and a lot of times we, we, we used to go and dig and they'd catch em.

GEORGE KLYNE - What did you call that, that digger?

BOB DESJARLAIS - The digger? Well the **(Michif Word)** we used to call it a **(Michif Word)** digger but it was, ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - How would say that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - That's a wild turnip a **(Michif Word)** it's a...

GEORGE KLYNE - A **(Michif Word)** digger.

(Video Time: 10:19.02.14) BOB DESJARLAIS - It's a, it's a wild turnip actually, they grow in the valley there all over. Last year here we went down there and I went and dug a whole bunch of them for the grandchildren. And they couldn't get over that. And...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You can eat those right? They're good aren't they? Yeah, supposed to be good.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - You just peel it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, there's a, there's skin on there, you peel it, and you can boil it and you can fry them too, they're good.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They're good?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. They're, they're, they're, they taste like a, a wild turnip, that's you know. They're actually kind of like a, they belong to the turnip family. But we used to eat lot of those at one time too.

19.3 GEORGE KLYNE - When he said, you know, when he go out camping, when we used to go to get a, do you know Louis Cardinal, we were talking about him, he was in our bunch, digging Seneca root. Then him and his brother, Frank was his name, they'd go out hunting eggs by sloughs. And it's mudhens, they'd bring a whole bunch of eggs and they put it, boil it. Oh boy are they good. We'd all sit around eating eggs...**(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS -...**(Inaudible)**...seemed good for that.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, mud hens.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Mud hen eggs?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Mud hen eggs, ya.

(Video Time: 10:20.28.28) 20.0 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well I guess they'd be just like chicken eggs eh? Were they just like that or were they different?

20.1 GEORGE KLYNE - They're just, they're just kind of a bluish colour eh? They're different.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well they're, they're, they're smaller, you know.

GEORGE KLYNE - They got a colour on them, you know, like, a bluish colour, like, you know, but when you break em eh? Not like they're real white, well, the, the, the yolk is just, looks the same more or less you know. They were good, at that time, I don't know if you could eat them now.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You don't know if you'd still like them? They were good then?

GEORGE KLYNE - I don't know, I know I can't eat ducks anymore.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - No?

GEORGE KLYNE - They don't taste the same, I don't know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Maybe they don't eat the same things? Maybe they eat too much grain now?

(Video Time: 10:21.06.23) 20.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - Well the thing is there's too much chemicals out there now too...

20.8 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well especially in the valley, because there's so much fertilizer that all the farmers put all that stuff eh?

20.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, lots of farmers down there now, well ever since they started farming.

21.0 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - When you were taking, talking about the Seneca root before you were saying there's different kinds? Two different kinds?

21.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. There's one with white flower and then there's this one with a kind of a purplish flower too.

21.2 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, but that one's there like I was talking about the black Seneca root, they go, they got a stem about so long and just like a, the sun, you know, the, the, the sunflowers flowers?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - They just look like that you know, the head of it.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay, but it's small?

GEORGE KLYNE - But it's small of course, you know, it would be about that, and that, you know, there's little flowers around it, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Do you still still see them around?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh ya, there'll be some yet to, to look, you know, I have an idea where that'd be but now like me I stay here, I can't walk that far eh, in the hills and that you know. They, they live in the, more or less in the hills like, like when they're green like this going up, that's where they grow more, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right, when the hills like sort of fold in there, so it'd be in there. So it be kinda hard walking.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

22.2 BOB DESJARLAIS - Seneca root well, Seneca root, you find it...

GEORGE KLYNE - In a flat eh.

BOB DESJARLAIS - You see a hill, and if there's a flat, and then there's another hill behind...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It'll be on the flat?

BOB DESJARLAIS - It'd be in that flat, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh, I'll be walking around the hills, next summer trying to see if I can find it.

(Video Time: 10:22.45.10) BOB DESJARLAIS - My, my brother Tommy he had about half a dozen gardens down along the, the valley there years ago, where he used to go dig and Seneca root all the time.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - And then when, when he digging that Seneca root he made sure he left the flowers there, cause once the flowers dry up and they blow around.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Then you get more?

BOB DESJARLAIS - They, they reseed eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, you have to look after them so you'd always have some eh.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, oh definitely. That's, that's one real good thing about the Métis people years ago that I remember very well, like, they were very, very careful with stuff like, you know. They made sure that they, they got what, what they can get out of it and they made sure there was seed there for next year, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, just like a crop eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - It's always, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Look after it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, just like a farmer, today, you know, like a farmer today he says, "well, I'm gonna put in this, this, this, and I don't take so much of this." And the Métis people with hunting and all this other kind of stuff it was all the same, like, they treated everything, just real perfect. When we were down in the valley there, we had three hunters there, deer hunters, my Dad, my uncle Rene and uncle Harry Poitras. They used to go out hunting. I used to be the, the dog for them, I'd chase, I chased the animals to them. And then they had the picnic of shooting them and hunting them. But we'd get half a dozen to eight deer and we'd bring them home and cut em up, and next day, well everybody was eating deer meat in the valley.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So shared around?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, shared around, ya. Ya, never kept, never kept a whole, whole big bunch of it you know, like you kept enough for two three meals and that's, that's about it, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You'd give it away?

BOB DESJARLAIS - The rest, you gave it all away. And I used to really enjoy my uncle Rene, like he used to be the one that, he, he, he'd know exactly how many kids this guy's got, how big a family, and then he knew what size a piece of meat we gotta give these people, to give them a meal.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right, so you're thinking about that eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Thinking like that.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Sort of distributing that food.

(Video Time: 10:25.14.06) 25.1 **GEORGE KLYNE** - That's Rene Amyotte.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh that's old, old Rene?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, remember him? That's how well you, I don't think he died, like, he was there, he was in Edmonton.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I heard the boys talking about him though.

GEORGE KLYNE - Maurice Amyotte there owned. David, be David his grandfather.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay, David's grandfather, ya, and Joe's, ya, ya, I've heard them talking about your grandfather.

GEORGE KLYNE - That's my uncle Alec, Mom's brother. Ya.

(Video Time: 10:25.41.25) 25.6 BOB DESJARLAIS - So he was my, my uncle too but he was my Dad's, like him and my Dad were first cousins. They're brothers, their mothers were sisters.

25.9 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Métis families

eh...**(Inaudible)**...Okay, ya, I got this. When you were digging Seneca root, did you use diggers too? Were your diggers the same as their's or how did you all...

26.1 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Everybody had the same kind.

GEORGE KLYNE - ... little thing, like so let's say, like a stick here, the crate, then they made a little deal here across, it's where you put your foot to push it into the ground.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh so you used your foot? What did you use for the blade?

GEORGE KLYNE - Same as they say, the spring or...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Off a buggy, buggies.

GEORGE KLYNE – Buggies. You already have where the rivets go in, they have little holes in that, you know, so they just put bolts in there, take the...**(Inaudible)**...down to the, to the whatever stick welded, it didn't have to be an ash, you know, any kind. My Dad made one of a, out of

pipe,...**(Inaudible)**...pipe, he bore a hole through there and then that was strong, then you could pull at that way or this way.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So how big would they be? How big would those diggers be?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well they were about three feet long.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, like the bar would be, but like the digger would be...

BOB DESJARLAIS - The digger itself was only...

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, maybe...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...

27.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - You stuck it into the ground probably three feet, no more than four inches into the ground eh. And it kinda...**(Inaudible)**...

27.5 GEORGE KLYNE - See how the springs are on the buggies eh, and that's in, see the last one is short eh? You know, the top one. You take the next one is longer, longer, longer, longer, when the, but the bottom one is quite long and you don't use it, see they try to get the top ones eh? The top ones would only be about like this eh? Most of them they would be about, maybe five or six layers on the springs. You know.

(Video Time: 10:27.46.26) SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So like a buggy like a wagon?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya....**(Inaudible)**...but a wagon don't have no springs.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, wagon got no springs, buggies did.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, wagons didn't.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you used horse and wagon a lot?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh boy, oh boy yes.

(Video Time: 10:28.03.17) 28.3 GEORGE KLYNE - I was a cowboy for many years.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's why you got the hat?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, I train horses. Broke them in, this and that, I rode, I had broncos...**(Inaudible)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh really?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Whereabouts did you ride? Did they have rodeos and stuff?

GEORGE KLYNE - No, no, just ourselves, and this and that. I had horses jumping about ten feet, I had one there jump about ten feet. Just for a, when, other ones just drag you know...**(Inaudible)**...an Arabian horse, that one there, he'll jump about fifteen feet or more. But I, I was here and never did drag up to jump like that. Ya.

29.2 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where did you keep them? Did everyone have horses or not everyone? Ya, everyone had horses?

29.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - Everybody had four horses Sherry's day, and they had a team of drivers and they had, four teams eh.

29.4 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, that's what I had. I had a team of drivers, and then team, my drivers...(Inaudible)...to saddle horse, at five and almost to ten...(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)...Like I say, you gotta learn yourself or you didn't go to, I didn't go to school. I had to learn myself whatever. How to live, when I worked for that Anderson there, that's about cattle, two heifers for a...(Inaudible)...and I raised calves. I had to take three weeks off to make hay for my cattles myself. I had to make and...(Inaudible)...when I go to this one went to look for me, that's what I had to do, so I had no holiday ...(Inaudible)...for that young I'll say well I wonder why the old people don't work like that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Hey you guys worked hard eh?

(Video Time: 10:29.54.13) GEORGE KLYNE - Then, then, then when I got, I got my license like I got 1-A license in my pocket. I just got to get rid of them just a while ago. I was a truck driver fourteen years on highway. And they always wonder how'd you get your licence you don't read. You gotta think a lot, I took the book and I, there was, cousin of mine was there, he read it to me, when I went to take my test, I answered the questions, and that guys, "you can't tell me you can't read." He takes me out and he says, "what's that store say?"...(Inaudible)...But we done good, you know, it was say enough, not going to school I figure, you know, and all that I had to learn by, the...(Inaudible)...when the foreman, the boss send me someplace, I go by numbers. And like through the city in Saskatoon here, I looked over all these places where, where we take the machines in back, you know. And that, you know, I go by numbers and these roads and that where I go south, west, whatever the number. I memorize it when I leave, then I know where to turn and all that. Same as the highway, they gave me the number of the highway, how many miles to go this way, that way, I'm there

in a snap. But was hard and they, a night before when they weren't saying something, half the night I can't sleep because I gotta study the, myself in my head eh? Where I want to go, and how I'm gonna do it. It's hard...(Inaudible)...when you don't read eh? It's hard.

32.3 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I find that a lot of people that don't read have way better memories...

GEORGE KLYNE – Well you have to.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - ...than I do, you know, like I, if I, if I...(Inaudible)...I forget it right away. But the people that I know that don't read, they have amazing memories. But I guess you, ya, like you say, you have to eh? Since you have to rely on, so I guess you develop it, you develop it.

(Video Time: 10:32.03.25) 32.8 GEORGE KLYNE - I don't know but, but people say, how did you pass? They can't pass. I went to Grade 12 education can't have his license. See what happened there, I got my chauffeur's license, just straight license first, to start with. Then I worked for this one there, had a contractor, saw construction, now they, they, they send us letters, which you got to know what your driving. Either air, or whatever kind of breaks you got, you know, all different, there's about four different kinds. Electric brakes, all that, you gotta know exactly what that truck uses to get into that truck what was, what kind of brakes they are. Use them on the highway. What they do...(Inaudible)...every machine we got here, sign your name, so I did, that's how I got my 1-A license. I got...(Inaudible)...never had an accident there in my life.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's good.

(Video Time: 10:33.15.28) 34.0 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I want to ask you guys, when you were growing up, like you didn't have television right?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Nope.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - No television? Did you have running water? Did you haul your water?

BOB DESJARLAIS - We hauled. Ya, we had running water, we ran to the...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And you ran and got it, you had running water?

34.4 BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible)**...the cold water used to be in the well and the hot water was on the stove.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya, there's a thing on the stove?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did you have like a warmer?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...on the side of the stove, that's where we used to keep all our, all the warm water was there for washing and what not, ya, having baths.

34.8 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So when people would entertain each other, they would tell stories right? They got...**(Inaudible)**...they would tell stories.

34.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - And a lot of them entertained themselves with the music eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - With music.

BOB DESJARLAIS - They played like in pretty near every household eh, down, down there. And there was music or something.

GEORGE KLYNE - And play cards.

BOB DESJARLAIS - And then they'd play cards too a lot.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Played cards, told stories, and music, right, so those were the main ways of entertaining. People visited quite a bit eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS – Oh yes, oh yes. Every Sunday all day Sunday.

35.3 GEORGE KLYNE - It don't, it don't matter what you talk about, doesn't matter whether you were lying or whatever, fooling or whatever, they, they like it that way, you know. I don't believe him, he's a liar, that's all right.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's amusing.

35.6 BOB DESJARLAIS – They'd still invite him the next Sunday to come over. So things turned out all right.

35.7 GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...you missed it, you know, after awhile. I, when we had, we had cattles all the time at home. My Dad got crippled up and I had to stay home and my, I kept em, giving myself, my mother and Dad. And I had one nephew, he didn't work he was lazy...**(Inaudible)**...so I look after them, I worked out, then I'd come home,

look after the cattle, their cattle. But when we were a small, what happened the small calves and that when they're chasing down the river, we used to ride em eh? We'd get bucked off quite a lot. Lots of fun like that, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Riding calves?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya. The sisters, two sisters are, were, they were close to me like you know, and that, you know...**(Inaudible)**...one married a Fleury, the other one married a Hartley, was his name. And they lived in Regina with her, but they're all gone now except my one sister that lives in Saskatoon here, ya.

(Video Time: 10:35.59.11) 37.0 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I never heard of Rou Garous until I moved to Saskatchewan.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Is that right?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Nope, never heard of them, and then now it seems like everyone has, Rou Garou stories or...

37.2 BOB DESJARLAIS - Well the thing is, that Rou Garou stories I think the, the people used to talk about them and I think it was more or less to keep the kids closer to home at, at night, you don't need to wander off...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh, to scare you. Well he sounds pretty scary eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Scare you the Jesus out of kids.

37.5 GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...just like a ghost story eh? You tell a ghost story, you, you, you don't have to believe it eh? You, you say now I see a ghost last night, I see, I see him looking at me. But some of them say,

it...(Inaudible)...to. Like Mom say when they live up a Kelliher, the Rou Garou, and they had to ...(Inaudible)...that's why my Dad never come to Lebret to sell wood. He said, he was sitting there when he seen it. Said all of a sudden somebody hit their window. He looked, these two old boys were outside. Said...(Inaudible)...that died.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So she saw that coming?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, people seem to have more, I don't know, sensitivity or something, especially women.

38.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - My Dad, my Dad was really great for that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, your Dad too?

BOB DESJARLAIS – Ya, ya. He, he knew exactly, you know, he didn't know who it was going to be or anything like that but he'd see signs and he'd know that there's, there was somebody in the, in the family that's gonna go.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What were some of the signs?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Different signs the, the time I'll tell ya, the time when my cousin Marshall **Fyfe (Unknown Spelling)** died. That was my Dad's nephew, he was a cousin of mine. He came to Dad's and when he was leaving, after they had dinner, he was leaving and he said to, he went over to mother and then he, he hugged mother and he said, "well Aunty Florence," he said, "I don't know when I'll see you again, but I hope it's soon." And then he went over to Dad and shook hands with Dad and then he hugged Dad and he said, "well, Uncle Bill, I don't know when I'll see you again," he says, "but I hope it's gonna be soon." So that same afternoon, my

Dad said, "there's a, a black bird, the door was open in the house, and a black bird walked in the house." Hopped on to the step of the door step, and he walked in and he made a circle in the house, walked back out again. Dad knew darn well there was something wrong. Three days later my cousin Marshall died.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So, so if black bird comes in your house, that would be one of the signs?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

40.7 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - My Mom said when, like dogs howl for nothing, like when all of a sudden all the dogs just start howling and barking for nothing, that that was something, you know, that was a sign that something not so good was gonna happen. Were there other signs?

40.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, but I heard of that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That one too?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes. Yes. Ya, my, my, my Uncle Joe Racette he was great for figuring those things out, you know, he, he knew when the dogs meant something or they didn't. Or they're just howling...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Just for nothing, ya, ya, like something's bothering them.

(Video Time: 10:39.50.05) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, he knew that they were bothering him. And they talk about old, old things years ago how people used to tell weather and what not. My Uncle Joe there, his real name was **(Unknown Word)** like he had a real Michif name eh? **(Unknown Word)** but his real name was Joe, but everybody called him **(Unknown**

Word) like tea leaves eh? And the moon, he could tell you a lot of things with the tea leaves, if somebody's gonna come and visit you, if there's gonna be two or three or six, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Be looking at your tea leaves, ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, he's reading that, he can tell you, ya, he can tell you what, what was, he said, "the next two three days, you know." And sure enough, he did. Somebody would show up.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Your Mom used to do that too?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - And then they used to read the moon eh? He'd go out there he'd look and he'd tell, tell us exactly what kind of weather we were gonna get the next day or two eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - From the moon?

BOB DESJARLAIS - From the moon, ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...(Inaudible)...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya.

42.8 GEORGE KLYNE – The moon, after the moon that was down like this, it's gonna rain lot.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right cause it's dumping it's water.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And then when it's like this it's holding it?

GEORGE KLYNE - Dry, it'll be dry, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, I've heard, ya I've heard of other ones.

43.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - I used to get a kick out of my uncle, reading tea leaves and telling us the weather with the moon.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It was pretty accurate though wasn't it?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes, yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - To tell the weather like that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes, yes, yes it was.

(Video Time: 10:41.44.16) 43.4 GEORGE KLYNE - Same with the cattle, horses, a day before you'd see the horses playing, kicking, and biting one another, they're playing one another. Mom used to say, it's gonna storm, watch the horses, the cattle start kicking up their heels, and now the little calf is gonna go crazy. Sure enough, a couple of days it'd be stormy and snowing. Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you watched the animals, how the animals act?

GEORGE KLYNE - And then they go near bluffs, and they're outside and they go and hide there, protection.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Stand with their backs to the wind and then they find a bluff.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...to, one team out, because we were, couldn't keep them through the winter, they go out, feed fields, and all that, in them days. There were a lot of horses loose in them days.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Just loose?

GEORGE KLYNE - Just loose, they were all...**(Inaudible)**...people, bunches you know, you'll see them, fifty, sixty head horses in one bunch. And then...**(Inaudible)**...you have to go and get your horses you gotta look around and around.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they just let them go forage?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya. ...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...They had all these stack, all these stacks, the, the harvest at that time, with the, with the machines, there's straw stacks here and there.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Threshing machine.

GEORGE KLYNE - Threshing machine, ya they'd go away there, horses, they won't eat there. This and that. My cousin there, Louis Cardinal, he was out hunting coyotes. He'd run around and around and chasing this coyote, he'd come near this stack there, there's the coyote standing, sitting on top of the stack. It was getting kinda dark again. Bang he said down he went, I went around said there's a big grey horse, that's lying near there, he was just high enough, he was looking over the stack and she, she's showing...**(Inaudible)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - He thought it was coyote?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya. He said he killed off, this...**(Inaudible)**...farmer must have seen his horse...**(Inaudible)**...That's what happened I guess. I thought maybe just to learn the story but I think, I think it was, it could happen, you know, just tall enough you enough, you know, the horse is looking over the stack, you know, his head, just his head sticking out over that already.

(Video Time: 10:44.19.12) 46.4 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you were telling me that a Rou Garou was a dog? It's a person that would change, so was...**(Inaudible)**...a dog, was it always a dog or?

46.5 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, most of them were ya. The odd one that I heard, I heard one time about this guy, he, he turned into an animal like a deer, you know. But 90% of them that the one, like back home there eh, they were all, it was dog.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Any special kind of dog?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No it was always just a great big black dog eh? They always talk about those.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Big black dog.

BOB DESJARLAIS - The dog would be big, you know, like my, my Uncle **(Unknown Name)**. I was talking about and Dad one time, they were at this place, but it, it's kinda funny like, they never ever mentioned the guy's name eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well no, cause it's true, so you don't want, they have family...

(Video Time: 10:45.22.17) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, they didn't want to, they never talked about the name, or the person or anything. But wherever they were, they were, they were, they were the place, my Dad and my uncle, it was in the wintertime and they were gonna leave from there, and they were going someplace else, to a dance. Dad and uncle, they were just young at that time. And he said, "this guy was there, at this particular place where they started out from, he was there too, this guy...**(Inaudible)**...he was sitting there having, he had supper with them there. And he talk and he sit there and laughing and joking and, you know, and when they got about halfway to where they were going, all of a sudden," Dad said, "they can feel something, you know, like it wasn't right." And, and they looked back and they seen this great big dog coming behind and neither one of them said of anything, eh, you know, kept real quiet, you know, and kept going, and the horses were kinda, felt kinda strange too eh? They could tell, but all of a sudden they said this great big dog ran right by them and went left back on the road again and disappeared eh? And when they got to that dance, that guy was there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So he was there?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, he, well they started out from and he passed him on the road as...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - But as a dog?

BOB DESJARLAIS - As a dog though. Ya, and when they got to dance Dad said, that guy was there.

49.8 GEORGE KLYNE - Dad said my uncle there, was married my Aunty **(Unknown Name)** they said he was one of them. He was a Rou Garou.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, that's, that's somebody would say that.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, **(Unknown)** was his name. He was one of them. And they were scared of him. A lot of them you know. Dad said, he can walk out, you don't see him, he'd be a dog running over there. Go in no time, he, where are you going, he going, he's there already.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - He must like to travel fast, so that they would have that power.

GEORGE KLYNE - They travel fast, ya.

(Video Time: 10:47.50.20) 50.4 BOB DESJARLAIS - But like George was saying you know, they, they talked about it, and I've heard, I've heard them talk about it. If you could draw blood on that dog, that guy would never go back to being a Rou Garou again.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So that's how you would stop someone from changing? You would try to draw blood from that dog?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya.

50.7 GEORGE KLYNE - That's what my, my Mom did to a dog, but it wasn't a Rou Garou. She said she was sitting in the house like that as I say, that place where I told you about that little boy, he was sitting there going, sitting there walking around the house, dog looked in the window, it looked cold, so I opened the door, he come in, I said, I don't like this too...**(Inaudible)**...thought myself, I said, "oh maybe that's the one they named Rou Garou." They said when you bleed them they come to. I went I says, I took a stick. He says, "I opened the door a little bit, come here I told him." When he went by I said, "bang on the head. Well, well, well, took off," he said. The next day he says, "my neighbour came," he says, "I just want to

say your Dad helped hauling wood and stuff. I don't know what happened to my dog he said, he has a big bump on his head."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So that wasn't a Rou Garou?

GEORGE KLYNE - That wasn't a Rou Garou, he says...**(Inaudible)**...he scared me. It's funny.

52.4 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you were saying they used to kinda like tell stories that, to keep the kids at home, so it'd be like...**(Inaudible)**...

52.5 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, I think that's more or less what they, it worked for me anyway.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Did the trick eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS – Did the trick for me, I'll tell you.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So, so the Rou Garous would come out at night?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, the Rou Garous.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So how would they tell you, what would they say?

(Video Time: 10:49.53.24) BOB DESJARLAIS – (Speaks Michif) These Rou Garous would come catch us, if we're alone eh? Oh boy and I'll tell you we always made sure that there was ten of us together, so the Rou Garou won't get us.

53.1 GEORGE KLYNE - And I guess at home, like Mom used to say, you know, these birds and they weren't there the, what the heck they call them now, they go, **(Makes the sound of a bird)**.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Doves?

GEORGE KLYNE - Doves, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya, ya, those, ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - What the heck we'd call them now, but anyway, Mom used to say that's an old lady. You better not go too far in the bush, they have a big blanket, they'd catch you and they'll take you away. Oh, and we used to hear that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It's a strange sound though?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, that's a strange sound, you hear them?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, oh I sure did. Ya, we used to have them at night we used to hear them. Ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - **(makes the sound again)**.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Sounds like somebody crying in the bush.

(Video Time: 10:50.59.13) 54.1 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Yeah, and then again, when I moved away I never heard that anymore and was asking someone what, you know, cause it's a really distinct sound.

54.2 BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes, yes, it is.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So it's an old lady with a big blanket?

54.3 GEORGE KLYNE - There's lots of them, I see them now and again. I'll stay about when I see them, you know, when I drive around...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You think, oh there's my old ladies.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - There's someone in my yard there.

GEORGE KLYNE - They're, they're lazy eh, them birds.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - They just put two, about two, two, three little sticks like that, and they lay an egg. Ya....**(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Laziest bird in the world eh? They don't make a very good nest.

GEORGE KLYNE - No. That's why I guess they try and scare people when they made that noise. Ya.

(Video Time: 10:51.42.12) SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So do you know any more Rou Garou stories?

54.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - Nah, not really.

GEORGE KLYNE - No. The Rou Garou's all finished.

55.0 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did they used to tell them, about more, like did it have anything to do with any of the Catholic traditions? Like were there more Rou Garou stories or more talk about Rou Garou stories at the time?

55.3 GEORGE KLYNE - Well that's, that's the way it is you know. Like you say now, like you're saying now, you mentioned the Catholic, that's where Mom says, you see, they say this and this and that stuff to think like that, you know, they take their beads and they say the...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Rosary.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...rosary ya, and that, you know. And so they, you know, bless, then they, you won't see that, you know.

55.8 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay, so they would use their Catholic beliefs to protect?

55.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - And everybody like in the spring of the year when, when they have that, there's a Sunday where they, they give you holy water, and then they, and then there's one weekend there they give you this...

GEORGE KLYNE – (Michif word).

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya the (Michif Word) they called it.

GEORGE KLYNE - You get it in the hills.

BOB DESJARLAIS - When there's a storm, like a thunderstorm and real bad lightning.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – (Says the Michif word).

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya they used to burn that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Was that sweet grass?

BOB DESJARLAIS - It's something like a, like a sage.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - No it's something else, **(Michif Word)**?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, it's a, and it's, and they used to burn that and that, that supposed to take the evil spirits away and what not, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So it smelled nice when it burnt or?

BOB DESJARLAIS - It's like what they use today the, the First Nations use it's a lot of this sweet grass eh? And this was something similar to that, but this stuff was, was kind of like a cedar, like a cedar, something like a cedar.

GEORGE KLYNE - Just like a Christmas tree, the leaves you know, that's how they looked.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, then you, then you used to burn them and then they used to get holy water and I used to say, when I go in there it's a big storm. My mother used to bless the windows eh, and the door, you know, and...

GEORGE KLYNE – Then they'd put it on the stove...**(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. And then they burned this **(Michif Word)**.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - **(repeats Michif Word)**.

BOB DESJARLAIS - In the house.

GEORGE KLYNE – (Says Michif word).

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – (Repeats Michif Word again).

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. And that used to be, oh boy when we, when there's a storm...

(Video Time: 10:54.23.23) 57.9 **GEORGE KLYNE** - Like, you're talking about the medicine in that, **(Michif Word)**, we used to call it, it live in the river, **(Michif Word)**.

BOB DESJARLAIS - That stuff...

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh it's strong hey, and it smelled.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – **(Michif Word)**.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, you take, they take that and it boil eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Make it into a tea.

GEORGE KLYNE - Make your tea, drink that, same as the other stuff.

BOB DESJARLAIS - You got a fever.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, fever and sick.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Not a cold.

GEORGE KLYNE - It's like, a little flowers out there you call them **(Michif Word)**. I used to call that, I forget the other stuff, it growed, I threw it in the grass too. See all that stuff, you know, people they forget how to use that, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's too bad.

GEORGE KLYNE - And that, like you say, like you say, like, that Mrs. Racette...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, that one that brought me into this world, Kokum Flora. She was really, really great for that.

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh she made something like that. She was half a doctor, she, she had a burnt woman in that... **(Inaudible)**...he looked after those girls. Burt, you know.

BOB DESJARLAIS - I betcha about 60% of us.

GEORGE KLYNE - What they call it, woman, how they call that, like a doctor woman?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Midwife.

GEORGE KLYNE - Midwife ya. That's what she was born as. God knows a lot of medicine eh, and that you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So she made her medicine from like the bush and...

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, from, from the bushes and that.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Prairie, and the hills.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

(Video Time: 10:56.01.09) 59.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - Wherever she went, she was forever picking stuff off the ground eh, you know, and then he'd, she'd stand there and say a little prayer...**(Inaudible)**...

59.4 GEORGE KLYNE - Wild mustard. You picked it up, picked it up and that of old mustard, they done it, he put it in the, he'd make this like the real mustard, you know, plaster he made. Oh boy, hot I tell you. Mom used to...**(Inaudible)**...once in a while when you would take it sick and that, you know, you put that mustard ...**(Inaudible)**...mustard you pick on the fields. Ya. That's strong.

61.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - ...like if you got a chest cold, they would take it out and put it, put it on your back, and then they'd say, sleep with that all night. Next day, boy I'm telling you, you're just totally different.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Fix you right up?

(Video Time: 10:56.56.15) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. But old Kokum Flora there, I used to kick out of her, she used to go around visiting all these families eh. Like she used to go and come visit, but it, it wasn't really a visit, to come and see, see you or anything, but she came there for a purpose. She came there to come and see how the kids were doing. If any of the kids were sniffing or something, you know, she'd say, send that little boy home with me, I'll send you some medicine for that kid he said. That kid needs some medicine.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right, so she's making house calls?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. She's...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Go check on her patients eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, oh ya. Ya, in the wintertime, why I see her walking down there, the road, or crowding around with the, with a cutter and the one horse eh. And going around checking all their patients eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did people pay her or?

GEORGE KLYNE - No...(Inaudible)...or something.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - She just did that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. They, they were...

GEORGE KLYNE - The medicine, stuff like that...(Inaudible)...

BOB DESJARLAIS - They used to give her, like my Mom, they used to give her chickens or, and we used to have lots of turkeys all the time. Mom used to raise turkeys. So Christmas time she always made sure Grandma got a couple of turkeys because years ago like we didn't celebrate Christmas like they do today. Like, we celebrated New Year's, that was our day.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That was the big day.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, the Métis in the valley there they all celebrated New Year's they never celebrated Christmas.

(Video Time: 10:58.29.18) 62.1 GEORGE KLYNE - You go to church, midnight mass, that was a...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Christmas, that was it.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...for Christmas.

62.2 BOB DESJARLAIS - That was our, that was the thing, you go to church, midnight mass Christmas and that was it. And then when we used to go to midnight mass there, in the valley years ago, my aunty, Maria, and, Kokum...

GEORGE KLYNE – (Unknown Name).

BOB DESJARLAIS – (Unknown Name).

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right.

BOB DESJARLAIS - They used to sing a Michif song that they only sang at midnight mass.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh really?

BOB DESJARLAIS – And it was sung in Michif eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh, I wonder if anyone knows it?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, there's lots of people know it.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That know it?

(Video Time: 10:59.19.04) BOB DESJARLAIS - When I was up north in, in the Pas there they, they got Cree songbooks there. Well matter of fact, we got, my wife's got Kokum **(Unknown Name)** Cree songbook.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Really? Wow.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Black...

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh ya, she had, and she was smart.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...seventeen, seventeen something that, that songbook. See when she, when she passed, before she passed away, my wife and I used to go out there to Kokum (**Unknown Name**) all the time and, and I'd get her to sing to us in Cree eh. So she'd sing us these songs out of this book, and then when she took sick there, but this is one time when we were there, I, I gotta go back, and I'm going ahead of myself here, I gotta go back. This one time when I, when we were there, there was Uncle Edward was sitting there and myself and my wife, and she said to Edward, "if I ever leave this world," he said, "you make sure." He said, "that this book goes to these people." She said, "I want them to keep my book."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - She could write eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - She used to write a lot cause she wrote...

BOB DESJARLAIS - She could write English and, and Cree.

64.8 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Cause she wrote, she kept a little book where she wrote when everyone had, was born and when everyone, and died that she kept, because I, ya, because I have a copy of that.

64.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - Aunty, Aunty had, what's her name, Madeleine La Cree, she was chief and did that too.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did that too?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Every wedding, the weather, what kind of weather it was that day eh. She had it in a book.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I wonder where they learnt that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - I don't know. But she kept a diary of all the deaths and the born and the marriages you know, but all of that stuff like, years ago, those people were very, very, very keen on that stuff.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So she liked to make songs up to eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE -...(Inaudible)...she, she used to make songs up too eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya. And they, they, so we, we have that song book.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh you do?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Wow.

BOB DESJARLAIS - And that song, it's in there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That song.

(Video Time: 11:01.57.06) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, and like, you know, I was, I always kick myself when I think of about it today, you know, for all

the times that I ever went there and got Grandma to sing for me in Cree eh, but I never, never used to ask her sing that particular song because it was only sung at, at Christmas time at midnight mass. And I never, did pressure her or ask her to sing that, but anytime...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Any other time.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...we went down there, I also used to get her to sing us a...(Inaudible)...song, you know, and she would eh? You know. And, and, you know, I should have got her to teach me how to sing that song, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya. Does anyone remember how it goes I wonder?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - How the tune goes?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. (Sings tune).

BOB DESJARLAIS - That's, that's...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's the tune?

BOB DESJARLAIS - That's the tune of it ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - We should get a Métis choir going on in the valley. No really, you know, a lot of people can sing...(Inaudible)...like those old songs are really beautiful.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya, oh they're beautiful.

(Video Time: 11:03.04.27) 67.1 GEORGE KLYNE – We had one the other night there, that circle...**(Inaudible)**...He sing that in Cree there, like Half-Breed way. He said his Kokum, here what that one he uses a wapass, means, that's a rabbit, a wapass. He, he...**(Inaudible)**...Kokum, with the bannock, **(Michif Word)**, made the sandwich. When he goes out Kokum make me a sandwich with wapass and...**(Inaudible)**...eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Bannock and wapass.

GEORGE KLYNE - Wapass and bannock. It was a good song, he had quite a long, you know, the words, oh boy, that was going good that guy. That's the one we should of had...**(Inaudible)**...goose with the...**(Inaudible)**...stories too, you know, for trying to get the Half-Breed going, he was supposed to be one of our Métis but he never made it. That one guy from Yorkton was supposed to be there, he said, he phoned him up, he was supposed to be there that time. Most of the time it's just me and him, and the guy from Yorkton and his wife were there. Nobody come. I'd like that you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Hard to get people together?

GEORGE KLYNE - To, to, together, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where's that Mr. Perrault from?

GEORGE KLYNE - Weyburn right now you know, they used to be from Crooked Lake there, that, that's where they were raised from eh? Crooked Lake. One side is the Half-Breed side, and the Indians on one side that there.

BOB DESJARLAIS - They had a Half-Breed settlement on the North side of the valley and the South side were, were First Nations.

GEORGE KLYNE - That's what a few brothers in there, that you know, that you know.

(Video Time: 11:04.49.19) 69.0 BOB DESJARLAIS – There's a Margaret Desjarlais used to live down there, I used to go and see her. She's a real nice woman. They had a church and a, and a, and a school there on the North side too.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh at Crooked Lake?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya. There was lots of Pelletiers there. That's where Jacqueline Pelletier's, folks came from.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Over there?

BOB DESJARLAIS – Crooked Lake, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, a lot of Pelletiers came from there eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

69.5 GEORGE KLYNE - I know that Henry Pelletier, the red-headed fella. He's going out with my niece there...**(Inaudible)**...that's...**(Inaudible)**...husband that died there, Ernie, Ernest **Melba (Unknown Spelling)**, he was a. He died of a, he was in war, you know, and then he was captured and...**(Inaudible)**...just ride...**(Inaudible)**...where they tied him up and that, you know. Him and Fred, the man that's marrying his husband...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya, right, right.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...those were still brothers, they're both brothers.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, they were both there.

GEORGE KLYNE - They were both there at that time and that's. But Freddy I guess he gave up you know, he told his brother, he said, you better watch out, they're gonna kill us, if you try to get away. He was trying to get away, that's why he's, they have his...**(Inaudible)**...tied, and...**(Inaudible)**...while he was driving to the hospital every week in Regina there. Army had a place there. Ya. And he died at Yellow Johnson or something called it there, with the yellow eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right, right. Ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, that's what killed him. Ya. Them days, I guess they didn't know too much really, maybe today they know how.

(Video Time: 11:06.41.04) 71.2 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What about New Year's? New Year's was the big...

71.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh New Year's, it was a real big thing, like, you know, they used to start about four o'clock in the morning eh?

71.4 GEORGE KLYNE - Oh, twelve o'clock right on twelve o'clock and then bang bang the door, for the persons come in, right after New Year's, twelve o'clock, and about five minutes to twelve you hear bells coming. Mom used to say, oh oh, Rene Amyotte is out there...**(Inaudible)**...Mom made his own home brew eh? Like, bottles here and there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What did she make it out of?

GEORGE KLYNE - Potatoes most of the time.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh, potatoes, dandelions is what my Grandma did, I still have my Grandma's recipe for dandelion wine.

(Video Time: 11:07.26.01) GEORGE KLYNE - Potatoes she used, mine, ya. Then they usually use, use your rye wine. Rye, use that, and then, then they didn't want to waste the rye so he feed the pigs to the rye, that wasn't...**(Inaudible)**...she said, something wrong with pig, it can't get up. He was drunk, he couldn't get up....**(Inaudible)**...and then Mom find out, he's, oh, he said, I fed him that....**(Inaudible)**...shouldn't do that to him.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you had drunk pigs?

GEORGE KLYNE - Not a pig, it was a sow...**(Inaudible)**...

72.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, they used to go to the, they used to start out going to the oldest family in the valley. So we all ended up at Kokum **(Unknown Name)** about four o'clock in the morning for breakfast, and there'd be about twenty-five, thirty people there for breakfast eh.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So that be when you start?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you'd start really early, like in the morning. Okay, and then you'd go all day?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, you go all day.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they, so they, they...

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...place to place.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they'd start at **(Unknown Name)**?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, we'd go to Kokum **(Unknown Name)** and then Grandpa Norbert, they used to live in the coulee in there eh. So we used to go there after, we go there, and then once we finish there, well then we used to go to, and visit my, we'd go to our relatives then eh. To our, my Dad's brothers and my Dad's sisters, we'd go to Uncle Joe's and that's where Grandma used to be and we'd go end up over there and. And we'd spend two, three hours there.

(Video Time: 11:09.16.09) 74.0 GEORGE KLYNE - Just like you go to confession too, New Year's at that time after the New Year when we, when he'd get up, you get all dressed up and you were cleaned up and you go and forgive your Dad. You go and kneel in front of him and he gave a blessing and that.

BOB DESJARLAIS – Ya, New Year's morning.

GEORGE KLYNE – New Year's morning and then they gave you a slap.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Your good for the next year.

GEORGE KLYNE - Another year.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They bless you, *slap*, and then you're all good eh?

GEORGE KLYNE and BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...

GEORGE KLYNE - There that's, that's, that was their ways, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's what they did?

GEORGE KLYNE - But you couldn't miss that, like, like you, I, I chum around with Billy and John eh. I was the old boy, but I was just like my brothers, Billy and John there, Racette. I travelled with them all over. Now, I stayed there most of the time over there, that place there, we used to stay, I used to stay there and that. But the old man...**(Inaudible)**...would say, see my nickname, well they called me Garçon, that means the boy eh? Garçon, don't forget you get ready, go straight to your Mom and Dad, don't stop no place. So I had to go there first, Billy and them there, they, they're finished and they used to come with me straight to Mom and Dad's.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they'd go see Charlie?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, then from there on we...**(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - And you're free.

GEORGE KLYNE - And you're free eh.

(Video Time: 11:10.43.08) 75.5 BOB DESJARLAIS - And what they did at that time too, is, they call the six of January is called **(Michif Words)** that's All Saint's Day.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh okay, ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - They start New Year's and they'd party every night, all way through that whole week.

GEORGE KLYNE - Week ya, six days.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Six days?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, and then once **(Michif Words)** come, well, you can't dance cause the Rou Garou will come...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you had to get it out of your system between New Year's and...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. You know, you're dancing and you're partying down at the, that five days eh? But they, they made sure they, they partied every night some place. Ya, if somebody would come along they'd, hey Bill, they're having a party over there tonight. And oh God, it was fun.

76.5 GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...the one over there, and maybe another one at...**(Inaudible)**...place.

76.6 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, Uncle Harry's, he's had lots of this at Uncle Harry's eh, they had great big house eh.

GEORGE KLYNE - Lots of room.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, lots of room to dance.

GEORGE KLYNE - Blackfoot, Blackfoot place eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Used to dance there all night, and then they'd dance, they danced all night. They didn't dance for a couple hours.

(Video Time: 11:12.02.27) 76.9 GEORGE KLYNE - I had to, I had to call dances.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right.

GEORGE KLYNE - French and English.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Who was your fiddle players back then? Who was your...

GEORGE KLYNE - We had, we had Martin **Pareau (Unknown Spelling)**. And we had Fred **(Unknown Name)** was hard to get, you know. He was, he want to play he was a good fiddler but...**(Inaudible)**...want to play, you know. But Martin **Pareau (Unknown Spelling)**, it didn't matter, as soon as he walked in the fiddle was there, he liked to make everybody, a good time, you know. And there was a few more, my uncle Rene played quite a bit, but him, he wanted to sit there and play because he wants somebody to give him a drink. He liked to drink after.

BOB DESJARLAIS - He did that for a reason.

GEORGE KLYNE - That was his reason there. As long as he had bottle of beer on the side, he'll sit there all night and play for us. He wasn't bad either, eh, really.

BOB DESJARLAIS – No, he was good enough, that Uncle Rene.

GEORGE KLYNE – He had a few songs there, few tunes you know, over and over again, but it sounds pretty good when you're feeling good you know.

BOB DESJARLAIS – Had a couple stiff shots of home brew and sounds pretty nice.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Did they still have like a big dinner on New Year's Day? Like some kind of a big community dinner or something?

BOB DESJARLAIS – No, not anymore.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – No, not, they didn't have that. Okay, take a break?

GEORGE KLYNE - Take a break.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Here comes Maria. Oh ya.

78.5 End of Side A

Side B

(Video Time: 12:20.13.26) 0.5 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Good?

BOB DESJARLAIS - We're on.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - We're on. I'd like you guys to tell me about those New Year's cakes.

GEORGE KLYNE - I don't know nothing about them.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Do you know what they look like?

(Video Time: 12:20.28.08) 0.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - Well anyway, what I remember of them years ago, actually years ago, when I was a kid I was very, very nosy about things, you know, I always, I was, I, I was always asking questions about this and about that you know. And maybe George wasn't quite like I was when I was a kid. But anyway asking, you know, but all these Christmas cake, or New Year's Cakes, every, every family that you went and visit or went and had lunch with, they all had boulettes. What they

call boulettes at that time, which is meatballs. And every house they had that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - A big pot?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Big pot of boulettes for New Year's. And every house had a, a, a New Year's cake. A three layer cake, and they all decorated these cakes. And every one of them was decorated different.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What did they use for the decoration?

BOB DESJARLAIS - The silver candies and then they used to use, my, my, my mother and my brother, of course my brother was really good at, like he, he used to bake all the pies for Mom for New Year's eh. He did the, the, the pie baking and the cookie making, my brother John. And they invented something that they used. They used to put the, the icing sugar in this, in this thing.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Like a tube?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Like a tube thing that brother John made, and, and they used to use that to decorate, put this, make fancy lace on, on the cake eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So with icing?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Like it was that white icing? So they'd be decorated with...

BOB DESJARLAIS - They, they, Mom used to go up, put that, that cake colouring into the, into this... **(Inaudible)**...oh, oh now you get all different kinds of colours.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh really?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, on the cakes eh, ya, ya, they weren't all just what eh. Pink and trimming and green, yellow, or, you know, whatever. And, but like I said, in all the, the houses all the ladies they had their own idea, decorating their New Year's cake. And that, that cake sat in the middle of the table there when people come into eat. And they could see that cake there eh. And then on the sixth of January that's when the cakes are cut and then you go around visiting after and you go around tasting that cake.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So the cake sit on the table? So from New Year's, you walk in, you see the cake, but you don't have any?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No, you don't have any till after the sixth of January. Then everybody cut their cake and, and, and when you go and visit, okay, you, and they're gonna give ya a cup of tea. Like the tradition was at that time, you, you didn't leave that house till you had a lunch. You couldn't leave without having a cup of tea and a something to eat eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Right, so you'd always be feeding someone when they...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, you had, you had, you had to have a lunch before you leave wherever you went. And then at that time, then that's what you got, that piece of Christmas cake that you saw sitting on the table at New Year's.

(Video Time: 12:24.33.19) 5.5 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Were the cakes made out of the same stuff, were all the cakes like a certain kind of cake?

5.6 BOB DESJARLAIS - Well no, ya, they're all fruit cakes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh so they were fruit cakes?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, they're all fruit cakes, but a lot of them used molasses in them and the molasses would turn them dark colour. And a different taste to them and then some of them didn't like molasses so they didn't use molasses and their cakes would be quite light and just fruit eh.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What kind of fruit would they put in them?

BOB DESJARLAIS - They put cherries and mixed peels and, and raisins, lots of raisins and nuts.

GEORGE KLYNE - Peanuts, nuts ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Nuts ya, lots of nuts, .

GEORGE KLYNE - Not peanuts, but they're nuts, you know, talking about hazel, just like hazelnuts eh.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, or what ya call it, walnuts too.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, walnuts.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where would they get the nuts? Would they just get them around?

BOB DESJARLAIS – They'd buy them.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – They'd buy them in the store?

BOB DESJARLAIS - They'd buy them in the store. Hazelnuts we used to pick all the time.

GEORGE KLYNE - You see them now all ready for, for cooking the nuts like that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya. It's the same like that.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they would use more hazelnuts? Cause now I think people use walnuts a lot, not so much hazelnuts.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, they used a lot of walnuts here.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Raisins, those little cherries, that's those cherries that you buy in the jars there.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, the green and red cherries. Ya, glazed cherries.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And then, and then raisins you said, and peel?

BOB DESJARLAIS – Ya, mixed peel.

GEORGE KLYNE - Orange, orange.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, mixed peel they call it. It's, there's, it's orange peeling and lemon and, and, whatchacallem, lime, lime and. So it's ya, it makes it taste very, very good. You haven't got mixed peel in your cake...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It's a poor cake.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...you haven't got a cake. 99% of them were all...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They would have mixed peel?

BOB DESJARLAIS - They used that mixed peel because it gave that extra tick or whatever taste.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And some of them would have molasses, but not always.

BOB DESJARLAIS - No, no, not always.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And when you, do you notice like, when the women were getting ready for all of this, and they're cooking, did they make their cake way ahead of time?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes, oh yes...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they'd make their cake...

BOB DESJARLAIS - ... couple months ahead of time.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Couple months?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Ya, a lot of them would make them in the, in August, first of September they, they'd be making their Christmas or New Year's cake already. So, actually...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Cause you want it to be heavy eh?

(Video Time: 12:27.07.07) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, or actually, you see it, it, it was like making home brew - the longer it aged the better it is, you know. And that, that's what they, they used to do. They used to make it fairly early and then the cake would be a couple or three months old by the time New Year's would come.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they'd make them in round pans?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, some of them had round ones, some of them had square ones. And, and some, some would, would pile them like that and then some would turn them, like they're kinda corner, they're different, you know, and then they'd turn the other way.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay so this one's going this way, this ones going this way, this one's going that way?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - All different sizes, as you know, the smallest one on top.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, a lot of them had, they, they were four high.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...there'd be a little man sitting in the front.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - A little man? You're just teasing me.

BOB DESJARLAIS - They, they do a lot of them, they'd make 'em four high. I've seen them do it four layers.

(Video Time: 12:28.12.19) 9.6 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, they make this big one there, maybe two and that'll be two small ones on each side. That's the same kinda cake. That's the one they eat. They might cut that one, a small one before the big one, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay, so for when the New Year's when people are coming around they might have...

GEORGE KLYNE - You cut the big one, but New Year's Day they might cut that, smaller ones. It's the same cake, it's in the centre. Same mix I should say.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What did you wrap them up in?

10.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - We wrapped them up in cellophane paper.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - In cellophane? Where did they store them?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. And then Mom used to wrap them in that paper and, and then she'd, she'd take brown, these brown paper grocery bags. She used to cut them open and then she used to wrap that on top and put tape on it and put it inside of a box. Inside the cupboard and boy I'll tell you, you don't put a finger on that box if you could lose a finger if you touch that cake.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Would they cover it all with icing, or just a little bit?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No they'd cover the whole cake.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - The whole cake would be covered with icing?
And then all decorated, different things?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya. And they done the silver candies and gold
candies on there and you know, and those Christmas they were able to get
those Christmas candies at Holly's.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. And they used to decorate their. Oh boy some of
them, oh shoulda seen some of them, oh God, look like you shouldn't even
touch it eh, you know, the way it was decorated.

(Video Time: 12:30.03.01) 11.7 GEORGE KLYNE -

...(Inaudible)...made good Christmas cake eh, the woman I'm with. I made
one way before...(Inaudible)...he gave a one good sized one to them, to Bob
and wife. I asked him how the cake was, he said, "you couldn't find the
pieces...(Inaudible)..."

12.2 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, my son, oh God, that guys like a mouse
smelling cheese. He, you find that kid right away. He come to eat, to have a
piece of cake, it's just the wrapping there. Terry ate it all.

12.5 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So what else did you eat? You'd have
these amazing cakes. I'm gonna try to make one, but I don't know, I've
never seen one, so that's gonna. Would you have more decorations on the
top?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well no, no, no.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Sort of just kind of all over?

12.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - Pretty well the same all the way up eh, you know, ya. And then some of them used to, used a say pinkish coloured icing on, on the bottom part. And then they'd used a light green and, or a dark green and then next layer...

13.2 GEORGE KLYNE - ... candies, you all, you'd get it all different colours eh. There'd be decorated all colours, or you want, what they think that's gonna look the best from bottom to the top, whatever, holidays, little candies they put on there. You could put your name on it, whatever, it doesn't matter. You know, where, where you put it on.

13.6 BOB DESJARLAIS - Put on one side Merry Christmas, Happy New Year on the other side with the candies eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Oh ya, ya. Ya, oh God. Oh ya, I remember that well. But everybody like I said, it was kinda like a challenge to each other, you know, like the ladies, which was really good because everyone of them they gave it their best, their best eh.

(Video Time: 12:32.06.19) 14.2 GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...the old ladies that say, "did you see her cake, oh my God. And I think my mine is better."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They were thinking about each other's cake?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, oh ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Checking each other out. Stealing ideas for next year.

14.5 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh definitely. Ya, oh ya. And then some of them they'd go around visiting after New Year's tasting this cake eh, you know, and evaluating who's got the best cake eh. And then one of them would kinda get these, these bunch, kind of mad a little bit, you know, and then they'd go and they'd come back. I didn't like this cake and it didn't taste very good. But it was all the, all in the, what happened is...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE and BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...cake was good.

15.3 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - If you had boulettes, what else would you have?

15.4 BOB DESJARLAIS - A lot of deer meat.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Deer meat?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you'd have meat out?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, ya, and chickens, ya, ya, lots of chickens.

15.5 GEORGE KLYNE - And all they gots to know, there wasn't much turkey eh, in those years. All the sort they call it bouletes, you know, meatballs and stuff like that. That's what, that was the real thing for New Year's eh, in that year.

15.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh God, you had to have that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Boulettes?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, oh yes.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...for New Year's.

BOB DESJARLAIS – The boulettes were just as much a must as that New Year's cake.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay, so that was...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

16.4 GEORGE KLYNE - It's what they get first, when somebody come and you feed. Soon as somebody walks in on New Year's Day, Happy New Year, Happy New Year's and this and that. You sat down and then...**(Inaudible)**...like my sister set the table, the plates, was already set, everything's there but the food, you know...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Sits on the stove.

GEORGE KLYNE - Put it on there yep. You gotta eat it. I was always wondering how could a person eat that much, from house to house we used to, you have to eat that, you know. You go there, they put a plate for you, you gotta go and eat it all. I'll let you save up, you don't eat that, you like our food. You know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh so like an insult?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya. Oh definitely.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, was an insult, you gotta eat.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes, you gotta eat.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And how many houses would you visit?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh heck, maybe 10, 12 houses. Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS – By the time you get home, boy I tell ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS and GEORGE KLYNE talk at same time.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...Move around.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya there's twenty-seven family down there at one time.

GEORGE KLYNE - Then if you got a bottle of whiskey in your pocket. Then beer, and every place you walk in, first thing they said, I want a dollar to have a jug of wine there...(Inaudible)...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What was the toast? What was the toast you'd say?

GEORGE KLYNE - ...(Inaudible)...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Salut?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Then you'd eat your soup.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, then you'd sit down and eat your soup.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - But there'd be other food there, but how did they have their chickens, just roasted or?

(Video Time: 12:35.12.14) 18.0 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, mostly roasted.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did they stuff them?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, it was all stuffed chickens, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Potato or bread?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Bread.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Bread, bread stuffing?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you'd have to do, do your best.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes. Oh ya, well the thing was like I say a lot of it was, they competed eh? You know actually, you know, because after, at the time I, I didn't realize, you know, that this came about till later when I got a little bit older when I started to understand things you know, I thought, you know, goddamn it, Aunty Mary was quite a lady for decorating her cake eh Uncle Harry's wife, Uncle Harry Poitras' wife - Aunty Mary there. She used to be quite a decorator boy I'll tell you, to try and beat all the ladies eh, you know. And then after I was thinking, and I thought, you know, this is really wasn't what I think it is. You know, this was a contest actually. But it, it never really, no one really got serious about it, you know, it was just, but a lot of them talked about it after, but nothing really... **(Inaudible)**...

19.7 GEORGE KLYNE - You know, they walked through the, through the winter, in the fall they here for a long time... **(Inaudible)**...you go around, are they anything to eat. And scratching here and there, but that day at New Year's, where that stuff come from, that table is right for every table.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So even though they had hard times, hard times.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - New Year's Day was always...

GEORGE KLYNE - That table was full.

BOB DESJARLAIS - That table was dead, the food was dead.

GEORGE KLYNE - They saved that, I don't know they starved theirselves but after that day. But like us guys, like Mom and Dad and us guys, there we had lots of... **(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS and GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...

GEORGE KLYNE - But lot of people there, we had, they, they had nothing eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - And they had so many kids.

GEORGE KLYNE - They had no money.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, some of the people were really poor weren't they?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

(Video Time: 12:37.41.05) 20.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, and a lot of them had so many kids eh? Like, with their family and not like my family, there was only three of us there to, to back in the 50s. And then my other two sisters came along and then we ended up with six of us. But like, we always had deer meat, you know. My mother used to can everything eh. Well that time there was no fridge, no, no ice boxes or anything at that time, so they, they canned everything eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What would they put it in?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Sealers.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Glass sealers?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. My mother used to have about three hundred sealers, she'd fill those all up in the fall and...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What would they be filled with?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Chicken and deer meat.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Canned deer meat?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes. Oh boy is that stuff ever good, you canned it.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - How do you do that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - It's...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You just boil it up and put it in there?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No, no, you, you cut it up, put it in there raw. And you, and you put it in the boiler and you boil it for three hours. And you put your cover on tight, there you go, there's your meat.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So do you have to cook it, it's cooked in there?

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...in the sealer ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You put any spices or anything in...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, well they, they used to put a little bit of spices...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Little pepper or something?

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...salt and pepper mostly, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I never heard of canned deer meat.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh boy that, I...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What about rabbit?

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...I cut my teeth at that, ya. Rabbit, well we, my Mom never canned rabbit but we, we ate a lot of rabbit.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Lot of rabbit?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did they make **(Unknown Word)**.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, oh yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So would they rabbit stew eh? Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, that's what they used to fill up the kids eh, oh yes.

GEORGE KLYNE - Like the suck, suckers. My Mom and my Grandma there, so they did there, put there jars, in the spring of the year...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh when they were running?

GEORGE KLYNE - ...both running ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, when they were running in that...**(Inaudible)**...there.

22.9 GEORGE KLYNE - Making their new home, they come by and they cook them in the sealers...**(Inaudible)**...Ya, that fish there.

(Video Time: 12:39.55.14) 23.0 BOB DESJARLAIS - Aunty Sar used to cook them. Used to put a little bit a, add some vinegar in there and, and some ketchup and she'd cook that. And then when they open that jar, sucker, middle of the summer, he swear to God they just went and caught that salmon.

GEORGE KLYNE – They'd jump right out.

BOB DESJARLAIS - It's pink, it's real pink.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It would jump right out of the can into the...
Was it cooked or did you have to cook it?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No, it was cooked.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It was cooked?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - It was cooked, oh ya, cooked first.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, tust cooked there, they put it in there raw and then they cooked it?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That must have been a lot of work?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh, god, you're telling me and all the vegetables like the carrots, the peas, the corn, the, the meats and all that stuff, it was all canned.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where did they put the cans?

BOB DESJARLAIS - We, we all, everybody had a little cellar.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Like a root cellar?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya...(Inaudible)...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Jammed full in the fall with potatoes and turnips and, and canned stuff eh? Saskatoons...

24.2 GEORGE KLYNE - My Dad had a, he dug a big, we dug a big hole. Uncle Rene helped him and they put the boards in there and that. Then they, then hauled ice and put a bunch of ice. Then they put straw, put ice, straw, ice, straw. And when the summer comes we kept our cream and stuff...(Inaudible)...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That would keep it cold?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh, heck ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - We had one.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Even in the summer?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

24.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, we had one at home too, like, dug right into the hill.

(Video Time: 12:41.31.14) 24.8 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, he'd say, I used to hate that damn thing. And every fall of the year called my Dad, they'd get the horse, stone boot. Had to clean that out, stuck in there muddy. All that straw in that lot of dirt were mixed in there. Have to shovel all out the deep, you know. How was actually done by pail.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - How deep would it be?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh it'd be about twelve feet.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Twelve feet?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh heck ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So it'd be like ice and straw?

GEORGE KLYNE - It's got a little stairway there, real clean.

25.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ice and straw and sometimes they used to use whatchacallem, sawdust eh?

25.4 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, sawdust, but this one here you know, when you don't go down there when you put your stuff there, you put in the pails and then put it back there, strings by rope, and you know. And you put your stuff down, your... **(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, butter and cream.

GEORGE KLYNE - Butter or whatever, you don't go down there. Just a little ice, you know, you opened it up and you put it on.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh really? So it'd just be like a fridge and a...

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Just like opening a door and just going like that?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Then you'd have to go in there and clean it up?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, in the fall we'd clean that up and put the ice back in again.

GEORGE KLYNE - Go like a little machine there, and they'd go and chop a bit of ice and put it in there, I forget, I used...**(Inaudible)**...And you turn that, oh boy, I used to love that. My sister, you know, how she'd make it...**(Inaudible)**...ice cream. Ya.

(Video Time: 12:42.58.28) 26.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - My old Kokum used to make us ice cream.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What'd she make it out of, out of cream?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Pure ice cream, boy I'll tell you it wasn't no, no imitation stuff in there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What did they put in to flavour?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Little bit of sugar and a little bit of vanilla.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So it'd be like vanilla ice cream?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, vanilla ice cream, ya.

(Video Time: 12:43.18.05) SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh that'd be good. Now what about the **(Unknown Word)** where do, like where do they grow? Like I know they're berries.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh, they're, they grow all over the place in the valley down there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they're choke cherries right?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, choke cherries, and they grow all over. And they're, years ago, well not as much today, hey George, but years ago, oh lordy, they were plentiful. Like choke cherries were just...

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh, there's lots on their own.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, there's still lots but, but at that time, heck you see a little bush, heck you could go in there and pick a couple of gallons of choke cherries like nothing. Now you gotta kinda look around for them eh. But years ago you didn't have to because they were so. And years ago I remember us picking these goose berries along the river, they, they used to grow...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They sort of big?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No they're, they're, they're, they're probably the size of my little finger, you know. Their goose berries they called them and, and we used to pick those. Mom used to make jam out of them. And then they used to be what they call the black currant that they used to grow along the river too. Little clusters of bushes eh and we used to pick those and Mom used to make jam out of those too.

28.0 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You would grind the berries, like when you grind the choke cherries, it, would they, like when you guys were small, did, did your Mom and your Grandmas did they use a stone or did they use a grinder?

28.1 BOB DESJARLAIS – Well my grandmother used a stone.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - She used the stones?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And just a few at a time?

BOB DESJARLAIS - I was just telling my cousin George here, I said, this spring, I said, "I want you to, us to go up to where Grandma was there." I said, "I want to go look for her stone, to see if we could find her stone there." Because I know it's, it got left behind.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay.

BOB DESJARLAIS - It, and that rock was oh, about that big around I guess, and it was about that thick.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So that would be the one that she would...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, and then she'd...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Have a smaller one?

BOB DESJARLAIS - She'd drop about two, three berries and then she'd, and then she had a round one. And it was a little bit flat on one side and, and she'd use that to crush the choke cherries.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you'd just do two or three berries at a time?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That must have taken a long time.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...three times you hit right there, they're used to it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh god, they're used to it.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh they were fast?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh, oh god Grandma did, she get a gallon pail there, didn't take her long to empty that gallon pail.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh it'd take me forever, plunk, plunk, plunk.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did they used to get a rhythm going and just...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Where would they do it?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Actually they used to...

GEORGE KLYNE - Like a machine.

(Video Time: 12:46.02.03) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, I used to get a kick out of Grandma, anything like that, she used to, like you say, you're talking about a rhythm, you know. I used to listen to her she'd be sitting behind the house in the shade crushing these choke cherries and she'd be humming a tune eh. And just like she was keeping time to her singing...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – She had a little. You usually do it outside?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, oh ya. They used to do it outside.

GEORGE KLYNE - And the flies, they're flying around.

BOB DESJARLAIS - And juice flying all over the place.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And they put it on a screen?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, well they used to put it on oil cloth.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - On oil cloth?

BOB DESJARLAIS - First, and then they'd put a screen over top of that and then they'd let it dry. And then once it dried...

GEORGE KLYNE - So the flies don't...(I n a u d i b l e)...it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, and water, they'd put that screen on. And then once it dries, well they, they took that, you know, those choke cherries and they put em in a bag. And they used to hang em in the shed.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did they make them in a, like a little cake kinda?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, some of them made, ya, like a, like a cookie eh. Ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So it would be stored like ground and dried, right. And then how does it get from there to be like, what you eat?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well, what they did is they, they, they'd get a couple handfuls of these, cause we, we didn't eat that many at the time. Like you don't eat many, much of that.

GEORGE KLYNE - It'd fill you up.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, if you got, be careful how much you eat. Anyway, she'd get a couple handfuls and she'd put em in a pot and then she'd put a little bit of water in there. And then, she'd get that going and she'd put a little wee bit a, of grease in there. Bacon fat or something, you know, anything greasy you put it in there, and she'd stir that and then she'd tighten it with flour.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh a little bit of flour?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Little bit of flour.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Any sugar?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Little bit of sugar.

BOB DESJARLAIS - She put, she put a little bit of sugar, not much, you know...

GEORGE KLYNE – Brown sugar they used to use.

(Video Time: 12:48.11.02) BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, they, they didn't put much sugar in it eh. Just a little wee bit, you know. And, and then they'd put it on the table. It was, I guess it was kinda like eating a relish, you know, it's the way you eat..

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - No it's good I like it. I just don't know how to make it.

BOB DESJARLAIS - You won't eat it by the spoonful, you know, you just eat a little bit and sit down.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I was eating it with a spoon, I really like it, and I don't get it very often so I was just like, I like bannock...(Inaudible)...like that.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Somebody's gonna be coming home, you should come at home, I'll give you some.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh you got some?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes. I grind, grind choke cherries every year.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh it's good, it's really good.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Someone's dancing.

BOB DESJARLAIS - But that's, that's how they used to, cook choke cherries. And like we said...(Inaudible)...lots, all the meats. Like when Dad used to go out working and the farmer didn't have quite enough money.

(Video Time: 12:49.12.24) 32.8 GEORGE KLYNE - I don't know, forgot what they call that. We call it **(Michif word)**. That's what they mix with that, for that, with that, like...(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)...what the, strips of bacon, you know, that, you know...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right with the piggy like there.

GEORGE KLYNE – Ya piggy puffs. And that, you know, they put there, then they put brown sugar, then they tramp it and they, if they have, Saskatoon, they used to dry the Saskatoon too, you know. Then they'd throw that in there a handful, with the choke cherries and the tramp, tramp it, and they make like a jam. Put it in a little jar after. My, my Grandma made a lot of it, and...**(Inaudible)**...was the name of Adam, Jim...**(Inaudible)**...down they lived on top of the hill. Rose was her name, my Mom's sister. And that, you know, he said, "you give this to Rose." Okay, I walking, wondering what the heck this meant, you know, I'm trying to open it up, he said, "take a bite, well taste good"...**(Inaudible)**...says, he only had a little chunk when he got home.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - On the way up?

GEORGE KLYNE - On the way up the hill and he...**(Inaudible)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - What did they call them?

GEORGE KLYNE – **(Michif Word)** they call it. There's a name for it in English, what the heck they call it now, it's like how they make it anyway. Same thing like you say, like when they dry meat you know, you know the...

BOB DESJARLAIS – Pemmican?

GEORGE KLYNE - Pemmican, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did they used to dry meat? Do you remember anyone drying meat?

(Video Time: 12:50.59.12) 34.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, my Dad used to dry meat. Use to dry fish too.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Dry fish?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. Ya. Ya, I spent a year, my Dad used to...(Inaudible)...and she used to smoke it eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right, okay.

35.1 GEORGE KLYNE - So one, one my sisters, one of them got married, Alice was saying he married a Fleury...(Inaudible)... had a nice day there, going about a year and a half, they butchered a, I got a lot of meat. It all come together there and that, you know, come and help Mom slice, hang up, they threw salt on it and they had all they use willow eh? The smoke, don't use that other stuff...(Inaudible)...don't taste good, you know, the willow smoked that's very good. Then me, I was standing there, keep the flies away.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That was your job?

GEORGE KLYNE - My job, ya. Oh after it dries up and then it's okay eh. Just like chip, wood chips eh...(Inaudible)...you don't have to cook it, it's already...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It tastes good though doesn't it?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh my goodness.

36.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, fish was the same way, ya.

GEORGE KLYNE - Yeah, fish.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Any special kind of fish or any kind of fish?

BOB DESJARLAIS – No any kind, any kind.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Any kind? Like pickerel or...

BOB DESJARLAIS - My Dad, my Dad used to, oh suppers they used to, they used to smoke those things like I don't know what. Uncle Harry and Uncle Rene, oh boy, Uncle Rene used to. I used to get a kick out of Uncle Rene.

36.6 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Now you had a story about chickens. Do you want to tell us that?

(Video Time: 12:52.44.20) 36.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, here comes...**(Inaudible)**...anyway. I tell you this when I, this is my favourite story and, and this is as true as I'm sitting here, you know. This really, really did happen. This isn't a fake story or anything. That old Kokum Flora of mine that I was telling you about all this medicines and she was a midwife, you know. This one time she came at, at home there and she was visiting mother there. Then all of a sudden when she was ready to go, mother came and called me and he said, "Bob you, you go home with, with, with Kokum." She said, "she's gonna send you back with, with some eggs. You, you carry those eggs for Kokum." I said, "okay," she gave her a dozen eggs out of her basket of eggs. So then we're leaving the house, we went a little ways and, and I remembered that just like I can see Grandma right now, you know, she turned around, she said, "Florence by the way." She said, "how many roosters you want with your, your chickens here?" Mom said, "three," he said, "give me three roosters." And I thought well, you know, what's going on here...**(Inaudible)**...so that's fine. And it, it really bothered me a lot, like, you know, I was thinking about this, you know and I thought geez, you know, this is quite the thing. And so we walked. Kokum Flora lived about a

mile away from us eh. So we walked over there, we were talking, me and Kokum going to her place. We got over there and she took out her basket of eggs. And there she started going over these eggs and putting them in the pail there and my, got a syrup pail, putting these eggs in there, you know. You're looking them over and putting them into this pail. So that was fine, you know, I was sitting there, you know. I, I thought Grandma, this time you're gonna lose this time Grandma. You know, you're not gonna be able to do this, you know, you pulled a lot of things on me, but this one, I don't think you're gonna get away with this one. So that's fine, I came home with these eggs and mother took them, took em to the hen house, put em underneath this cluckin hen that we had there. So she sat on those eggs and...**(Inaudible)**...chicks were born, or hatched eh. After they're hatched well, you couldn't tell the females from the males or the roosters eh, so I watched that hen and their little chicks and as they grew up and lo and behold it's true as I'm sitting here today, there was three roosters in that bunch.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So she gave her live eggs? Like those eggs still were like alive?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And she could pick the roosters from the hens? By looking?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes, yes, by looking at the egg.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And you don't know how?

BOB DESJARLAIS - I don't know how. And this, this is what makes me mad today, like, I missed out on Kokum **(Unknown Name)** songs, that I didn't

try to get her to teach me how to sing them songs, and then I lost out on Kokum Flora's...

GEORGE KLYNE - Chicken story.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Chicken things eh, you know, what she knew, well, you know I, I...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So you thought she was pulling your leg?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. You know, I don't, I thought this time, you know, this time, Kokum you're, you're not gonna do it this time. But by Jesus she proved me wrong.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – She did? I wonder how she did it?

BOB DESJARLAIS - I don't know. But they talk about technology today, you know, hell those old people sixty years ago, they, they knew what they were doing.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, for sure.

BOB DESJARLAIS - You betcha you better...**(Inaudible)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Now they have to have ultrasound or something like that to tell.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya.

(Video Time: 12:57.25.16) 41.8 GEORGE KLYNE - The things that happened in the years like that, you know, like I say, like my Grandma was telling when they used to go along, you know, they used to wagons, you

know. They went from one place to the other, you know, all summer eh. And that, you know, till they get a good place for the winter, that's where they stayed, like he said, road allowance whatever. Set up there for the winter eh, where they, where they can get...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Access to it.

GEORGE KLYNE - Rabbits, and whatever...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Whatever game they could.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...close to the water, whatever. But anyway, my Grandma says when they were going, said...**(Inaudible)**...she was expecting and so they had to stop and she had her baby. But she didn't make it. She died but the baby was all right. Then they didn't have no, no cows, nothing, just happen to set a horse...**(Inaudible)**...mare had the colt. So they milked that, that mare and gave away the milk. The baby feed him that milk, horse, you know, from the mare. This woman was listening to me real good...**(Inaudible)**... like you do eh, this, this isn't true, you know. But it didn't go that way, really, towards the end. Then did, how did the, the, the, how did the baby live...**(Inaudible)**...But when she grew up I said she was strong as a horse. That woman won't believe me. But this was all right you know, but I didn't have to put that on there, you know. They, they survived the baby bumps eh, with that, you know. They say the horse's milk is just about the same as a woman's milk, it's sweet.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So then, they would do that for the baby if they needed it?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, ya.

(Video Time: 12:59.29.14) 44.2 BOB DESJARLAIS - See a lot of those old people, they knew all that, they knew all that. How they got to know it, don't ask me.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya really cause...

BOB DESJARLAIS - I really never , you know, like I'm saying today. Like, I wish to God I'd ask more questions than I did.

44.6 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - But it's like some people specialized, you know, it's like when you, when you're talking about those older people, it's like some people knew a lot about sort of one area. And then another person would know a lot about another area. And then there was some stuff that everyone kind of knew. You know?

44.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, there was lots, lots of things yes, especially with the ladies eh? Lot of, lot of things that some ladies would know. Oh I know, I know what to do, you know, I'll go and get her, you know, she knows, you know.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they would help each other?

(Video Time: 13:00.23.28) BOB DESJARLAIS - So they, they, they helped each other. Like years ago back home there, when we were living down the valley there and George can tell you the same. Everybody helped each other, ya. Everybody helped each other there. Like in the spring we used to go around plowing gardens, me and my Dad were different people, you know. Just to help them out, you know, get their gardens plowed getting ready so they can put it in their garden, you know, we did lots of that. Ya, and everybody had a big garden because that was their means and ways of life through the winter eh? Like they'd can all these peas and carrots and then they'd get corn and cut the, the kernels off the, the cobs and, and

canned them that way. And then some of them they used to put the canned cobs in oil, but it took too many sealers to can...(Inaudible)...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Jeez the women used to work hard eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh lord ya, I remember my Mom used to get up six o'clock in the morning start working till dark, you know, cooking, getting stuff ready.

46.6 GEORGE KLYNE - The guy did, the weeds eh, ya. To pull the weeds out by hand, when was that, would have had a little cultivator, the horse would pull it, pull the roots out...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Potatoes.

GEORGE KLYNE - ... wide enough, you know, that cultivator goes for weeks.

BOB DESJARLAIS –...(Inaudible)...

GEORGE KLYNE – ...(Inaudible)...Then potato buck says, them come, you gotta kill that damn thing.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Gotta go there to can.

GEORGE KLYNE – Can. Take them off...

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...(Inaudible)...

GEORGE KLYNE - And potatoes, I think the biggest one was as big this round here. But holy Christ they're just thick eh? Mom and Dad say...(Inaudible)...pick them all time, but Aunty used to put them on the, dig a hole in the ground first, like so, and put em there. And then they put

the leg on top, let em dry, fresh paint. Then he had, had a cellar and a shoot from outside he had a hole there, used two thick box right packed just like that.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Holy jeez.

GEORGE KLYNE - In the winter come, Mom would get a pail full and put em in, boil em in a big pot. Then we'd sit around after they cooked, peel em, ready just to, just the potatoes. Then they put em when you, put em in the lard, round em up, round the little fellas a hole...**(Inaudible)**...That's why I still like them the small potatoes eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Those little round ones, cause that's the kind that they used to grow, not those great big one? The little ones.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, they never did grew the big ones, cause there's, there wasn't that much rain or nothing eh? The thing was you know...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh ya, you couldn't water your gardens, you just took what fell out of rain....

GEORGE KLYNE - Well, like that's the, and that you know, we had two bars and a stone boot, we used to call it. We'd go down the river and then we like that. And Mom would send us over there and we'd have pails and they'd put holes in the little, the gallon pail...**(Inaudible)**...run around roses and water the garden. We emptied them bars in no time, me and my cousins, fine boys from...**(Inaudible)**...my cousins, well there was two of them still at home there for, for a holidays and that. Well we go and swim eh? La fille told my Mom they always start naming them, Andy Lafille, the bars are empty, oh no, more water, oh, okay, go and get the water, and boys went swimming. Fill our bars up in no time, again go...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh so you'd fit in the fun in between your work?

GEORGE KLYNE - Oh ya. Ya, take turns. But ...

50.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - But the kids like they, they, we did all the weed pulling in our garden.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, pull weeds, ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - We'd get up early in the morning and we'd go pick weeds till it got kind of hot and then...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So that would be in the morning?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, that was morning job eh, evening job...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Kids used to work too eh? Kids would work with the women?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes. Oh ya, it was a must. Ya. Everything was, was,...**(Inaudible due to overlapping talk)**...was canned eh. Well there was no fridges or anything at that time and...

GEORGE KLYNE - Work first and play after they always used to say.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Work first, play after?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

GEORGE KLYNE – Ya. That’s right, whatever you got to it, so much you had to do it and you can go and play after.

(Video Time: 13:05.17.09) 52.1 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I was gonna ask if you’d ever heard of any Chi-Jean stories. Did they ever used to tell Chi-Jean stories, do you know?

52.2 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, I heard something about it. I knew this old man he used to live with us there and that, you know, he was a Landry guy, Jim Landry was his name. He was blind, you know. Oh he was old already. And he said this Wesakejack, he was running, he was small. He was running along the grass, a cow come along, he got a hold of him and swallowed him. That, and by...**(Inaudible)**...inside a cow eh, and that, you know, Chi-Jean, supposed he was looking for his buddy, Wesakejack, **(Speaks Michif)**. That means, you know, what it means?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Black and white cow.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Yes, I’m in the black and white cow.

GEORGE KLYNE - I...**(Inaudible)**...here looking around, I guess you’re not up here. Now we had to go behind the cow dine till he went, you know, there he was blinking his eyes, and he fell down to the ground. So he did have take em, and I said buddy. And this is a true story they tell me, that’s how it happened....**(Inaudible)**...he save his buddy, that’s Wesakejack. It’s about you swallowed by the cow.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they were like little mischievous friends, Wesakejack and Chi-Jean? Oh they end up going together?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, ya.

53.4 BOB DESJARLAIS - And Chi-Jean (**Michif Word**)...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Chi-Jean, how do you say it?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Chi-jean (**Michif Word**).

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Chi Jean (**Michif Word**).

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya. And Wesakejack, they're, they're buddies.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did that little Chi-Jean play tricks?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Don't, don't smile and look at us with that look...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And Wesakejack too, but...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Either.

53.9 GEORGE KLYNE - They were little midgets I guess more or less.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya. There's used to be little.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Little small.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Little dwarves or something, you know. That's what I heard.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did you have stories too, like about little people, so Chi-Jean, Wesakejack, they were small too, ya, but...

(Video Time: 13:07.58.11) 54.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - But, that, that's the only about the only thing that I ever heard of, you know, thing is...

54.7 GEORGE KLYNE – Like, you know, you, you forget lots, you know, that old man we had there, you know, he used to tell us stories, you know. Like that, you know. The way he said it, you know, but today like you say, one story there, you know, he was, there were, going down this...**(Inaudible)**...he was working on this house. Building a house for the winter that he go and cut wood, stuff like that, you know. Building, had to build a house to himself, he said, "I didn't know." He had to go and get something. He said he went, he went, he went looking for a certain kind of stuff. Right up the hill, he's looking down the village. All lit up, the big one there, the very big tall one, they call him the shadow, that's where the King lived I think. So he don't go there, go and check that time. He went there he said, oh, he looked...**(Inaudible)**...before he got there. He got kinda tired so he laid down on the side there. He was sleeping and a bunch of flies come, as he wake up, holy Christ...**(Inaudible)**...the guy come, the King, that was the King's place. Send his men down to look around, see this guy laying in there. He went to his King, he asked he said, there's a guy laying in down there, ...**(Inaudible)**...bring him in. And he went pick him up he said, bring him in. Sitting there and he said, "what are you doing there?" "Oh," he says, "I killed lots of stuff," he said. And that, you know, you were the soldier, oh yes, he said, one shot...**(Inaudible)**...we like to keep you here, oh ya, feed him good. And that...**(Inaudible)**...start, you see. And he even ride a horse this guy that was laying there. Even knew what a horse like, so...**(Inaudible)**...this guy came and got him. What he want, the best horse you got. But he said, you know, he said, "you gotta tie me on it. Tie me on good on that saddle cause when I fight," they said, "when I do things." They said, "I don't, I don't know what I'm doing," he said, "I'll fall down." Sure enough they tie him up good, you know, oh, he says,...**(Inaudible)**...an hour he said, he could hear the music coming, they blew the whistle you know, and they won't fight you know, ta da ta da da da, you know, oh

boy,...**(Inaudible)**...jump on his horse, he's going over the hill and the...**(Inaudible)**...are coming, and this horse fight didn't work before, see. Oh he tried that horse's...**(Inaudible)**...said, ya, jump over the fence as they run through a cemetery. He was going like this and...**(Inaudible)**...happened, he grabbed one of them crosses that broke off on it. He was holding it,...**(Inaudible)**...coming, oh the God is coming, we...**(Inaudible)**...kneel down. He said...**(Inaudible)**...poke, poke, poke, poke. You know...**(Inaudible)**...He won the, he won the war here.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Single handed.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Single-handed soldier and...

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible)**...

GEORGE KLYNE - You know, you know that, that, that oldman say, you know, honest to God, **(Speaks Michif)** you know, all use to say, you know...**(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Honest to God he'd say.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – So he said that was true?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - He says that was true?

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya...**(Inaudible)**...

GEORGE KLYNE - So he said he married, said then when he got back he said, the King gave him his daughter, he married the Queen, the King's daughter.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So he didn't get...

GEORGE KLYNE - And this beautiful place, he had done so good.

(Video Time: 13:12.53.24) 60.3 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - That's funny. Poke, poke, poke. So who told you that story?

GEORGE KLYNE - Jim Landry was his name.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Okay, and so he's an old fellow that...

60.5 GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, he died long time, years ago. That was Phillip Fleury, his Grandpa eh? He was, he married to my sister that one. Fleury, Phillip. He was a short little... **(Inaudible)**...and that, you know, ya.

60.8 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Were there some old people, like, that would kinda visit around? Stay for awhile and go someplace else and tell stories?

(Video Time: 13:13.34.09) 61.0 BOB DESJARLAIS - I, I, I remember years ago, when I was a kid, we used to really like going to visit Grandpa, old Isadore Amyotte, Uncle Rene's Dad. When I was a kid there Grandpa Isadore was, oh heck, already he was in I think his early nineties eh. And he used to tell us stories years ago when he was a kid eh? And he was telling us when they left the Red River settlement he was, he was sixteen years old when they left over there. And he left driving six oxen on a wagon and he had a wagon box full of flour and he was bringing West to these settlements down here eh. They were bringing stock from Winnipeg, this way. And, and

then that's when the, the people moved West eh. Left the Red River settlement. But this old, my old Grandpa Isadore Amyotte, he was telling us that he, he was sixteen he said. Drove this six oxen West. And then when they got here, well him and his two friends they didn't want to go back to the Red River settlement cause they were chasing them out of the Red River settlement with guns actually, they'd shoot people eh? So they said, well we're not gonna go back over there you know, just get shot, you know. We'll stay here eh? So they stayed here but here at that time there wasn't that many wild horses around so they were looking for wild horses, mustangs eh, they were looking for. And they couldn't, couldn't really find too many, there was some in the foothills of Alberta, I guess. And then, but there's quite a few they said, into the States...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - In Montana?

BOB DESJARLAIS – In Montana. So, oh Grandpa Isadore and his two buddies they decided well, he said we decided we'd go to Montana to go and get some horses he said. To go get horses over there eh, from the, the Indians over there. So anyway, that was fine. They went down there and my golly they, they succeeded, they got thirty-two head of horses.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh, who'd they get them off?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Got them off the Indians.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Do you know which ones?

BOB DESJARLAIS - On the reservations.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right off the reservation?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, right off the reservation, ya. And, and, and, you know, he said, those guys chased em and they had those horses going full blast. And making all that dust he said, and we're right in that dust, he said.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So he couldn't see them?

BOB DESJARLAIS - They couldn't, they couldn't see us he said. But goddamn it he said, they got one of our buddies, there, one of their buddies got shot and killed there. But they never slowed down, they never stopped, they never looked back at all, he said him and his other buddy they kept chasing these, this, the herd. And by golly they, they, finally those Indians gave up and went back I guess, and they, they got back here with the, I think twenty, twenty-two head of horses I think they got back with. But they sold them, they sold a couple along the way...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Along the way?

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...and they, and they sold, and they lost it, a few along the way eh. But they got here, he said, with twenty-two head of horses and, and that's where most of the Métis got their horses from was old Grandpa Isadore Amyotte when they went and got...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Went shopping.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Went shopping, horse shopping, and they brought back these horses.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I wonder what kind of horses they were? How they looked? Did he say how any of them looked?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well I guess they were, they were pretty good horses. Apparently, oh god, they could go, they can go like I don't know what, those

horses. And they weren't real heavy horses, they were, they were kinda in between horse, you know, like probably a 1200, 1100 pound horse eh, ya. You know, they weren't big horses, but boy I guess they were good horses. And then and, and, they sold them all eh. Like guys here and there bought, bought their horses. But that's, that's how they, they, he, he told us that they brought these horses here. But he was just a kid himself at the time.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - How old would he have been about?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Well he was sixteen when he came here, he'd probably be about seventeen or eighteen.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So just a bunch of young guys got a crazy idea...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, got a crazy, they just decided they were gonna go get horses and that's all there was too it. There was nothing gonna stop them. Ya they went out. Like he told us he said, like, they were to the point where, they weren't scared of anything. He said, "we weren't scared of nothing." I said, "weren't you scared?" I said to Grandpa, "when you guys got over there," I said, "there are rattlesnakes." "Oh heck," he said, "rattlesnakes don't bother you." He said, "we were scared there were enemies at us. Guys we had to watch the rattlesnakes, they didn't bother us."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Just the guys' horses you're getting...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, the guys they got the horses from, the guy that had to watch. But that's, he told us, that story, and I remember it real good.

(Video Time: 13:19.47.26) 68.2 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I never thought of that but I guess there really weren't very many horses in Saskatchewan cause I've never heard of wild horses in Saskatchewan.

68.4 BOB DESJARLAIS - No, you see, what happened years ago, there was quite a few I guess at one time. But when the buffalo was here they took over. They scared all the horses out of here.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right cause all of them used to eat buffalo in the country eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya, oh ya, there's so, so many buffalo in, in Saskatchewan here that there wasn't very many horses. Well the, the buffalo were chasing the horses away.

68.9 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And they were hard on the, like they sort of destroyed, like when there was so many of them, they were hard on the prairies... **(Inaudible)**...

69.0 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh, boy, everyday they ate a lot of, lot of hay and grass eh, and there wasn't that much for the horses. So they found a lot of that, like, I think they still have in Alberta, in the foothills there's still wild mustangs there yet they tell me.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I think they still have them in Montana too.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Down there, oh that's neat.

BOB DESJARLAIS - But they, they, they were short some over there, in Montana cause Moshum got them.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They were short thirty horses eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes. That is, they started out, they started out with a good herd he said. But they lost some along the way there, and they, they sold a couple he said on the way too, to keep alive eh?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Did he keep any?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya, ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they would know how to break them and all of that eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, oh ya. And a lot of them were broken already.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right cause they, they kinda got that ready made.

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible)** riding them, everything, all they had to do was brace them with harness...**(Inaudible)**...everything was, was done eh? But as far as saddle riding there pretty well 99% of them were, you were able to ride eh?

70.4 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So he would have maybe left the Red River settlement just before the war?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - And then he heard that the war had happened while they were gone so then that's why he didn't want to go back?

(Video Time: 13:21.52.13) 70.6 BOB DESJARLAIS - Well you see when I hear with history today, in that the Red River settlement there. You see I, I, all the time I thought there was just a handful of Métis people there. But they tell me, like in the Red River settlement at one time there was anywhere from 25 to 30 thousand Métis people there.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well ya, like in the whole big area, like if you go all the way down to the States, like...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, all the way along the, that Red River.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, all the way there, and some of them just stayed part of the time and went out.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, and then when, when the problems started there, you see, then those, those Europeans they went in there and they started shooting those guys. If you were out there, if you were all alone out there, you never came back. That's why they left in bunches.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, to be safe like.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya if they went with two, three guys, or well heck, you were open season for those fellas and they, they got you, ya. So that's why they, they travelled in one, in groups.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they would tell you, so he told you about that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, ya. And, and he told us about that. Like he said, we always had to be careful. He said, where we went, what we did, if we did, if we did go out of camp, he said, we all, we had to travel in groups. He said

we couldn't, but, but you see, when, when he came out, he came out as a, as a teamster.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh right.

BOB DESJARLAIS - So, so he was all right eh? They didn't bother him, because he was, he's one of the drivers, no we can't kill him, he's one of the drivers, you know. So that, that's how come he, he made it all the way down there with his wagon. He said, we asked him if he ever had any problems, on his way, you know. He said, "ya," he said, "when we got into Saskatchewan", and now what is Saskatchewan now, at that time, he, he said they, they got quite a little ways from the Red River settlement there. He said, "God," he said, "the flies." He said, "and, and the horseflies were, oh," he said, "they were just terrible." And he said, "holy cow. All of a sudden," he said, "this oxen took off and there was a slough." He said, "they run in the slough."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh to get away from the bugs?

BOB DESJARLAIS - To get away from the flies and bugs and stuff. He said, "oh God," he said to us, "about a whole day." He said, "to get that wagon out of that, that slough," he said. "And my flour was in the wet places, trying to keep it dry," he said. "Oh God," he said, "what a job." But he said, "we, we saved the flour. We got my oxen out." He said, "but there's no lines on him or anything, it was just a stick they used..."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh so he didn't have any reins?

BOB DESJARLAIS - No, no, no they never had reins on those oxen no.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they just have a stick and keep them going?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, ya, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So if they took off they would have a wild ride?

BOB DESJARLAIS – Goodbye, good luck, you know. They gone. But he, he told us that, that, that one time he said, “that was about the only time,” he said “I ever had any problem. Other than that.” He said, “we came along fairly well.” But he said, “once they got so tired,” he said, “they just stopped and that was it you had to unhook them. Let them eat, you know, for two or three hours, four hours, you know.” And he said, “then once they were ready to go, then they’d hook em back up,” he said, “and away we’d go.”

(Video Time: 13:26.01.25) 75.2 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Would he have been old enough, or young enough, I guess, I don’t know what way to put it, but would he have ever gone on a buffalo hunt?

75.3 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh ya, oh ya, oh ya, he talked about that too.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So he talked about that?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes. He used to go on buffalo hunts.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You too? You knew some old people that had gone on those buffalo hunts?

75.4 GEORGE KLYNE - Oh ya, I got to hunt buffalo myself.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya right, you’re not that old. You mean the one’s at the Métis farm?

BOB DESJARLAIS - He went to Standing Buffalo.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Any way, getting his, that's, Chi-Jean, Wesakejack...

76.0 BOB DESJARLAIS – ...**(Inaudible)**... But, like old, old Grandpa Isadore Amyotte there, boy he was interesting that man.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So he would have gone? He went on a buffalo hunt? Were there any other old guys that would have been old enough to...

BOB DESJARLAIS - ...**(Inaudible)**...

76.2 GEORGE KLYNE - My Mom, my Mom told me one of his brothers, Grandpa's brothers. And that, they never used a horse or anything. They used these, what do you call it, the...

BOB DESJARLAIS - A spear.

GEORGE KLYNE - Spear like. And that, he said...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Harpoon.

GEORGE KLYNE - He said he outrun a buffalo that guy. Ride beside whatever buffalo he wanted he just took right off. Right beside him, *bang*, knock him right over.

(Video Times: 13:27.33.23) 76.9 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Well some of the old people could really run, like you hear about the, you know, they could run that. Songs...**(Inaudible)**...

77.0 GEORGE KLYNE - I forget what they call it, name there...**(Inaudible)**...that was his, his uncle like his, my Grandpa's brother, Amyotte, always ready to run. J.D used to tell us that story all the time and, and...**(Inaudible)**...for awhile yet, down there I guess, for awhile, whoever his kids are. Now I can't say...**(Inaudible)**...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So, I wonder where that happened. Would that have been in the States or up here? Hard to say?

GEORGE KLYNE - I, I, I, actually, I wouldn't, couldn't tell.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - He didn't say?

GEORGE KLYNE - No.

(Video Time: 13;28.19.15) 77.8 BOB DESJARLAIS - A lot of that, like took place here, right here in Saskatchewan.

GEORGE KLYNE - ...**(Inaudible)**...

BOB DESJARLAIS - But a lot of those people years ago didn't have horses so, this was the only way they, they had to hunt their, their stuff this way.

GEORGE KLYNE - By their feet.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, you had to eat. Ya.

78.3 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Anyone have a Red River cart or talk about Red River carts?

78.4 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh yes, my, my nephew and my niece, why, they make them eh? They make Red River carts.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Oh still?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Do you remember anyone making them?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Not really. Not really. I, one time years ago there my Dad helped a guy fix the, fix the Red River cart. Put new, new spokes on it eh, you know. That, that's the only thing that I ever seen.

78.9 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - They must have had them around because I found a picture in the archives it has a bunch of old Red River carts in Regina. Like people just kind of, I guess, when they got something different then just left their old ones.

79.1 BOB DESJARLAIS - Oh boy, oh years ago they were, they were like a baby carriage, and now today, you know, oh God, there was, everybody had one. Oh yes. Oh ya, well that was your means and ways of travelling, ya.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - But it was mostly wagons where you were?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, it was in our day, it was wagons.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - It was wagons.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Barn, they got into the wagon, and democrats and buggies, ya. But just before our time, that's where the Red River carts and them.

(Video Time: 13:30.03.15) 79.7 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So your Grandpa, when he, like did he, when he talked about the buffalo hunts, did

he, did he say, did he just say a little bit about them or did he say how it was?

79.9 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ye well they, they, he told us the way they used to hunt them. Like, you know, they, they used to wait for them eh, you know, at the, you know, it was nothing for them to lay in the grass for two or three hours to wait for them, eh, you know. Till they get into range, and then once they get into range like George says, you know, and then jump up and get themselves a...

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - So they, they were hunting on foot mostly.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Yes. A lot, lot of them yes, lots of them, hunt by foot. Like I said, they didn't have horses.

80.6 GEORGE KLYNE – They use bow and arrow.

80.7 BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya, a lot of them used bow and arrows.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, I heard that too, that a lot of people still use bows and arrows, especially in Saskatchewan.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, well right now they hunt a lot of bear with bow and arrow, deer.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - People used to be able to make their own eh?

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, oh yes.

(Video Time: 13:31.04.08) 81.0 GEORGE KLYNE - They say a few years back, that's, that's, Grandpa, like he was talking about Amyotte, he was

telling us too. And the little bears and the.. **(Inaudible)**...so he said, "you go there and you sit on top, with a hatchet. They come, and when they come out you hit em on the head, put him out." Said, "that's how we got our bears, ya."

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Just waited for them to come out?

GEORGE KLYNE - Waited a long time...**(Inaudible)**...hit him on the head, something like that hunter.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE – Maybe that's where they got the idea?

GEORGE KLYNE – But they say. His Dad told me, this came for, we call it a Pheasant Creek, you would come in from there. You used to hunt there and this and that. We're walking around, you know, old Bill Desjarlais...**(Inaudible)**...Come to the house, Mom make tea for you. You notice that I got scared coming in that coulee there. "I started walking," he said, and I heard something going *chchchch*. What the heck...**(Inaudible)**...I got closer," he said. "And it getting louder." Oh man, I walk slow. "On one side of the bank, this way, I looked, there was the female beaver, sitting there. And they had two little ones," he said, "you seen it, *chchchchch*." That's true story that he said. She seen the...**(Inaudible)**...that time. I wonder if they did that, you believe it? I wonder if that was true?

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - I've heard them sort of like singing.

GEORGE KLYNE - Singing?

(Video Time: 13:33.17.00) 83.7 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - ...in the lodge, cause I was out in a canoe with my uncle and he can, well you know

how people that hunt a lot, they can just read the bush like a book. You know, the moose was sleeping here, this is here, you know...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, ya...(Inaudible)...two hours ago.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, ya, just like that and I'm sitting there big eyes, you know, I can't see nothing. It all looks like grass to me, you know, I don't know. But when we, like do we know like what's, how many babies are in this one. And then when we went really close to them you can hear the mother with her babies just like they're singing. It was like a nice sound, you know, you could hear, sort of like singing, these mothers with her babies, they made a little noise.

(Video Times: 13:33.58.10) 84.5 GEORGE KLYNE - How animals like that eh, doesn't matter what kind it is, be another one there, the little ones, they'll get together and play eh. Oh they play same like our kids eh, today. When you get our little kids together and they play same as animals, anything. Whatever, dogs, cats, whatever eh?

84.9 SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - You learned a lot by watching them.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, watching them.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Ya, how they are, ya, they're entertaining eh?

85.0 GEORGE KLYNE - But I watch for little ones like that, how they learn, it's like they learn theirselves how to, to hunt to whatever, you know. This and that. How to do things. It's very, you know...

BOB DESJARLAIS - Interesting.

GEORGE KLYNE - Ya, interest to watch them like that, and that you know. Like I told...(Inaudible)...the other day, ...(Inaudible)...I back to taking, I have to take pills to take the pain away. I forgot even to take one today but it's not bad right now. But anyway I go to my dentist, he was with me. We went visit one of our friend, oh boy, I told him, I said, I took my dentist and he gave me a prescription there to go get some pills...(Inaudible)...I gotta go to Regina on the 22nd to get my tooth out. That second day I bust out in a rash and pills they gave me, I was allergic. Holy Christ, I was bad. I had to go back in there and get them, I see my doctor and he made a...(Inaudible)...in that, even I dropped my head there, my forehead, oh...(Inaudible)...I didn't know it's things are probably don't know about the things that happened that way, you know...(Inaudible)...I mean, but, I got over it anyway.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - Need a break?

GEORGE KLYNE - No.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - No, no we're good?

BOB DESJARLAIS - I'm all right.

SHERRY FARRELL RACETTE - We're good? I could use one.

GEORGE KLYNE - Maybe the boys, they need a break they're standing there that long, maybe they're tired.

BOB DESJARLAIS - Ya, I'll give em a break.

GEORGE KLYNE - I think so.

87.0 End of Videotape 1