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Connie: Lillian Corrigan on July 19. I'm going to ask you  
some questions about school like where did you or your parents  
attend school?

Lillian: At Jerond.

Connie: And your parents did they go to school?

Lillian: Oh they didn't go very often I don't think. I  
couldn't say where they attended.

Connie: Did you like school?

Lillian: Yeah.

Connie: Was it helpful to you?

Lillian: Yes.

Connie: Did you or your parents speak another language other than English?

Lillian: No.

Connie: Okay, what did your parents do for a living?

Lillian: Well mother she kept house, looked after the children; and dad was working on the railroad for years, did some farming.

Connie: What did you do for a living?

Lillian: House work, day work.

Connie: And what working wages were available to your parents?

Lillian: Wages weren't very high.

Connie: Was there work, very much work available to your parents or you?

Lillian: No, no more than house work, farming for dad, mother always looked after the children and done cooking.

Connie: Where did you or your parents live to do their work?

Lillian: Here in Jerond.

Connie: How and where did your parents meet?

Lillian: At a dance I guess. That's the only enjoyment they got out, entertainment I should say when they were young.

Connie: How large was your family unit?

Lillian: Seven children and dad and mom would be nine.

Connie: What kind of dances or songs or games did you or your parents take part in?

Lillian: House parties. And games they played (inaudible) put you in the corner, and hockey. We had to go in the bush and get our own hockey sticks. And use frozen manure for pucks. We had lots of enjoyment and fun and it never cost us anything.

Connie: How was your entertainment and recreation supplied?

Lillian: We found it ourselves, we had to make our own enjoyment.

Connie: Were you or your parents affected by prejudism?

Lillian: No. No were weren't, and we seen them Walkers they were coming along the road and they'd always come to the door, we never turn them away. We'd always give them a meal and

maybe a lunch to go along with, and put them up over night.

Connie: Okay, RELIGION. How much influence did the church have you and your parents?

Lillian: Well, it had a lot because we used to go to church nearly every Sunday and we used to walk miles to church.

Connie: Did you do anything after your church?

Lillian: Well, we used to have it in the houses and we'd have, always make tea and have lunch.

Connie: How did the church last compare to today's? How did your church laws compare to today's laws?

Lillian: Well they were much the same I think. They were stricter then because they couldn't even play ball, or play any games on Sunday. So we had to go to church and then be real quite and be religious after dinner.

Connie: Did you or your parent attend shrines or retreats?

Lillian: Not really.

Connie: Did you or your parents celebrate weddings and Christmas?

Lillian: Yes we did in those days. It was a big day on Christmas.

Connie: How did you and your parents get food?

Lillian: From the land. We used to plant the garden and potatoes, animals we always had lots of animals and we always had lots of meat -- we always had lots to eat.

Connie: How did you and your parents prepare the food?

Lillian: From the garden, cooking.

Connie: Your garden.

Lillian: Making we would make over things, we never had any bought clothes. Everything was homemade.

Connie: Can you describe any special feasts or especially high shortages of food?

Lillian: No we never short of food we always had lots to eat, and it didn't cost us much either. From the garden, from the animals, and chickens.

Connie: Was there a doctor available to you and your parents?

Lillian: Well there wasn't many doctors, but there was always a doctor if we really need one. But in those days people didn't

seem to have the doctors like they do today.

Connie: Who brought the medicine to the people?

Lillian: Well the doctor if we should have some, or there was some, there was some lady or man that would do the herbs and the lands, they dig up the roots and boil the root and then you drink that.

Connie: Did you or your parents have any special people in your community who helped?

Lillian: Yes. WE had my mother-in-law, Mrs. Maria Corrigan, she was a mid-wife she brought many babies into the world and it was her that used to know the herbs and things. She dug up lots of roots and would give to the wives, mothers of the babies to drink.

Connie: What kind of jobs were available to the people then?

Lillian: Oh farming and carpenter work, section work on a section making roads. They used to make roads by horses then, we didn't have no tractors or anything to do the road work.

Connie: Was there enough food or (?) available to your family?

Lillian: Yes there was.

Connie: How did the people help each other?

Lillian: Well they'd get together and they'd make work bees, if somebody was building a house they'd just call on them and say there was a bee over there and they would all join and give all their help. The women would bring the lunch, they'd have lots to eat and then it would carry on into the night and they'd have a dance then.

Connie: How active was your community?

Lillian: Really very active. There used to lots of violin players in those days and they didn't have to pay for music, or never had to pay for anything out of their enjoyment.

Connie: Were you and your parents actively involved?

Lillian: Yes we were.

Connie: Who did you and your parents look up to?

Lillian: To God.

Connie: Was there anybody your parents disliked?

Lillian: No I don't think so.

Connie: Would you like to share some stories or experiences

about native leaders?

Lillian: I really don't know anything.

Connie: Do you or your parents think things were better then than now?

Lillian: Oh I think they were better then. Better then.

Connie: Why?

Lillian: Oh I forgot now. Yes I think they were better then, because people all got together and they shared a life and there was no wars or quarrelling or fighting in those days like they are today.

Connie: Do you or your parents thing native people are stronger and wiser now because of their experiences?

Lillian: Well I think some are and some aren't.

Connie: Would you like to share any other experiences or stories about native history?

Lillian: Well I don't really know of any.

?: As a child, I still am a child. I never did get much of a chance that friends and cousins did because I didn't have a father, I never did get to go fishing, in fact I've fished three times in my life and all of those would be in the last three years. I missed out on a lot of sports and things like that, in fact I didn't get involved in sports until I was about fifteen. And before that I was very inactive before I actually got to Prince Albert I was very, very inactive.

Connie: Since you've been in Prince Albert what social events have you taken part in?

?: Well I just recently moed to Prince Albert is that what you mean or since I was about thirteen or so? Oh when I was about thirteen I was going to school doing paper routes and all those odd jobs, and then we moved to Regina for awhile and I did various things there while going to school. And I still do various jobs while I'm going to school, so another thing I'm involved with right now is I'm a member of the P.A. Camera Club. I've helped out with Community Cable Nine, I did a little bit of work for them during the winter festival, Winter Games that was here. And I also did some work for the Camera Committee that they had for the Winter Games, took some pictures mostly of cross country skiing out at Little Red, which was very cold. Other things that I'm involved with; at Sutep Centre I more or less put together a nesspaper and I called it Newstep had a double meaning it was Newstep, news and and a teacher education program and if you looked at the spelling it was also new step like something that have never been done before, this is their first year, it was Prince Alberts first year to have a Sutep program and it was something

that we were going to give a try. It didn't work out all that great but it was a pretty good try. I guess that's just about all I've been involved with lately. Anything that sounds exciting and that I can squeeze in for time I'll try. I'm trying to teach myself to learn to play guitar, but I haven't had much success at that lately I just haven't found the time for it. I have a motorcycle I like that, I like drama, I like art, I like just about everything, music.

Connie: Thank you, you are a very interesting person to interview.

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