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TM: This is Tim McCleary and I'm talking with Valeen Plainfeather and um [it is March 22, 2018 at St. Charles Church in Pryor, Montana. Um before we start, can you tell me your Crow name and Clans?

VPF: Yeah. Um, my full name is Valeen Whiteman Plainfeather and uh my clans are Whistling Water and Ties The Bundle Child. And what was the other one?

TM: Your Crow name.

VPF: Oh. My Crow name is uh Basaanaitche [phonetic], translated in to Good Leader.

TM: And were you raised here in Pryor?

VPF: Yes.

TM: Well, to start with, have you heard about any midwives here in Pryor?

VPF: No I haven't, just the ones you, the ones you that you mentioned like Matilda? I remember my Mom talking about her.

TM: Um, so in general, um what are some of the things that are done to, like, or children to prevent them from getting sick? Any things that are done.

VPF: As far as the parents or...

TM: Yeah.

VPF: Yeah. Well, they notice that their child is not sleeping good and taking more bottle or liquids And you could tell that it's a little blue around their mouth, that's from being colicky and uh, I'm

not sure if I should mention something else but it's kind of gross. [laughter] But they know, when they don't sleep at all and become really irritated, even up to five years old, they're really irritated and being mean and just an awful little kid so some parents know, most don't, some of them mostly don't...

TM: Oh, uh-huh.

VPF: Sad to say. Yeah.

TM: So what did, like, what do they do to, to uh heal that?

VPF: Well, if they ask me to work on them and I agree and tell them to bring at such and such a time and they bring their child to me and I tell them I'm going to keep him or her for an hour and then they work on them with Mentholatum or Vicks, whatever I have. I work on their and their chest and their neck and their butts.

TM: Uh-huh. Um, who did you learn from?

VPF: I learned from uh my mom and Hannah Round Face. They both worked on babies and I was always around them so I just kind of learned a lot from them, what they did and then, also from Emma Beads in Wyola?

TM: Oh, okay.

VPF: Yeah, I was, like, 19 years old, she taught me a few things that were good to do when I couldn't take my son to her or if she wasn't there, she said to do this and, you know, I learned from her, too, but mostly from my mom.

TM: Oh, okay.

VPF: And Hannah.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: And then Hannah's daughter, Susie Round Face. She worked on babies, too.

TM: Did, did Hannah say where she had learned?

VPF: No. Probably from her mother, Matilda. They just pass it down from generation to generation. Not all of the daughters pick it up but one or two might, you know?

TM: Right.

VPF: Yeah. As long as they want to do that.

TM: Um, aside from Mentholatum or Vicks, do you use any other things?

VPF: Well, if I don't have anything, I'll use Baby Lotion or some kind of oil, or olive oil or, you know, something that I can massage with that won't be dry.

TM: What did they think causes colic?

VPF: Well, just from taking them outside too much and not covering their little heads and, you know, just getting too much air when they're not old enough to be getting so much air. I always tell my nieces to stay home with their babies for two months after they're born. I think that's a really good idea but, nowadays, young mothers don't think like that, they just throw the blanket on and take them out and even with the blanket, they get colicky. And, so, some of them can get really bad and um, when that happens, I think that's when they start getting real sick and they end up in the hospital.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: My um, my aunt Hannah Round Face, she knew how to work on babies with pneumonia. But she used cigarettes. With the smoke, she worked with the smoke and I always thought well, that...anyway, it made the baby spit out all the phlegm that was in the chest from pneumonia. And it made them better.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: And I was amazed one time to see her do that to my nephew. He was a little sickly kid and had pneumonia, like, three times when he was a baby. So, then, um, I asked uh her last living daughter, Deanne Round Face, before she passed on, she's already gone, but um, if she knew anything about that, about working on the pneumonia part and she said, "No," she didn't pick up, it was mostly her older sister Susie that knew how to work on babies. I didn't get it from her either so...yeah.

TM: Was she blowing the smoke in to their mouths?

VPF: Yes. Uh-huh.

TM: Oh, okay.

VPF: In their nose or I don't how she did it but...

TM: But it was enough to get it...

VPF: Yeah.

TM: Going.

VPF: Uh-huh. Nowadays, it probably would be unheard of. People don't want to do that [chuckle] with their babies but, you know...

TM: It was ,like, she knew what to do.

VPF: [Overlapping talk] It would work. Yeah. If you knew how, it was probably all they had back in the day was tobacco and no Mentholatum, of course.

TM: Right. But, I've heard of that, too, where they uh blow smoke in the ear, too, for, like, ear infections.

VPF: [Overlapping talk] Yeah for ear aches.

TM: Yeah, ear infections.

VPF: Ear ache, yeah. I just did that the other day for my granddaughter. She went swimming and she came back and she had a terrible ear ache cause she had water in her ear and she kept crying around. I said, "Well, come outside with me and I'll blow smoke in your ear," and she said it felt better. And we had a cotton ball and I blew smoke in her ear and I stuck that cotton ball in her ear and I prayed for her, too. I said a little prayer for her. She said it felt better. So, yeah, that actually works. I don't know how but...

TM: Yeah, I've seen that work. Um, is um wrapping the child part of, like, trying to help them not get colic? Like when they wrapped them, or is that just a general...

VPF: Kids' colic?

TM: Well, if they don't try to stop them from getting colic?

VPF: Uh yes. Well, I really um ask young mothers to wrap their babies all the time because they're so used to that tightness before they're even born. In the womb? They can't hardly move or anything and that's their security thing, you know, so um, yeah, after I work on them, I wrap

them, makes them sleep. And then, even if they don't get worked on, if you wrap them, let them cry for a little bit, they'll go to sleep. Yeah, so that helps.

TM: Uh-huh. Um, is there anything a woman should do when she's pregnant, to have a healthy baby?

VPF: Not smoke [laughter]. There's nothing that I can think of but, um, my mom used to say, "You have to move around a lot because um, you get a lot of that" um, she called it [says a phrase in Crow], it's like, that waxy yellow stuff on the babies? If the moms don't move around too much, they get a lot of that, usually looking white when they're born? It's waxy stuff on their heads and she says it's because they don't move around much, they just lay around. [laughter]

TM: Yeah.

VPF: She said, "They have to keep walking and moving around and be active."

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: Yeah.

TM: Um, how about after the child is born. Did, to, for the baby to be healthy but also for the woman to be healthy, is there anything they should do?

VPF: I can't think of too much, just keep the baby wrapped and never, uh, never lay them on their while there's...well, you can lay them on their side, it's just that um, some um, other countries used to lay their babies on their tummies but, you know, we don't do that anymore. I say not to do that, to lay them on their tummies, but, um, just stay home and get healed for the mom and um, that contact is very important because, uh, I read somewhere psychology that they have to have that, as soon as the baby is born, you have to have that first contact with the mother and, on their skin, you know, put their cheeks on your skin, let them know. A lot of babies are born without it and I always think that those are the ones that usually grow up to be kind of unstable and not knowing where they belong, that kind of thing. But, uh, I can't think too much except uh, it's a good thing to breastfeed because that's all we had back in the day. That's what they did all the time, nowadays so many go back to work and just put them on the bottle and...

TM: Yeah.

VPF: And, nowadays, it's hard to do that so, but I did that when, with my youngest one. I was working, I went to the babysitters every break time and at lunch time [chuckle], breastfed, [laughter].

TM: Yeah?

VPF: Yeah, it worked out that time.

TM: That's good.

VPF: Thank goodness. I worked in Crow, the babysitter was in Crow so I just ran over there. My 15-minute break turned into a half an hour but I had to make it up. [laughter]

TM: Yeah.

VPF: Um, I can't think too much of what moms should do except for...oh, I remember. My mom told me that when the baby is born, they get uh, they used to get this cloth, it's kind of like a broad cloth like that for the waist. You tie it tight so that your belly doesn't hang down. It does that when you're, uh, when your, with your pregnancy, it tends to knot your stomach part, I don't know it's...your belly won't go back in, she said, and it's more like a girdle and you wear that for a while, like a couple of months until it gets, gets better and I think that's pretty important, too. I tell my girls that, when they were having their babies, to do that. One of them did but the other ones didn't listen to me. [laughter]

TM: What about uh, like, are there any special practices like keeping the baby's umbilical cord?

VPF: Oh.

TM: Anything like that?

VPF: Yeah, um, my mom used to save hers and she would put them in a little pouch until um, one of us, her daughters, could bead something up or, you know, and like a tiny little purse thing with beads in it and put the umbilical cord in there and sew it in there and keep it for the baby. Nowadays, I see, they say uh these girls, these young girls that are dancing and they have the turtle or whatever that's hanging down with the ribbons?

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: They're supposed to have their umbilical cord in there. I'm not sure how many young girls have theirs in there but that's what it's for.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: Yeah.

TM: And is it, like, I mean, aside from keeping it or why do they keep it? I guess would be the question. Like, does it serve some purpose or...?

VPF: I'm not sure why they keep it but...

TM: Just a tradition?

VPF: I guess it would be to, yeah, not to forget who they are or where they come from. I'm not sure but that is a good question. [laughter] I have no answer.

TM: Was there any, anything other like that? That they do? For their, is there anything else like that or...

VPF: No, I don't think so. Um, hmph, there is a reason for that but, you know, I just can't think of it right now.

TM: Well, that's okay.

VPF: I bet you Dorothy would know, though.

TM: I'll ask her. Yeah.

VPF: Okay.

TM: Yeah. Then, um, about, is there anything that should be done or shouldn't be done when they're actually giving birth? When they're in their birthing?

VPF: Hmph, my mom used to say that, um, "If the doctor tells you to try and hold it, don't hold it." [Laughter] "Just use your muscles and try to get it born," she says, "don't listen to the doctor." She says that. So there was a bunch of near misses. [laughter]

TM: And then, who is usually there when, like, who's usually with the mother when she's giving birth?

VPF: Usually her sister, one of her sisters or usually an older sister or her mom.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: I went in with all my daughters when they had their babies, I went in with them, held their hand, and prayed for them, even though sometimes they squeeze your hand a little bit too hard. [laughter]

TM: And then, there's not supposed to be...

VPF: Any guys or men.

TM: Yeah, that's because it makes it more difficult?

VPF: Yeah, and, you know, men shouldn't see what happens to the woman, that's what they say but nowadays, you can pretty much look up anything. If you wanted to know.

TM: Yeah, I suppose.

VPF: I kind of doubt it though.

TM: Right. Right. Well, is there uh...I think you've answered all my questions.

VPF: We went down to the end of the page huh?

TM: Yeah. So the last question is uh, is there anything that I haven't asked? That you think might be important?

VPF: I know what there is.

TM: Uh-huh?

VPF: I know what there is. Something uh, you know when you work on a baby, the mother and dad are both are expected to, to pay the person.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: Like, either four gifts or whatever they think is, you know, whatever they can do...sometimes. I think that's more or less kind of like a contract, it's like. It works both ways. If um, if they don't pay, then, you know, I'm not sure if it's good for the baby, good for me as the person that works on the baby because, sometimes, everything that the baby is feeling or it's mostly, like, for older people, too, I massage people, too, you know, so when I work on them and they don't, um, they decide they can't give me anything or they can't do anything or whatever, um, I get all their aches and pains. I've always found that out.

TM: Um.

VPF: And, then, um, not really the babies but it's for the good of the baby that they should.

TM: Yeah.

VPF: They should pay with something, cigarettes, anything, or cigarettes, you know, whatever they can do. Some uh, most of them do, all the people around here do, but um, when I was working



on some people massaging them, it's, you know, I didn't think much of it when I was going in to it, I didn't think it was going to be hard or anything like that, on me. And, um, so when I worked on them and if they didn't give me, like, a little gift or cigarettes or anything, then I would feel where they were hurting at like the same night. The next day, I worked on this one lady, I don't know what the heck that was but, it was really, really hard to um, to... because the back was so rigid and I couldn't massage it and I just couldn't get those kinks out of there. I kept working on her and kept working on her a good hour and then I walked out and I threw up. [laughter]

TM: Yeah?

VPF: Yeah! It's crazy. I don't know if that's medicine, or if that's, you know, something that she's carrying too much stress around, you know, I just caught it through my hands in contact with her and walked out and got sick. But, yeah, yeah, that's the hard part of trying to help people with their aches and pains.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: Yeah.

TM: What kind of things do they usually give you?

VPF: Uh, when I went to this one lady's house, she gave me blanket, towels, a pack of cigarettes and some uh, what is that, uh, it's not sage but it's um, that long strip of burning incense?

TM: Oh. Well, like, those sage sticks?

VPF: Yeah.

TM: Where they wrap it up?

VPF: It's not a sage stick but it's uh, it's got a name. [laughter] I can't remember

TM: But it's not cedar.

VPF: No it's not cedar. They buy them in Billings or...

TM: Yeah, they're kind of wrapped?

VPF: Yeah, in a braid.

TM: Oh! Sweet grass.

VPF: Sweet grass. Yeah. [both chuckle] Yeah, they give me sweet grass. Hey, that took forever, didn't it? [laughter]

TM: Yeah. Actually, I did have on here...

VPF: Did you?

TM: To ask you, yeah, what they would give you. But I forgot. I must have skipped over it.

VPF: Oh. Yeah. That kind of stuff and some people would just give me four or five, you know...

TM: Something, that's four.

VPF: Yeah. Four things. So, yeah, this um, just a few weeks ago, like a couple months ago, my nephew's youngest baby, he has five of them, uh kept ending up in the hospital and he decided...or him and his wife decided that they were going to throw the baby away.

TM: Oh, uh-huh.

VPF: To somebody and um, my sister, Joleen, mentioned that to me and I said, "Well, I won't mind having the baby, you know, just let them know that I'm available if they can't anybody else on Cerise's or Jason's wife's side," over...that's Billy Two Leggins' daughter.

TM: Oh yeah.

VPF: Yeah, so I said, "If they can't find anybody younger or whatever," I said, "I'll be willing to because I've been staying home." So they did, they brought the baby. The last time I remember when somebody did that was my sister Cookie. She had a sickly boy, that's the same one I was talking about who had pneumonia? They threw him away and my oldest sister, Geneva...they just left him out there where uh our homestead is and uh they left him out there in a field kind of like.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: But they, you know, they followed each other there so it was no big deal. They just left him in The field but they had to do that, it was important to not give them hand in hand, you know. Better they put him out there in the field and so I told my nephew and he was, like, "Oh shucks, you mean we have to leave her out there?" And I said, "Yeah, well, since we're in the housing," I said, "you can leave her in a yard and I'll go get her." [laughter] He said, "Be sure your dogs don't get to her first." [laughter]

TM: Yeah.

VPF: "They won't attack it," and they just left all of her little belongings and her play pen and, You know, pampers, whatever, all on my porch. They didn't bring them in either, they just left them there and left the baby in the yard with blankets over her and she was sleeping, she didn't even care. So then, I went I picked her up and brought her to my house so I had her for five weeks, I think it was. I think about almost five weeks and um, and they gave me really nice gifts to buy her back but, you know, they have to ask me if they could buy me [her?]back and they had to show me what kind of gifts they had. And so, I looked at the gifts and I was, like, "Okay, I'll do it." [laughter] They were nice gifts. They gave me four things, too a nice jacket, pair of shoes and uh, what was it, a Pendleton and uh, a carton of cigarettes. [laughter]

TM: Nice. Yeah.

VPF: That's what they did to buy her back and, now, she's my baby. She's always going to be my baby.

TM: Yeah.

VPF: She knows me really well. She didn't even want to go back to her mom the last time I took her. But I had to work on her a few times at home and, then, I let uh hot water and hot shower go and I sat in there in the bathroom and worked on her. I put a towel over my lap and worked on her, her little back, and all over her whole body with the hot shower going. She had a really bad cold when they brought her so I sat in there and just cleared up her little head and, you know, her sinuses and stuff come out and we just cleaned her up like that. We gave her a little uh...I washed her off and took her in to my room and wrapped her. She's a big baby and she doesn't like to be wrapped at all so I had to use a towel because she's that big, that baby. She didn't have, you know, any big receiving blankets but, anyways, she went to sleep for a good three hours.

TM: Nice. Yeah.

VPF: Yeah. She just slept and I started noticing her little irritability and then, I started working on her again. See, I worked on her twice before they actually picked her up but that was a good experience for me. It was a little tough, you know, because she weighs about almost 30 pounds. [laughter] It was hard.

TM: Yeah.

VPF: Yeah, that was only the hard part but lifting her and...but it was okay. Now she's walking around.

TM: Good.

VPF: Yeah, I was really proud of that.

TM: This one didn't like being wrapped but her brother loved it. He always wanted to be wrapped. [Tim's daughter is present]

VPF: Really?

TM: Even when he was older, he would go and get a blanket, put it on the ground and tell his mom, "Wrap me up." [laughter]

VPF: Wrapped up like a little burrito. [laughter]

TM: Yeah, and that's what he did and when he got older? He would roll in his blankets and he would be wrapped up.

VPF: It was probably a little security for him, too.

TM: Yeah, but he would sleep when she would wrap him, he would sleep quiet.

VPF: He would sleep?

TM: Yup, he would just go to sleep and she would put him on a table or something and he would be fine. But this one would fight it and try to get out. Then she would give up and go to sleep. Yeah.

VPF: We used to buy safety pins all the time, you know, to wrap babies. Nowadays, you can hardly find them. They have them at the uh, sewing centers, not sewing center but fabric stores, fabric stores and they used to have them at Toys'R'Us but now Toys'R'Us is going out of business.

TM: Is it?

VPF: Yeah. So I don't know.

TM: Yeah, those big, those big diaper pins?

VPF: Yeah.

TM: Yeah. I don't know where Carrie got them, where my wife got them but she used to get them some place, probably those sewing stores.

VPF: Yeah.

TM: Yeah. Well, is there anything else that you want to...

VPF: I don't think so.

TM: Okay.

VPF: I think we pretty much covered everything.

TM: Yeah? You answered my questions. [laughter]

VPF: I don't have to give my secrets away anymore. [laughter]

TM: Yeah.

VPF: You know, how you do rub them or where to rub them or how do you know...how do you know when you touch the back of their head, if they're colicky? Because there's a usually little bubbles in there, by the way.

TM: In their skull?

VPF: Yeah and they usually scream so you know you've got the right spot.

TM: Oh, uh-huh.

VPF: When you work on them.

TM: Right.

VPF: Yeah. Some of them are hard to find. They won't cry at all and you keep rubbing and you try to figure out where they're hurting at.

TM: Right.

VPF: Yeah. I forgot to mention that, I guess.

TM: Yeah, yeah. No, that's good.

VPF: Yeah and their ear aches if they have earaches, or colic. It usually comes hand in hand with earaches.

TM: Um.

VPF: Little Indian babies have a lot of ear infections. I don't know why that is but...

TM: Yeah.

VPF: That's what it is. When they're teething...

TM: Oh yeah. They usually grab their ears, don't they? When they...when they have ear infections?

VPF: Yeah. They usually what?

TM: Grab their ears? Grab at their ears?

VPF: Oh. Yes. Grab at it all the time, they try to put their little fingers in their ear and...

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: I had um this baby I was talking about that I had. I thought she had an ear infection, she kept messing with her ear, then she would slap her own head like that. And I said, "What's going on here?" So I checked her ear and she just had a whole bunch of ear wax and that was bothering her.

TM: Oh sure.

VPF: Yeah and I would clean that out and she hasn't done that after that so I kept thinking it was an ear infection. I even took her to the doctor twice saying, "I think she has an earache," you have to get on those antibiotics right away if you get an ear infection. The nurse practitioner there kept saying, "No, she doesn't have an ear infection, I don't see any redness." Well, I was thinking, how could she see with all that ear wax in there? But she said she didn't and she was okay. Yeah. I thought maybe that was the problem. The problem my nephew had with theirs, she had an ear infection all along and they just didn't catch it and that was why she kept getting sick, you know, but yeah, she's doing good now. She's not sick anymore, she doesn't have a... she still has a bit of a runny nose but...through being outside...her mom goes to school at the college so she takes her out quite a bit. She's a year old now so...what's that?

TM: Is she taking her to that Day Care at the college?

VPF: I don't think so.

TM: Oh.

VPF: I don't think so. I've watched her a couple of days while I was in Hardin. Yeah. I was really lonesome for her at the time and then, they showed up with the baby. [laughter] They knew I was there and, pretty soon, other kids came. We had a, almost like a Day Care over there we had so many kids, you know. Pre-school kids, pre-Head Start kids, yup. My sister and I had our hands full. That's what happens when you stay home and you're not working. [laughter] I don't mind babysitting them.

TM: Um. Yes.

VPF: Kids are clowns [?], I don't know. I always have kids at my house all the time.

TM: Uh-huh.

VPF: It's like uh, it's like we're a magnet or something. She's there all the time, my um grand...oldest grandson is 14, you know, and he just became a teenager. All his friends come over and we always have to have a big dinner so that everybody gets fed. But then, I have two younger grandsons. Now their friends come over, after, you know, they have the games and the...and then the TV and so, I don't know, it's kind of hard to keep that house clean after uh, there's so many kids and grandkids in my house. They're raising three of them. The youngest one, though, I shouldn't say, his mom took him to Hardin and transferred to Hardin. He's having trouble in school so she just decided to take him. There's a lot of bullying here and bullying here and then bullying at the Elementary but he's real sarcastic and smart aleck kid. He reminds me of my nephew that passed away, he reminds me of him. Smart aleck, they probably get mad at him a lot because of the things that he does say when he's around me. [laughter] Yeah. And it seems like all the dogs are attracted to my house, too. I have three dogs, now we have one stray there, looks scraggy looking and I don't know what to do with her. She looks pitiful. [laughter] I'll keep it for a while and I guess I'll try to find a home for it. It's a good looking dog.

TM: Yeah. Well, is there anything like, if somebody is growing up, a girl or a boy, that the need to be instructed about or told about that...I mean, like, their behavior or whatever? Is there some things that people try to do?

VPF: One main thing is to never touch anybody's face. Don't try to slap them in the face and I always tell my boys, "You cannot hit a girl." They're always, like, pinching my granddaughter or making her cry, "You can't be doing that, you're a boy, she's a girl, there's a difference!" [laughter] And um, I don't think, I don't know too much. Let me think. Just that they uh, have to mind their manners, and I can't remember too much about that. When my kids were growing up and what my mother taught us, it's just that we had to listen to her rules pretty much. You know we worked in the household, everybody had their chores, even when you were little, you know, it didn't exclude you but uh, I've pretty much spaced out my, a lot of things. But it was fun growing up the sticks, I guess. We went fishing. At the time we had horses, we went horseback riding, you know, we were busy all the time. Nowadays, everybody can't stay off their phones. Yeah. My grandsons want phones. They have phones, they can use it when there's wi-fi but I won't turn it on for them, except for the oldest one. I have to make sure where he is all of the time.

TM: Oh, uh-huh.

VPF: He's 14. The other two, I don't do that um but I can't think too much of...he's growing up.

TM: That uh, you lived out by the, like on the road to go to the Gap?

VPF: Yes.

TM: That house that's uh past the cattle guard? Is that it? That...

VPF: No, that...you mean um the house that's out there?

TM: Yeah.

VPF: Half of it is missing? That's the Wall's place.

TM: That's the Wallace ranch [it's Wall house, not the Wallace Red Star ranch].

VPF: Yeah, and then there, I don't know if that little, I think it's still down, that little white house on the bottom, the original Wall's place. My mom and dad's house burned down. We had to go stay with the Walls, in that little tiny white house and it was like, everybody was laying on the floor, wall to wall people. [laughter]

TM: Yeah.

VPF: But, um, I miss uh...do you know my brother, Junior?



TM: Yeah.

VPF: Whiteman. Do you know where he lives?

TM: Yeah.

VPF: Yeah, I used to live right across...well, you know where Dukie lives?

TM: Oh yeah.

VPF: That trailer house, that's where I used to live.

TM: Oh. Okay.

VPF: Right next to the same lane as Dukie's, where we were.

TM: Oh. Okay.

VPF: I miss the country. I moved to the housing and I miss the country. It's been a couple of years now since I lived in housing. At first, I couldn't get used to the traffic, the traffic in the house and the traffic down the street. [laughter]

TM: Well then...

VPF: The traffic on that highway, they don't slow down. It's kind of scary.

TM: Yeah, right on the end there, too.

VPF: You got to watch the little ones at my house because people do not slow down, especially coming in. They'll be going about 65, whatever, pretty fast. There must not be any signs out there.

TM: There's a speed bump. [laughter]

VPF: Yeah. Is there? There's chuck holes. [laughter]

TM: Yeah.

VPF: An Indian speed bump. [laughter]

TM: They're really bad this year. And at Crow, it's almost like Lodge Grass with all the pot holes.

VPF: Really rough?

TM: Yeah.

VPF: I suppose there's a flood coming, too, huh? They get worse.

TM: Well, they're thinking that uh, since it's still freezing at night that we might be okay.

VPF: For a while.

TM: For a while, yeah. But, yeah, it might flood. We had so much moisture.

VPF: Let's see, we haven't seen this much snow in thirty years.

TM: Yeah. I was trying to remember um, '58, that one was more though.

VPF: Was it? Oh. [Overlapping talk]

TM: The '58 snow? Winter, the winter of...

VPF: The 50's?

TM: Yeah, the late 50, 58, 57-58.

VPF: Really?

TM: Yeah, that, there were...I wasn't born yet but I mean, what they told me, that's...

VPF: Really high?

TM: Yeah like even the tops of hou...like, the snow was as high as a house, a one-story house.

VPF: Kind of like how Browning was?

TM: Yeah, like Browning this year.

VPF: Yeah.

TM: And then, they uh said that even when plows went by the...if you were in your house, you didn't hear it because of the snow.

VPF: That's a lot of snow [cannot understand the next 3-4 words].

TM: Yeah. They wouldn't even hear it so...that's probably the one, maybe, that they're talking about but, yeah, this was pretty rough. This winter was pretty rough.

VPF: There was one back in, I think it was '77 or '78, we couldn't get out of our house. The snow was blowing, it just kept snowing and snowing. It must have been about six foot high all over.

TM: Yeah.

VPF: We had to crawl over the snow and go to the neighbors because we were home alone. My mother got stranded in Billings that time so we had to crawl over the snow, go across the road and go to my uncle's house. And there was kids there, too, and I don't think there wasn't any adults there that time, either. We had a lot of canned food, canned stuff, we survived on canned food that time, until the snow plows could come out. It was a few days. We were okay. I always remember that, though.

TM: Yeah. Well, I got some paper work. [Some more conversation unrelated to the interview, about Taking her home, who the next interview was, etc.]