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GENERAL COMMENTS: This interview was very common. There was
no additional information given. The answers which were given
was always yes and no.

Connie: Lil Short on July 20, 1982. I'm going to ask you
some questions about schooling. Where did you or your parents
attend school?

Lil: Well mom started school in Ontario and then went to
school at Birch Hills. And dad went to school in Stanleyville.

Connie: And you where did you attend school?

Lil: Furridge.

Connie: Did you like like school?

Lil: Yeah.

Connie: Was it very helpful to you?

Lil: Yeah.

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

Lil: No.

Connie: What did you and your parents do for a living?

Lil: Farm.

Connie: What working wages were available to your family?

Lil: Farm work (inaudible) made selling the grain.

Connie: And your parents live on the farm right?

Lil: Yeah.

Connie: How and where did your parents meet?

Lil: I really don't know. (laughs)

Connie: How large was your family?

Lil: Well my mom's family there's three eh, in my dad's family there's five.

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

Lil: Oh just the old time dances.

Connie: How was your entertainment and recreation supplied?

Lil: Well, just what we made ourselves.

Connie: Were you or your parents affected by prejudism?

Lil: No.

Connie: How much influence did the church have on you and your parents? How did the church laws compare to todays' laws?

Lil: Well they changed some, but not change that much.

Connie: Did you or and parents attend shrines or retreats?

Lil: No. Not really.

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

Lil: Yes.

Connie: How did you and your parents get your food?

Lil: Well we grew most of it.

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

Lil: Oh, canning and storing.

Connie: And clothing?

Lil: Oh sewed mostly, knitted.

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

Lil: No.

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

Lil: Yeah.

Connie: Who brought the medicine to your people?

Lil: Well the doctor.

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

Lil: Midwife, yeah.

Connie: During the depression what kind of jobs were available?

Lil: Well, remember my dad he was cutting ice (inaudible), or road building.

Connie: Was there enough food, and clothing and shelter available to your family?

Lil: Oh yeah.

Connie: How did the people help each other?

Lil: Well building, butchering and everything like that they all got together.

Connie: Was your community active?

Lil: Yes.

Connie: Were you and your parents actively involved in the community?

Lil: Yes.

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

Lil: God.

Connie: Who did you and your parents dislike?

Lil: Not that I remember.

Connie: Would you like to share some stories or experiences about native leaders?

Lil: No.

Connie: Did you and your parents think things were better then than they are now?

Lil: (inaudible).

Connie: Do and your parents think native people are stronger and wiser because of their experiences?

Lil: I think a little stronger and wiser. (laughs)

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

Lil: (inaudible).

Connie: Do you know where the people went after 1885?

Lil: No.

Connie: Thank you for letting me interview you.

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