

Or doing something? But he was a smart Indian. And he could work, he could go into the Bureau anytime he got ready. He had a twang in there someway for...

(Isn't your wife and Anna Kilpatrick related?)

Yeah. Yeah.

(Anna was a Grit's wudn't she before she was married?)

HAZEL NUTS - WHIPPORWILL PEAS - ROASTING SWEET POTATOES

Yeah. And, well, that's exactly where I was born and raised. And the worst part of it, when I was, well, when I was fourteen years old, I didn't know, the fact of the business, I guess I hadn't been to Stilwell three times. I didn't know what was up there. I'd just stayed right here. In them days in the fall, the hazel nuts was just thick here.

(Hazel nuts?)

Wild hazel nuts. Yes. And we'd get a hazel nuts and different things you know.

(What would you do with them? Would you store 'em or just eat 'em?)

Yeah, we'd store 'em. Put 'em in sacks, you know and they'd sit around and hull 'em at night, you know. We'd get 'em hulled and all through the day. Nights. And then somebody would raise a big patch of peas around and then we'd go pick peas. And bring the sacks in.

(Were they Crowder peas or?)

No. Whip-or-will. Regular whip-or-will peas. A native of...

(is that the same as a black eye pea?)

Well, yes. It's a little different than a black eye...

(Whip-or-will.)

Whip-or-will pea. And so they'd sit around and hull...

(Was that wild or...?)

No, people raised them. That's about the only two peas that was raised in this country at that time. Was whip-or-will and black eyed. Black eyed came in behind the whip-or-will. They thought that was a treat to get the black eyed peas. But we'd gather so much of 'em, you know,