

able to produce their arts and crafts. The women would sit around, and some of them, maybe did baskets. Now, before they could sit down and do the baskets, they had to get out and get the materials, which I'll explain later, on what they used. But many times after they did get their materials, they'd sit around did their own either pottery. Some of them did their own pottery because pottery in those days they were not so interested in making a very decorative pottery, but they were interested in gettin something useful. Maybe, to cook their beans, corn, or something before the men would return from the hunt. Many times, they would make pottery. They used the coil system in those days, and they maybe a pot so high about 16 inches or 26 inches, I think it said. Many times they used that and build it up sort of round that they could use it in their fire, and cook their food. But the baskets that they made were for carrying corn, beans, or whatever they had. Clothing if they carried clothing. We have several size baskets here. Some of them are small. Maybe, they had small objects that they needed to use those for. Then, we have one that is for cleaning corn. When they, before they made hominy, grits, or corn, they had to skin it, so before they could do that, they had to use this basket and use lye water made from hickory bark and--and wash their corn or soak their corn in very hot lye water. After that, they cleaned it in clear stream until the corn was white and all the skin was off and then I also like to think that during this time that these women, maybe, were reviewing some of their musical tunes that maybe the men wanted to hear when they got back from the hunt. And many of them, after they got back, had celebrations. They danced and they feasted. I think, many times that was during the winter after their hunt before they went back to plant the corn which they did in the spring.