

and my father too, so my brother "Tuner" farmed and plowed, he planted pumpkin, sweet potatoes, large beans. We'd get wagon load of sweet potatoes. We got plums, made preserve, made with brown sugar. We didn't need anything. My half-brother Jonah Dick, sure used to get fish from Canadian River. He had a big stick with sharp edge and stuck the fish and caught them. He would drive them out a certain places in river and get them out. (They are called gigging stick). They would hang the fish and skinned them and my mother fried them. What is the name of abusky in English? (She asked my mother, Hepsey Lewis.)

(Parch corn.)

Build fire, put pot on it, put clean ashes in it, corn in, stir it up, stand there and stir even if it's hot, till it gets brown. Tak ie out, sift it, clean them with clean rag. Put them in "Kicho." (It's a bag with hole in it and pound the corn with wood and make it real find to make abusky). We had all that and lived.

(You put lye in pot?)

Yes, ashes from burnt wood. That's the way you made hominy too... Put lye in it with lots of water and cook it, if you're going cook it. (laughter) It's sure is good too. Indian made hominy. My father died, my brother died, 14 years old. My brother use to plow and farm but he got married, so that left me and my mother. Wyen they lived, they use to cut wood, my father use to go out early in the morning and bring back squirrels. My half brother and Sis sold their part of land and they kept selling, so me and my mother moved to town and we use gas and we use to almost freeze, cause gas went down and almost out in winter time. So I got married and had four kids. My two boys died and my girl's are still living. My mother died and kids father died. I got married again and he died. Now now, I'm living here, cause I get paid. (laughter) Long time ago, things like we are getting now, we use to didn't get it. Long ago, they cut wood and I had dry wood and I used to haul water for my mother. In winter, I used to be outside all time. We had corn crib, we had crib for different type of corn. For mules too, and had hog too. Mama bought hay. We sold eggs, things were cheap those days. We bought