

(Did they get very many things at the store as far as food is concerned?)

You know they never did have anything to do with this canned fruit, you know--canned food. They just had their own cooking--what they thought was good for them to eat. But after this canned goods came in, that's all this sickness come in. That's when they got this cancer and tumor and everything like that. They never had anything--any kind of sickness like that. They never had anything--any kind of sickness like that way back. But, and then they always get sick, and I think it's mostly this canned stuff. That's what it is--got sick when they first start eating canned foods.

(Did they ever drink milk back in those days?)

No. They didn't drink milk. One old man, his name was Old Man Big Hat, we went to--he was at my mother's uncle--and we went to a town somewhere. I don't remember some way. I think it was Taloga. We went over there. He was looking corn seed and we went in a place where they eat. And hamburgers were ten cents. This lady, she brought milk out. "No coffee," she said. And he said, "Long time (ago) I was weaned!" He just push it back and said, "Long time I was weaned. I don't want no milk."

FISH

(What about fish--did the Arapahoes like to eat fish?)

Yeah, they like to eat fish. Some of them, they used to, what they call "hand fish." Yeah. They used to go around the river and catch fish. I don't know how they used to cook them. I never did cook one. My uncle would get fish. He used to clean them himself. My aunt wouldn't clean them. He used to just roll them in the fire. That way that skin used to come off. And then they cook them some way--boil them, I guess. I never did like fish. They used to eat fish.

(What kind of fish did they get?)