

INDIAN COOKING

(You know, do you do a lot of Indian cooking?)

Yes. I used to. But I'm by myself now. I don't do much cooking no more.

(Did you used to make abuskee?)

Uh-hum.

(How do you make it?)

Parched corn. Well, when roasting ears getting kind of hard. You know when you shell it. Commence to shelling it.

(Uh-hum.)

Off of the cob you shell them. And parch that in wood ashes.

(Oh.-)

And then when they get real brown take it out and clean the corn. And then beat it. And I beat corn so much I guess I feel like corn.

(Laughter) I've got (Creek word). But I ain't got the (Creek word.)

(Oh do you? What do you call it in English? (Creek word.) )

Pes--

(Pestle.)

Pestle.

(Pestel. That's (Creek word). And what about the --)

I don't know what you call that. Mortar I guess.

(Mortar. Do you have an old picture of yourself?)

No. (Laughter). Afraid I'll break the camera.

(Would you like to give that--what would you take for it?)

I wouldn't take nothing for it. My brother made that for me. And gave it to me. He's dead now. And I wouldn't take nothing for it.

(I'd like to have one. I don't know what I would do with it. What else did you cook? Indian cooking?)