

ground down in there, plant corn and--

WILD GAME WAS PLENTIFUL

(Well, it was I guess back then too--I imagine there was a lot of game here wasn't there?)

Oh, there was prairie chicken come up--up to the house, too. Lots of them. Wild turkey. In the winter time they come to the house, fight with other chicken.

(They must of been domesticated turkeys.) (laughter)

Yeah, there used to be a lot where we use to live down there. Used to be wild hog, about that high. There--there was young gilts about that high, had long what you call it--?

(Turks?)

Yeah, there was a lot of mountain lions, my mother used to see them carry hogs off.

(Do you remember when did the--when did the Osage first start digging them yonkapins?)

'Round about 19--, about 1900. This was when it was--when they use to buy them. Used to be someone who come round and sell 'em. And in a hack. They buy it from them--dried ones.

(There were other white people trading, I guess.)

Yeah.

(But then again, they went out where they could find them, dug 'em, dug 'em.)

Yeah, when they get cars went down there, way down there. Dig them there.

First time they get 'em was down in Texas I guess. They find out Osage eat that stuff. They come out to sell dried ones. It was about 1899, I believe.

STRANGE FOOD FOR CHEYENNES

(You knew it like--I always hear Cheyenne, you know, they like dogs. They fix 'em you know. They don't just fix just any old dog, you know. They fix 'em good, you know.)