

them. And we used to have to pick them. I tell you, by the wagon load we used to dry. And same way with this green corn. Now, we don't ever roast that much corn anymore. I remember when my daddy had to take the wagon out in the field, and bring it, and we'd all sit down. Us kids had to sit there until the husks were off the corn. They didn't let us just sit around, we had to do our share.

(Did you usually wait until the vines died down before you pick the pumpkin?)

Well, sometimes, I remember sometime my mother used to go out. The great big ones, I guess she was afraid the sun would ruin them. She'd always fix them. But usually, after the vines, kind of, when they notice the vines are dying down on account of the heat, they go and pick them. But the corn, they wait until it's, you know, real dry. Grandma use to say it's easier when they real dry, to pick them off. Course they always careful, they have to get those husks, and put them away. Tie them in little bunches, say, well, we going to make so much of this bread. Then when we want to make something during winter time, she say...she used to take care of it, never let the kids bother anything. She'd get so many bunches, then she say, well, we can make this much.

(You said they bring in wagonloads of green corn. Did they grate all of that?)

No, they didn't. They roasted it, you know. Roast the corn, and dry it. We used to have them, by the sack full, I remember. We don't do that much now. They mostly planted corn, and beans and sweet potatoes.

(Could you describe to me the way you fixed pumpkin when you were going to keep it for winter?)

Yea, I wish I had something I could show you. Well, anyway, the pumpkin when you peel them, we peel them first. Take all the peeling off. And, .....throw them away. It just slipped my mind. I was telling you, they didn't waste anything. We'll say it, after we get through with this one, they even take the inside of the pumpkin, you know those...where the seeds are... they wouldn't throw the seeds away, they use it, you know. Well, they put the seeds...but those little, the ones inside of it...