

nobody to plow for me. See, my garden plot was too small, and I told that man, next year I want you to take the fence off. And then my renter, when he plows, he could just plow through, and I wouldn't have to be bothered, plowing. And the corn I have, I work my, only I have somebody to plow for me. I cultivate my corn, just the way I used to cultivate. Instead of using cultivator...I...one man at Pawnee was telling me, you ought to buy one. I said I had one round here, no one ever cared for it. Cause I'm the only one ever tend to the garden...and the men folks...I had one around here. Finally somebody wanted to buy it, and I just sold it. And he said, that's all I use. I don't cultivate the old...they call it the old Indian way. He said this is less work. I said, well my garden isn't very big, I can cultivate it by hand. Wherever the stalks are...there's always more than one stalk, that's the way they plant it. Then cultivate it...put like little hills on it. Every corn, I cultivate every bit of it.

(In the old days, did they make a hill first?)

Well, we always just put it on the flat ground. Because, when we cultivate it, we can build our whatacallit up. Because otherwise, if we make hills, plant the corn, boy, they'd be great big hills then.

(Did people take the weeds out of the field in the old days, or did they leave them?)

Well, there wouldn't be very much weeds anyway. The way I do, if I have any weeds, I don't...she kept throwing some away. I told her, leave them there, it fertilizes after it's dried. Yea, I got a batch of Johnson grass. I'm going to cut it anyway. I been gone a little too much. And all across here west of the house, I don't like it, all that Johnson grass. I usually cut that all back. I'm going to cut it yet. I got one of those holes, we call them old timers hoes. You know, big blades, big handles, that's what I use, I'd rather use them, instead of them little ones...they always call it the little neck hoe. They just bounce back.

(When...after the corn began to make, did the Wichitas have to do anything to the corn?)