

hominy...that little white thing turns black... They turn black when they cooking in ashes. And finally I reach in there, I use a ladle. I get a wooden ladle. I get it out, I reach in there, and I get hold of a corn. And if I do that, just a little, and if that hull comes off, it's ready for hominy. If it doesn't come off, I throw it back in there. It's not ready, until when you just touch it a little, it comes off, it's ready for hominy. (Is that the whole outside hull?)

Yea. Outside, yea. But, now, that'll make a big pot of hominy, that much.

(How do you make hominy. You said you boil it in ashes?)

Yea, till them little hulls come off, why, it's ready. I wash the corn. I usually wash and wash and wash.

(What kind of ashes do you use?)

Now, you take...I'm glad you asked that question...you take them elem ashes they're no good. Cottonwood's no good. Other soft wood, is no good. Box elder, it's not good. But you take black-jack and oak. Now down at Pawnee, we don't have the red oak here. They have it down there at Pawnee, oh, they're good ashes.

(How much ashes do you put in?)

Well, the way I make it, I like to have plenty of cooked ashes in there. Well, I might kind of guess at it, about two quarts of ashes. Nice clean ashes. We always sift it, almost look like flour, you know.

(In how much water?)

I put lots of water in there. Just so it's ...then I put my corn in. You can put your corn in right now when you making hominy. But when you making corn bread, you let it kind of boil, first. Keep stirring it, ashes and everything. And then we put our corn in. But it don't make any difference with hominy.

(And then what do you do with it?)

Wash it. Wash it good. And after you think...well, when the water's clear, them little hulls, sure lots of troubles. Lots of them little black hulls in there. I always take a wash pan, I usually pour it in there, stir it, stir it, and when I tip it over, them little hulls just come out with the water. And I put lots of water in again, and I get them pretty clean. But there's always signs of them hulls in a pot of hominy. And, I