

lot of work to it.

TANNING BUCKSKIN:

(Did you ever tan skins?)

I used to but now I can't even pull with my hands any more.. Ever since I got operated, it seems like this finger, it wouldn't lift nothing. I can't even pull with this finger. It seems like that medicine what they used to put me to sleep with...all these fingers used to be like that, but they got all right, but this one, it just seems so limp, it seems like it has no life in it or nothing. I can't even tan no more.

(Would you like to tell a little bit about how you tanned?)

Oh, just soak it for about...well, just so it get soft, you know and soak it in water and now you could really make it clean with that bleach you know, pour that Clorox in it and then that powdered soap and then let it soak in it. After a while you take it out and then you scrape that hide.

(What did you use to scrape that hide?)

I used to use knife, you know, real sharp knife. The scrape it scrape it til I get it all off and then wash it again wash it real clean you know and put soap on it and you could put that bleach in again and rinse it out in cold water you know clean water and it gets white after you do that you have to do this like stretch it like that, stretch it like that and then you have to take it and just fix it like that and just keep stretching it and you have to keep working with it until it gets dry and soft. If you lay it about thirty minutes, you have to wet it again, cause it sure gets dry quick. It gets hard, it don't get soft. You just got to work it work it and if you want to do something else, you got to tell somebody else to hold it for you and work at it until