

WHY THEY USE BULL DURHAM TOBACCO - USE OF SUMAC BERRIES

(I want to ask you about the tobacco they smoke. Why do they smoke Bull Durham instead of some other kind of tobacco?)

I don't know. I tell you--they used to, way back in years, you know this (long pause)--what do they call--I forgot that. They grow lot of berries in the fall--they come out like that with lot of little berries. And they say there's on a top--oh they, about that tall and they come out like that. And lot of berries they fall. And you just pick some of that and put in your mouth. Pick the top of those little berries. And they grow so tall. And the leaves of that they used to smoke.

(Now this is the leaf that turns bright red?)

Uh-huh. Yeah that's the one. They used to smoke that way back in years.

(Sumac, I think it is. It's got a real bright red.)

Yeah a real bright red. And the berries are real salty. When we was little kids we used to go down the creek and get a bunch of them and eat. Just take salt and then put salt on them and spit it out. Lot of kids eats it. We would all be together, we'd go down the creek and pick them. Chew on it.

MORE ABOUT SNEEZING POWDER

(Asking some more about your medicine, you have that sneezing powder, do you think of anything else you could tell about that?)

There's so many things in the ground and they grow out there. One woman we knew, said "Do you have a piece about that big?" About two weeks ago she got it out there and brought it to me. And it's real good for sandwich. You boil it and when it's done, you give it to them.

(Do you know what it is?)

Yeah. I know where it is. It grow out there.

(Do you know what its called?)

We call it (Comanche word). Because it's kind of, well, it's like fancy