

And their little feet and the tail. And they're just like possums. They parboil it. Maybe two or three times. Then they cook it.

(By parboiling it, you mean that they pour off the water?)

Pour off that water, because it's got that black stuff on it where they singed it over the fire. And after they singe the hair they scrape it. Just like you scrape hogs. They're like that. They're very clean. Now these dogs, you see how dirty and nasty they are.

But that's the way they ate dog. And I've eaten lot of skunks and possums and coons and turtles and fishes. Way back there it was plentiful.

(Are dogs--puppies--pretty good to eat?)

Yes. Just like pork. They have white fat. Lots of white people have eaten them.

JOHN H. SEGER AND BIRDIE'S FATHER

Old Man Seger--this John H. Seger that first come around with the Indians, he ate them and he smoked with them, and he went in sweat hut with them. He was just like one of the Indians--Cheyenne. And my father was his right-hand man. He was the one that named him. My father's nickname when he was little boy--there was a chief way back there--from the Crow tribe. He had come over here to Oklahoma and made friends with these Oklahoma Indians. They had a big camp. And this man made friends with my grandfather--my father's father. And he had a short nose. His nose was short. And after they went back, they called my father "Short Nose" over his father's friend. And that just stuck with him. And so this John H. Seger caught that name that was my father's name--but he had a different name--and this Mr. Seger translated this ka'εs into Kias.. That's how come he got that name, Kias, K I A S. ka'i's (transcription of