

No, they were already gone.

(Did the old people talk about them very much?)

Yeah, they used to talk about it. How they had a lot of game they used to get, too. Deer and wild turkey.

(Back when you were little--going back to the kind of things you used to eat--what kind of meat did you usually have?)

And they used to fish, you know. Yeah. Lot of fish in the rivers, you know.

(What did they use to catch the fish with?)

Hand fish.

(Who would do that--?)

Anyone--men. No, women didn't catch fish.

(What about young boys?)

I don't know.

(Did they fish very much?)

Oh, sometimes--not all the time.

(What kind of fish did they get?)

There were lot of catfish along the river. Big long ones, too.

(How did they fix them?)

They cut them open and slice them up--like when you're going to cook them. And some used to boil them.

(Did they ever just cook them on the open fire?)

No. They just fried them in skillets.

(Did they ever get turtles and eat turtles?)

Yeah, they used to do that. Boil them.

(What kind of turtles would they get?)

Them soft-shelled turtles in the river. Yeah, they get pretty big.

(Were they pretty good to eat?)

Yeah.

(What about snapping turtles--did they ever eat those?)

Some of them did. I don't know--I never eat them.

(Did they ever eat these terrapins--these land turtles, or box turtles that live on the prairies?)

Yes. I can't lie to you! They just put them over the fire.

They rake coals up and some would cover them in there, and they're roast them like that. Yeah, they were good.