

Well, as far as I can remember they had it almost like they have it now days but they must have other ways. Now the Cherokees was different from the other tribes. The Cherokees just sang songs. And just do like we do now. Only the coffin stood open the whole time they was holding their singing and preaching. They done their preaching and their singing and they just do it almost like they do now, but they had the coffin open the whole time they was doing the singing.

USE OF THE OLD SMOKEHOUSE AND CANNING AND DRYING FRUITS

(You mentioned about the log house that your folks built. Did they also have out buildings such as storage houses and--built out of logs too?)

The smoke house? Yeah, they always--my father built an old smoke house of logs. It wasn't very far from the house to store his meat and wild hogs and things like that. Any kind of wild meat, that's all we lived on was wild meat, and any kind of meat we killed he skinned it and prepared it and put it in the smoke house. And he hung it you know, to dry. They mostly dried their meat in those days. And yeah, we had a smoke house.

(Did they have a certain way of drying their meat?)

Well, my mother. I remember my mother use to go and get hickory, go get hickory limbs and she would get her a pan of fire coal, live fire coals and she would put this hickory bark and hickory limbs on that and just make it smoke. She stand there and wouldn't let it blaze up she put it out where it smoke and put under this meat that was hanging there. Cause I remember one time when my uncle killed a deer and he put it in the smoke house and my mother smoked it. That was after my father passed away and I was bigger then.