

But she smoked her clay pipe. She had her a clay pipe and she smoked once after every meal. And that's--she didn't make a practice of smoking before people. She always get where nobody would care and she and she smoke her pipe full and that was it.

(Did you ever hear her comment on the need for tobacco or why Indians used it and their belief in it? There's stories about it.)

Well, different people have different ways. Now she tried to tell me one time that there were some Indians that were bad that believed in using your tobacco kind of like a witch doctor, they would cause people to be sick, I don't know what you call it--

(Conjuring I think.)

--yeah something like that but they cause people to get sick, they just smoke all the time and if they could get around you and you could inhale their smoke, you get sick or maybe have a bad seige of fainting or something like that. She said they used that in different ways but my folks never did use nothing like that. She said they wouldn't use it that way, but they used it just for their satisfaction of using tobacco. But they didn't use it chewing it hardly. I never did know of mama chewing homemade tobacco. She always put it up in a box and dried it for her own use to smoke.

(Did they treat it any way to preserve it or--)

No, she just hung it up in the barn; we had a big old barn, hay barn. And she would do it just like she done her vegetables, she would hang these up in the big rafters you know, a leaf at a time you know, she tie them up hang them up and she'd have great big rolls of tobacco and you know what? People would come far and near to buy hands of tobacco they called it. Hands of tobacco and that would