

But us, we do that, we take that off and you know, we just take it off the cob, and just spread it out wherever it's hot. But it's no good, a day like this (it was overcast). They'll get sticky, you know, sour.

(How do you cook it after it's dried, when you want to use it?)

Just boil it. Yea, put meat in it. You know they have that, in town there, it's canned, but it's cut off. Seems the sweetness is cut off of that. But Wichitas don't do that. They just pick it off you know. They pick it off. If you get a knife, you got to have a sharp knife. You don't go down the line. But my grandmother was old-fashioned. She'd down to the creek, the river, she find these shells. You know them big shells? I don't know how she'd use it, she'd just go down the line. She knew how to do it, but I didn't. Then we pick it. Sometimes we used little grains. You use little grains but you just put very little of that in, they'll expand. And then the thick grains, as the corn gets older, big grains you roast big grains. Oh, it's tedious.

(Do you still fix corn that way?)

Yea, uh huh. We roast corn. But sometimes it's Pawnee time, and I go to Pawnee and I don't get to roast corn. I have a lot of dry corn in the winter, make hominy out of it. Boy, it's hard work. Yea, we take it off, you know after it's dry--you know when it gets real hard, we take it off. We take the shucks off and put it out in the sun and let it dry. Then we sack it up. My grandmother used to roast corn, sometimes we'd have seven sacks of that roast corn. Seven sacks. I didn't know that there was be a day--you know, they don't do that anymore, much. There's just very few that do that. They take this pumpkin, here, when it gets big. Well, they take that, that bark off of it, whatever you call it. Well, they take that and they clean it, and they make a hole (in the top), and they set it out in the sun and let it kind of dry out. Then they take it and they just cut it around, you know, just cut it around. Makes a string. It's all curled up. Well, you put it on a pole. You don't put it on a sharp something, because it'll cut it. Well, pretty soon they'll stretch, they'll stretch. And they take it out and they pound them, you know. And they turn them over and they let them dry. But you can't on a day like this, you can't