

long. And they'd hew it down. Up here, he'd leave a head on there about eight inches long, and then he would hew that plumb down, and that would be about, I guess, as big as your arm--on down til you get down to the part that you beat with, and he'd make a kinda little head on there.

(About inch, inch and half?)

Inch, inch and half, little head on there--and then he'd extend that about four inches long, 3, 4 inches long, then he'd tape off, kinda, not say too sharp, but enough so when you get it down in there it's gonna pound that corn--(laughter)

(How big was the top in diamter, bout like so--five or six inches?)

Yeah, it'd be something about that big around.

(But it carried plenty of weight?)

Carry plenty of weight, be about six inches deep, some eight inches deep--you could put plenty of corn down in there, you'd beat that a long time before you'd get that all like you want it. Then they'd take it off and fan it, get that husk off it like they want it. Then they'd put it back in there--beat it again get it just exact what they want it. Make that sofky grits, make that obusky all that with that mortar.

INDIAN FOODS:

(Mr. Dean, this is something I failed to ask Mr. McIntosh, but the freedmen out here, the Negroes who lived with the Seminoles in Oklahoma, they adopted the Seminole customs, and dressed pretty much the same, ate the same foods, farmed the same way--they were just almost identical in the way they lived--)

That's right, almost identical--we could make that obusky, sofky, echo dry, that beef on the house, beat that up, call that--what did they call that, I forgot. The name we call that--but anyhow, we'd beat that beef up and it'd be kinda fine and stringy like, you know. And boy, you put that thing in your pot, little salt, little water, little greese, few onions, let it cook and I mean you'd bite your tongue (laughter) Yes, and and don't talk about that echo.

(I haven't had echo in years--)

Well, I haven't eigher, and I've asked a lot of these Indians that I know around--

(Have they quit making it?)

Quit, can't get the corn.