

tell by, you know, when it's coming spring, you know. Well, oh, I don't know. I don't see that weed around here, but I don't know what I'd call it, but there's some kind of weed that's a well, it's a weed and the corn, they kind of grow together. I guess you saw that, they grow in big bunches. They grow about that high (about 2½") (Note: here the tape ended and interviewer did not realize it for several minutes. Joe continued to describe the "weed" in question and indicated that it had lavender flowers. At the time the weed first came up the Wichita regarded it as time to put in their corn. On further questioning, about fertilizing the newly planted corn, Joe began to describe a plant he called "swamp root". He does not know where it grows in the Wichita area in these days, but has seen it at Pawnee, and has brought some of it back to Carnegie for use in his own garden.) It has wide grass (leaves) something like that Johnson grass, you see that out there. The one I saw was that way and had leaves about that wide (1")

(Do you remember what the root looked like?)

Oh it's kind of rough, you know. Kind of rough, looks like it got joints, just like a stalk. You know, it's got--oh, I guess they grow. I tell you they look something like that Johnson grass root. That's as close as I could get it.

(Do you know the Wichita word for that herb they put in with the corn?)

Oh we call it disasowosk^w That means "medicine in water". That's what we call it, that's as close as I could get it.

(What other kinds of food plants did you grow?)

Well, uh, your pumpkin, yes. Pumpkin. And beans. I wouldn't, but I think beans are gone. But we have that Indian pumpkin, what they call it. I see Indian melons, you know watermelons. They don't grow big, but they taste like watermelons. And canteloupe. I don't know where they got the seed, but they always kept it, yeah, they always kept it.

(How did they plant the beans and the pumpkin?)

Well, they put it separate, where it could be, grows, then pumpkins here. They long, grew on vines, you know. I guess you seen them grow? Beans, well they grow in bunches. They plant them, maybe sometimes you have good luck, you kind