

DINNER

(Is there any kind of ceremonial dinner that goes with it?)

Dinner? Yes, they have a dinner. 'Course in my days, earlier days, they were - they had the dinner after they buried the body, you know, and what food that they had, why they cooked, you know, like beef or maybe deer if they had the venison, why they'd - And then of course the Indian - famous Indian fire bread, they had that, you know, and corn that they had raised, you know, and - So that was just about all - it's not - those days, of course, it wasn't elaborate like they do now, you know, they was the Indian, you know, feast now, why they have just all kinds of things on the plates, you know. They - well, in the earliest days, you know, that was just about all they could get hold of was this tobacco.

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I guess its a leaf or something. And then they, course they would find - they used to say they had this wild tobacco, but I never did see it, you know. But they finally, of course - these traders, these French traders, when they came through and all, they introduced a lot of that, you know. They traded maybe a pice of meat for, you know, a piece of tobacco. Now that was told, too. See, the Quapaws, they used to tell how they - well, migrated. They said they traveled quite a ways, and that was from Louisiana. And they were down there and from there, why they lived way back in the woods. But then when the ships, the boats, would come in, why they would be down there and they would stand and watch. And they finally got acquainted with the sailors and all, they would give them something to do, you know, haul something or carry things and put those on their boats for them, you know. And then they would give them tobacco. And that's how a lot of that. course, tobacco was introduced to the Indians, you know. And they finally got where they had this tobacco that - it was a plant or it was a weed. - they said it was kind of a heavy stalk, you know, had the stem, you know, and