

(Well, now, when one of the wives is using it, who would she be referring to?)
To the other wife, or to herself. It's a general term in that family group
in plural wifery.

(What if one of the wives is speaking directly to the other wife, could she
ever use that term?)

No, she don't use it that way. She calls her by name. Especially if they're
sisters, which is usually the custom. Why she'd just call her sister by her
individual name.

(Did a man ever have more than one wife where the wives were not sisters?)

Yes, oh yes.

(What if a woman was talking to her husband's other wife--not her sister--
then what would she use to refer to her--when she's addressing her?)

Just refer to her--it's a known fact that they're plural wives--this man, one
husband. They call each other by name. By name, whether they're sisters or
the woman's from another family. The same term applies.

(All right. Now this term, ^h_iⁿ_in --?)

^h_iⁿ_in -- that's "his wife." Could mean one wife. Or it could mean "other
wife."

(Well, would a woman use that term when she's talking directly to the other
wife?)

Yes, yes, they'd use that, yeah.

(Well, what if a woman is talking about the other wife to a second party--
would she use ^h_iⁿ_in ?)

Yes. Yes.

(What if a man--like you father--your father had four or five wives--and one
of the wives is talking about the other wives--how could she refer to all of
them?)