

(Well, I've never seen anything like that. People live different now than they did long time ago.)

I remember when the first barbed wire come out.

(Well. Was it like the barbed wire we have now?)

Yes, something similar about like this.

(Well, saves a lot of work. I guess in those days everybody that had to build a fence would just use rails.)

Just use rails. Rail fences. All you see.

HARVESTING CROPS

(When you was a young fella, how did they harvest the crops like wheat and oats and...)

Well, they had a cradle.

(Cradle. Yeah, cut corn. How did they cut it? Just with knife.)

I don't remember. I don't think...

(Cane.)

No, cradle corn then. But I know they...

(How about cane? Did they--how did they harvest it?)

Cane?

(Yeah.)

Well..

(To make sorghum.)

Oh, they just cut it down and strip it then cut it down.

(Yeah. That's something I've never seen 'em make sorghum.)

You haven't?

(No, I missed out on that.)

Well, I've seen lots of it.

(But that's sure good stuff though.)

But, you know, river cane, that's my kind of cane. I don't like sorghum. We raised river cane.

EARLY AREA SETTLERS