

that chicken there. Yeah, kill them like that and just go ahead and fix them. Just as soon as you get them dressed go ahead and put them on and cook them.

(Well, did they ever make any dressing or anything like that?)

Yeah, they made dressing or cornmeal or something like that or dumplings or anything, fried just anyway they wanted it cooked.

They had, they'd fix it.

CRAWLDAD DINNER

And fish, well some of the men would, well, they'd meet up on the church house, missionary working is the women's, missionary what do you call them, missionary working women? They works on Wednesday, well, they'd all meet up. So some of the men folks would go fishing. Got get fish, and kill fish, crawldads or anything. Well, they'd come to church then and all the women folks was quilting pieces.

Well, they stop and clean and cook the fish and cook the crawldads and everybody would bring cornbread. They'd have a big feast on the dinner on Wednesday while the women was quilting. Quilting and eating.

(Well, now did they bring this to the churchhouse where you could all eat together?)

Yeah, they'd cook it right there. We got a long table sitting out there where they all would just put it on that table and have a big dinner--all of them.

(Well, I've heard about the crawldads and the--I've had them once since I've been in Cherokee country and they were real good. And they were fried.)

Yes, they'd fry them.

(Is that how you all fixed them back then?)