

I think Beaver Springs is older than Seneca.

(Yeah.)

Beaver Springs is just up the creek there.

GRINDING CORN IN EARLY DAYS

(Now that would probably be where the early settlers went to mill to have their corn ground, unless they had someone along Grand River or Neosho or Spring River. Somewhere, I think I read where even in the days before they had grist mills and water wheel mills that they ground their mill the hard way on a rock on a--beating the corn against another rock, grinding it. I don't know how far that would date back though.)

Well I would say, as far as the Quapaws were concerned, they--had their mortar and pestle. They used that and they are made out of a log. We still use them now, because that's easier to use and that's easier to make cornmeal anymore.

(That's right.)

I still raise corn and another family south of us he raises corn and another out east of here, he did but doesn't use one anymore.

(No, there's not many of them I find one now and then when a family raises their own corn.)

TOBACCO--WHEN USE BEGAN AMONG INDIANS

(Did they--I've never asked anyone--but I've often wondered about the Indians, did they raise their own tobacco or was tobacco something that came later?)

Well, I think--I think possibly it came later. What--I don't know what they mixed but I do know that a lot of them used sumac leaves. And they mixed--I don't know whether they mixed tobacco whether with that or what.