

GENERAL SUBJECT: WILD PLANT FOODS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

ONIONS  
EGGS AND CHICKENS  
GOING TO TOWN AS A CHILD  
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INDIAN POTATOES  
ECONOMY IN EARLY DAYS  
INDIAN POTATOES  
STRAWBERRIES  
INDIAN TEA  
AMERICAN LOTUS  
PLUMS  
CHERRIES  
KANSAS KICKAPOOS  
FISH  
OLD TIME FOODS  
ECONOMY

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT: Mattie Murdock is 69 years old. Was born and raised in Oklahoma, living in the vicinity of her present home near McCloud all her life. Went to school one or two years. Traditionally oriented, though speaks English well. Still makes cat-tail mats and engages in other activities pertaining to traditional life.

"Now Mattie Murdock, Kickapoo lady is going to tell me about Indian onions today."-----Julia A. Jordan

ONIONS

'Bout March that's when you go look for those onions, wild onions. And all the Indians like that, everybody go look for them. You have to dig, they grow where it's wet, that's where they grow. You have to dig. Some place it's hard to dig and get the onions. And they are really good, everybody like 'em.

(When you go after them do just the women go?)

Oh, me and my husband used to go all the time and he digs them, and I pick 'em out from the dirt, you know. Maybe comes a big chunk of dirt and just get 'em out of there.

(What did he use to dig them with?)