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You can git 'em from fall until right now. Nobody don't get 'em now.

(Isn't it sort of cold to get them that time of year?)

Uh-huh. Some people go after them all winter long.

(They do?)

When it's good day they go and get 'em. They put these rubber boots on. Dig 'em.

(Did your mother and dad use to get those when you were little?)

No. My brother used to. I had brother that used to go and get 'em. But I never go with him.

(I just wondered if the Kickapoo use to get those a long time ago?)

Um-hum. Yeah, that's their eating.

(Do people still get them?)

Uh-huh, they still get 'em.

(Where do they go?)

(?) Somewheres in ponds, right now--somewhere--. Long time ago they get 'em in the lakes you know, but this time they get 'em where theres ponds. There's some there growing and thats where they find 'em.

(Were there lakes a long time ago?)

Um-hum.

(Where?)

Just anywhere I guess. There's a lake just west of here. I know it's been there a long time--since I was a kid. And there's some of those on there.

(Is there still there?)

The water still there, but those they're not grow there anymore.

(What's the name of that lake? Does it have a name?)

No, it don't have no name.

(Is it on Indian land?)