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That's what she said. They just go around and play in the water. But they're behind those men you know. When they think its deep they go in dry place, go around it, those boys.

### OLD TIME FOODS

(Well, what did your mother and older people told you, what did they used to use to eat mostly in the old days, long, long time ago?)

Oh, they just--she always say they just have corn and that deer meat--dry deer meat. Sometimes we don't have to eat no bread, she said, we just be cooking corn and just eat that, she said. Mostly long time ago, Indians used to eat corn, corn. And if they don't got no flour they make their own cornbread, she said. Shawnees, they still make Indian cornbread. But around here they ain't nobody makes that.

(Well, when you were a little girl what was the main thing you used to eat?)

Bout same thing--corn not any deer meat. There ain't no deer meat, that time, when I was a girl--just what you buy--beeves and pork.

(Did the Indians ever have their own cows, that they butchered or anything?)

Some of 'em I know we use to have a lot of pigs and kill 'em we had lots of grease.

(Did you ever sell the pigs?)

My mother did. I guess she owned her pigs.

### ECONOMY

(How did your mother make her money?)

Oh she didn't--I don't know. I don't know how she makes her money, but she had her land. She had land and she get money lease money out of it. But I never know how she makes her money. But long time ago--that's what she used to tell me--long time ago you didn't have to have to have no money. Just have to go and trade off--maybe they want deer meat and you trade off something--flour, sugar--something you know with deer. And you have some money left, what you get all what your gonna