

bead-work lots. I got sick two years ago and I don't bead anymore, I just don't. For this girl that's got long hair. Yeah, we always buy the skin in stores. I don't know what its made out. (showing moccasins) But it's differnt kind of buckskin. This is not buckskin. (It looks like suede.) Did the moccasins that you wore have these flaps around the ankle?)

Yes. They used to tan it themselves, long time. Out of cows.

HOW HER MOTHER TANNED HIDES:

(Do you know how they did that?)

Used--my mother used to tan. Tan them. She used to--cow hide. She make packs. she used to take that hide and let it dry, on one side and she wipped that meat off and cleaned it off. She cut it over there where it's thin. (along the extremities) and the back part she used to make this kind. (soles) She used to strip the hair off.

(Now this was the back of the hide? (indicating sole of moccasins))

Yeah, back.

(And that was used for soles?)

Yeah. And they used to make skin like that, but it used to be diffent kind. This one made out of factory I think. I always buy this in the stores. But this was a different kind, homemade.

(How did she tan it after she scraped the meat off of it?)

She had--they used to have them a long time--what you call them--sickle. It used to be long like. Knife--big knife. They used to cut wheat with it. And she had that kind. I don't know what she call it. She used to tie it in a tree or put it on pole. She used to tie it and stick it on. After she take the hair off, she used to mix the cow brain and cow liver