

(Back in the old days before they had any plows did they have any special kind of tools they used besides just a stick?)

No, just a stick.

(What about when they weeded it--did they use any kind of hoes?)

They used to use their hands and pull the weeds. Then take their fingers and soften the dirt around it.

(Did you ever plant corn like that yourself?)

No. I always plant my corn with a lister.

(What kind of ground would they plant their corn in back there before they had plows?)

They used to find a place where it was real dark soil. That's what they used to do. And they would water them. They had to water it twice a day. I know I used to help my aunt and my grandma carry water to water it. In buckets.

(How would they clear off the grass and plants already growing there?)

Oh, they had these--hoes about that wide--real nubby hoes. They used to clean the grass (out) before (they planted). Clear it off and make it soft.

(These were metal hoes?)

Yeah.

(Did you ever hear or see if the Arapahoes ever used any kind of hoes made of bone?)

Oh, they used to use these shoulder bones. They used to use them to scrape the ground. They used to use them that way.

(Did they hold it by the bone itself or did they put some kind of handle on it?)

They just hold it--they didn't have no kind of handle. A shoulder bone (scapula from a cow).