

I don't know, but they had their seeds. I don't know whether they save them from their garden for the next time. I think that's what they did because I never did know where they get seed.

(Did they ever plant their beans in with their corn or their other things?)

Well, by the side of the corn they did.

(Oh. But they didn't have their bean plant mixed up with the corn?)

No, they didn't.

(What about the black-eyes--were they like the ones we have now?)

Yeah. Little ones.

(Did they ever dry those?)

No, they didn't. You know it was funny--my aunt planted quite a bit of them and they let them dry and the horses ate them.

(Did they have anything else besides beans and the other things?)

No. But later on they plant everything, like radishes, carrots, okra, and all that.

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(Back then whose job was it to plant the garden and take care of it and everything?)

Oh, womenfolks were the ones that used to plant. Womenfolks were the ones that used to put their gardens in.

(Did the men ever help out?)

Sometimes, when they feel like it, but it was mostly woman's job. My grandma used to tend all her own.

(Did the women make those little fences to put around the garden, too?)

Yeah, they put them willow around--women folks did.

(Did the kids ever help?)

No. They didn't let the kids get around their garden. They kept them away.