I often thought about that, but I don't know. And like I said, I'm going to go see Aunt Kate, and see if she knows. I got a cousin, over here, he's younger than me, but he always stayed with grandma and grandpa. Clarence Standing...Ruben Standing is his name, but we call him Clarence.
(Is he any relation to Nettie Standing?)
Used to be sister-in-law, brother-in-law. His brother was married to Nettie.
(Can you think of any other ways they used to fix beans?)
No, I don't think so. They fix it in corn meal. And mother... oh, yea, mother used to cook beans, just straight beans. That old parched corn meal came in handy. She used to put the thickening in it. It was good. You know, beans, after she cooked both them limas and look like pintos. She could use either one of them, put that thickening in. I was just thinking back, as to other dishes, that I overlooked something. I had those made in front of me when I was a little girl, and I know what they taste like. All the foods.

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And the pumpkin, I was telling you. We used to cook that straight, too. Oh, yea, I didn't tell you about that. When we dry pumpkin, in the olden days, grandma used to say when we dry the pumpkin, we never waste, or throw anything away. Because there was time when the men couldn't bring no food in for us, like meat. And if there was drout and we didn't hardly raise anything, we just had to ration ourselves. She used to say there were times like that. Same as saying wolf was at our door. She used to say that. I wonder what that mean. I can't interpret that. aska? Kind of, word means something like somebody coming around, begging, wanting to eat all the time. She would say aska? coming around, because they would be without whatever that is.
(Could you tell me something about the way you harvest the pumpkin?)
Well, it goes according to the...sometimes, if there's drouth, the pumpkin leaves the vines, kind of died down. Grandma used to say, better go pick them up, because the sun is going to hurt