

scratch a little tiny bit of it. I don't know how many years now, I won't even use a regular spoon, I use a wooden spoon. I got one wooden spoon, just about worn out one side, look like, where I been stirring, stirring.

(For the corn mush, you start with this kind of corn?)

This corn, then I roast it. They'll pop, like they crack open a little, sometimes. Not all of it, but when they kind of brown and puffed up, it's ready. I take it and I grind it. I used to always pound it in that wooden...but now, I use meat grinder. And I just grind it, sift it, get all the meal out of it. Then, I have my water ready on the stove, as much mush as I wanted, you know. And I pick some...not all of that corn...I pick some of it and put it in a bowl and put water in it. And after I get it all mixed up good, and I put it in that water...just so the thickness that I want my mush. My people don't like it too thick. They like it just thick enough you can take a spoon and eat it with whatever it's mixed. Sometimes if we don't have no meat, dried meat, they use...if I don't have, well I'll take maybe a tablespoon of lard, put it in there, season it. I even take butter. Season it. And, if you wanted some...some likes it with salt and some likes it with sugar. You can eat it either way. But I'm diabetic, I always have to eat it with salt.

(What's the word for that mush?)

Mush. gasoshi.^{/a} Most all our words end that way. hi?^a is mushlike. And another one, hi?^a we call that flour. gashos is corn that's been parched. Parched corn mush, that's that one.

(Discussion about a student who had previously worked on Wichita language.) George Bates don't talk too loud, but he's got some old timer Wichita, broken. That's the way he is. And David (student) thought the modern Wichita language would be better than the old one, because no one uses the old one now. He asked him one time, what is coffee. And he said, kauhi That's old timer. And we say kowi Everybody says that. But him, no, it's kauhi.

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(What other kinds of things did you make out of corn? I know the Wichita used it for a lot of things, didn't they?)