

something, you could also. Well she would stir that acorn and water together, and she pour it in there and get the rag together, or the sack, and let it drain. And all the bitter taste comes out of it. And mother would tie it awhile, and we always had a tree outside, and she hang it out there, tied up there. Just drip, drip, drip. So pretty near all the water's gone. Same time, you have a pot of meat, lean meat, no fat. Lean meat, and she would cook that, pretty well done, you know, and then she'd took her meat out and put it in another container, and that would just leave the soup, the broth of that. Then she take her acorn and pour it in a dish, and she just put water in it and certain to make it so you could pour it out. And that soup, pretty hot, maybe it's boiling hot, and she'd pour that in there and stir it and stir it. Grandma always used to say, don't ever let it boil. Had to be boiling hot though when you use it. She'd set it off and then she'd stir and stir and stir, and it's ready.

And you have to eat that with the meat. The old people used to say, if you are a good acorn mush eater, you'd have the same piece of meat in your mouth, get quite a bit of that soup. (Did they just wash the acorn meal once?)

I guess if a person, if a little bitter, tart, you know, that's the way we like it. Maybe a person didn't want that, they could go second round. But we only go just one. That's the only one I could think of, I sure forgot.

(What's that called in Wichita?)

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(How do you clean the hull off the acorns?)