

hang...we always put salt on them, season them. Then we hang them up on poles. Somebody went and hung their meat up on the wire one time, these younger generation. And she had a hard time. They had dried together. She had broke them off. But these two poles, so it would be a space beside the air can get through. We hang the meat up like that, and every once in a while you go and turn them over, you know. Keep turning meat over all day. And before you know it...

Well, they always have something clean, like an old oil-cloth we had. My mother would spray it down while she's drying the meat, and about in time when it's dry enough that it wouldn't break anything, well, she put them, a layer of them down in there. And she just tramp all over it. I said, why do you do that. She said, it lets out all the air in the meat. Those little bubbles inside. Now some people take a piece of two by fours they used to use, and they have...they put little handle on it, instead of using a rock, like old people used to do... they always used a rock. Well, you can make you a piece of board, and you can take your meat...I seen some women doing that. I don't like doing that. I rather tramp on them, let out all of the air. But then look like just thin after they dry.

(Does it break when you trample on it?)

No, certain stages it might when it's real dry. But people...we all know just when it's dry. Feel of it, and all that. Now, we always...my people always cook it before it gets too dry. Cook it through. So...sometimes flies get to the meat, and you have to cut that off and throw it away. But the way I dry meat, now, you know I got a big piece of cheesecloth in there. When I hang my meat up I put that big cheesecloth over it, and cover the whole thing. And the air and the sun is hitting it. Some of them women, when we go to Pawnee, say, say I'm going to get one of those.

I use cheesecloth. You can also use mosquito bar, that's alright. But that cheesecloth is a lot cheaper, that's what I use. My husband had one, I don't know, he said, I think they throw it away. He made a box, he had pole inside, and I used to hang my meat in there. You see flies all over the outside, but the meat would be inside. Small piece of meat, there, dry. (