

COOKING MEAT

(When you're ready to use that meat, how do you cook it?)

Well, it's strong meat. Or, if it's damp weather, and it'll spoil, you know. If you slice meat, it'll spoil. But if you take it, after it's already sliced, and you see that it's going to rain and your meat's going to spoil, just put it in outside grate and barbecue it. Just cook it clear through, and it'll never spoil. I did that, too. I don't know where my casing went to. My son-in-law...I don't know how that casing, but he found it. It was a big one...been in a truck. Got piece of old canvas, and I put it inside and I cooked my meat that way. And when the sun did come out, I went to work, put my meat out there. And I put that cheesecloth all over that tire, you know, so flies won't get there. And every now and then I turn them over. Oh, I had good clean meat. And somebody said, boy, that woman can fix them. And that meat wouldn't spoil that way, you can dry it afterward. Course there be a little raw yet, but if you cooked it it would spoil. But if it's good day like it is, sunshine, dries them, and after they real dry you can put it away and later you can cut them in pieces, as big a pieces as you want. But you got to boil them. We boil them, we cook them with rice or potatoes or corn....that dried roasted corn, or hominy. We can cook it with that. And oh, it makes a good dish. I know. That's why I said we Wichitas never did go hungry. Have to go out and fix, like, skunkberries.

WICHITA SELLING THEIR PRODUCE TO OTHER TRIBES

Look like that. We had Comanches and Kiowas and Apaches. They come down to Wichita country, want to buy corn, dried corn, pumpkin. Comanches, they the worst, look like. They come around, and we learn the word...nafsi...that's dried corn. You roast it. What is the name of pumpkin...I had it in my mouth, and I just. Oh, I can't think of it. Anyway they always want dried pumpkin and dried corn when they come around our way. They buy it. They might (steal) in the olden days.

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Well, the meat there, you can boil it. Some people, sometimes,