

to drag them. I don't know what they made it out of but today if I was making one, I'd make it out of willow, cause I can bend that willow any way I want to bend it. But I don't know what kind of wood they used in them days. They made it just like, well they had, you know, they put something on top to make shade and they put maybe a blanket or two, something like that, a hide, buffalo hide or something. That's where the kids and the old people used to ride, and these that couldn't walk. And the only transportation they had was them dogs. And the dog was doing all them packs. And you know all their household belongings, I mean that like their blanket, buffalo hide or something, dogs would pack them. And they didn't have much food to pack. They had to kill it on the road..whatever they want to eat. They never had no wheat, they didn't have no bread, they never had no sugar, but they had plenty of salt.'

(Where did they get the salt?)

Well, this salt is naturally. I can just take you four miles from here you'd see all the salt you want to see. There's a salt creek.

(Does this place have a name?)

No, they just call this place Salt Creek. That's the only name I know. When our people come to this salt, they get a big bunch of it put it in a bag, rawhide. Everything that they had was rawhide, but they had bags made of rawhide to put their stuff in..they even put their jerked meat in rawhide. And dogs used to pack them.

(How did they make their jerked meat?)

Slice it, and let it dry. And it would dry white..pretty near as white as that girls blouse.

(How long did it take it to dry?)

Well, I'd say four to five days, to a week, but it's a tedious job. My