

and corn and such as that, and sausage. And one time they had a big box of ham--boiled ham, already slice. A bunch of it. It was good for lunch, you know. It was a big celebration, all right, I enjoyed that food part of it. But as to the convenience of the Indians, no.

(What did you think of that boiled chicken they brought out--?) I got about six or eight legs of that. It was good. It sure was good. My grandgirls got five and this man I call my drummer, that sings for my dancers, he said, "Brother, there's a couple of legs--do you want them?" And later on a woman gave me three more--they were passing boxes around--and she said, "Jess, there's three more legs." I said, "All right." I don't know who I gave them to. But they were good--tender. We took them to our tents and heat coffee and put salt and pepper on there and it was good and tender.

(Did you all dry any of the beef?)

Yeah, all of us. Most of us. Sliced it. And a lot of those girls, at suppertime, I told them, "Just let the public see you cook and eat." And those people were all looking around, you know, and they'd see a woman cooking this Indian fry bread, they'd say, "What would you take for that piece of fry bread?" "What would you give me?" "I'll give you fifty cents." And then another man come up there. She had sliced this meat--this steak, you know. Cooked it nice in the open skillet over the open fire. He come and said, "Say, lady will you sell me some of that meat you're cooking?" She said, "What will you give me?" He said, "I'll give you a dollar a slice." He got two--one for himself and one for his wife. And then she was boiling corn--a pot of ear corn. A couple came up and said, "Hey, will you sell us some of that corn--that roasting ears?" She said, "Yeah, what will you give me?" They said, "We'll give you fifty cents an ear." She made five or six dollars while I was sitting there. And then some of them said, "I'll buy this slice that you're hanging up." You know, this jerky--this dried meat. It was cool, and there was no dust there. She said, "What will you give me?" They said, "Well, I'll give you a dollar a slice." And "Give me