

was similar. But anyway, this German family ate dogs. They didn't have thought about it anymore than you do butchering a cow. They take these dogs and pen 'em up and cut the tail off. So they get fat when they cut the tail off. This German family and they penned 'em up you know, just like raising anything else. So, Indians you know, they did too. They'd--mama said one time they was having this big Baptist meeting for the Indian people. So they had a big, you know what these big black boiling kettles are? They had some of those set up and those Indian women were cooking a meal similar to a stew, but they called it succatash. And they had whatever roots, herbs, you know that they gathered and this is what they had learned to plant, you know. And, but mama said she had made up her mind that she was going to eat some Indian food, you know to see--some people had told her it's good, you know. But she saw this young woman pick up a pup and bounce his head on a rock to kill it, and start to skinning that like skinning a rabbit or something and she said she just couldn't eat that to save her life. And that's what they used for meat in that stew, I guess you'd call it succatash. And they learned that. Mama said she never heard of the Indians eatin' 'em until that man had come in. So, you see the Indians didn't do everything that we considered bad. They learned a lot of--fact is the Indians learned to scalp from Frenchmen.

(Really?)

#### STORIES OF RELATIVES:

Oh yeah, I have heard my grandma tell about that many, many times. She had a relative that, well, he lived in Canada and he'd come down where they lived and he'd laughin', you know and talk about that. They never learned that till white man set foot on this land. They never