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(Is it on the outside?)

No, in a box, way out there, put layers.

(Slice meat thin?)

Yeah, slice meat thin. She tell me she didn't use a newspaper, she used them paper sacks, paper sacks.

GRANDFATHER LIVED TO BE 115 YEARS OLD

(How old was your father?)

My grandfather, my mother's father was 115 years old.

(What was his name?)

John Little Dance. John Little Dance. Well, I'm going to get off at this next driveway.

(This one or the one on up?)

Yeah, right here. Oh, I tell you lot of--teepee theirs not tipi's and tents what they use now days. Their stuff was made out of skins you know. Deer skin or bear skin, you know their tipi made out of, they use to put up tipis all along here, in bank of this river you know.

(That's the Arkansas River isn't it?)

Yeah, were on this side, he said, and on that side he said were the Osages, you know. And they be out there, he said, the Osages would stand there, the old peoples would stand there and cry, old ladies, stand there to cry, from sunup to sundown. Stand and pray:

(Just pray?)

Pray, they didn't have nothing to eat, you know, what, oh, our people would put up well they'd come across that river and get it, you know. And go back.

(Everybody shared with each other in the old days didn't they?)

Yeah, uh-huh, they come and get it and go back across the river, and--