

won't dry up, because they're dormant. We cut them when they were dormant.

(That's a pretty color, too. Well, that's kind off the story of Old Bear, but I think it's real interesting. Well, did Old Bear make arrows?)

Yeah, he made arrows--bows--for the boys. Probably, you know, these darker sticks--big arrows, like arrows. They used to show them, you know. Some of them carried them like this, you know. (in their hand, without a bow, throwing them like a dart or spear). And they can hit a long ways--they got pretty good at it, you know.

(Were they bigger than the arrows?)

Oh, way bigger. Some of them be about as big as my big finger. They could throw them fifty yards, easy. Hit a rabbit or anything. "Darting" arrows, they called them.

(What kind of points would they have?)

They'd have--some of them would have spikes and some be sharp. But a lot of them, most of them--would have spikes. About that long--about four or five inches. There'd be a squirrel up there, or a coon or a possum. If they didn't have a bow and arrow they'd use them.

(Their spikes would be made of metal?)

Oh, yeah.

(Did those darts that they threw--did they have any feathers on the--?)

Some had feathers on them. I've seen three or four here back. I don't know who had them.

(What kind of wood would they make those out of?)

Well, they used big dogwood, or bois d'arc if they can get it. Or maybe if they couldn't find it--they didn't have no wood--wild mulberry, and this chinaberry. Get it straight. They'd have to straighten it.

USE OF BOIS D'ARC FOR BOWS & ARROWS

(When did they start using bois d'arc?)

Oh, as far as I can remember--my Dad made me and my brother bois d'arc bows, back in 1893. Now, where we got them bois d'arc was at Darlington. I don't