

you know. She tells me that. That's when you want to return thanks, you know. But we return thanks, all time, you know. I don't know, it was just ways that was given to the Wichitas. Same way when they start their gardens. They get ways, you know. I never did see it but they got ways. I don't know whether they go thataway first--but four. They put their corn in four times you, four hills, what you might call that. Everything, everything they done, you know, they got to ask the Almighty. Same way when they go out and work. Maybe they gonna gather wood, or going to make some kind of material for house. They got to kneel down first, you know, and ask Him. Then when you start your house, well, we always use corn. I don't know whether we got any, you know. We lost our--that is, we didn't lose our seed, but we, you know, since we came out here we had about that much (1½^q) in a sack, you know--flour sack. Different ones they ask for it, you know, we give them a little. I thought maybe there was a way, you know, whenever you give somebody a seed, they got to kind of return it, you know, they get quite a bit up for help. But the place we give corn nobody make it. Right here, you know, we can't hardly make it. No, huh huh. Oh, I 'on that creek you know, I guess that's the reason my people used to live around the creek, you know, or sub-irrigated land, you know, where they could sure they make garden. I think a long time, we made good corn. There was I know of a place over here, it's kind of by the creek. But it ain't no sub-irrigated--we had the kids you know plant it. (note: during the informal discussion with Ethel Wheeler, she said that in the old days, the Wichita always let the young people do the planting, since the crops grew better and the harvests were larger when the seed was put into the ground by the young. She indicated that for several years, her own garden had done poorly, but that this year, she had had her two grandsons, about 8 years old, do the planting, and that the garden was growing well at this point.)

Oh, they planted some corn, it made good. We use this black corn. I don't know whether my wife got any. She always did say a little for seed, black corn. It's just like ah, this sweet corn. But it's not no sweet corn, but it grows, you know, just fast as sweet corn. Makes good, sometimes. We ain't been making