

Chokecherries - Sidney Byrd - OSEU #1

Chokecherries. So we dehydrated the chokecherries. I wish I had. I went to Wounded Knee... And the Gildersleeves, they had the stone.

One was a stone that had a dish in them. And the other was like a [gestures with hand to show pounding motion] And the women, they would take the chokecherries and put them in and pound them and then make patties to put them out in. Under these two stones, there were two stones. I wanted to take them and keep them as a conversation piece.

And Mrs. Gildersleeve said, I said, "I don't have any. I only have a credit card. And you don't take a credit card and I don't have any cash, but I'll send you the money." She said, "Go ahead" and said, "We can." I said, "Well, I prefer that you keep it. I'll send you I'll send the money to my cousin. He'll come and pick it up."

That's when AIM came and occupied Wounded Knee and destroyed everything, including those things that I wanted to keep Gildersleeve. But I don't see anybody. We use meat grinders to grind the choke cherries now. But that's your way.