

Victoria Daigneault

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What about picking berries? Did you go picking berries?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah, every summer. You have to walk long ways before you get berries.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What kind of berries?

Victoria Daigneault: Blueberries.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What did you do with the berries?

Victoria Daigneault: Just made minisapway (jam) and put them in a jar, yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did you ever dry them?

Victoria Daigneault: No.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did you gather other things like eggs or...?

Victoria Daigneault: Uh huh, yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What time of year would you gather those?

Victoria Daigneault: In the spring, in May.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did you pick other things like mushrooms, tea?

Victoria Daigneault: No.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did you gather medicines?

Victoria Daigneault: No.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Do you remember other people who gathered medicines?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah, there was an old man in Beauval who used to pick the medicines and give to somebody that's sick, like my mom used to be sick, he used to give her.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: When you were hunting, what did you do with the hides?

Victoria Daigneault: They, they fixed them for moccasins.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What other things did they make? Moccasins...?

Victoria Daigneault: Gloves, mitts...

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did you used to tan hides?

Victoria Daigneault: Not me. (Laughs)

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Were there people who did beading? Beadwork?

Victoria Daigneault: Uh huh, yeah they make some moccasins with beadwork.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Can you describe some of the designs?

Victoria Daigneault: I remember they used to make cards, diamond, you know, spade, altogether like that, they used to make, but not me. I used to do a little beadwork, but not all the time. I do a lot of knitting, knitting sweaters, sywash, but not now. I'm getting lazy. (Laughs)