

when he died. So, when they got ready to leave, I guess his wife handed him some money--his hand. So, I followed 'im out. She went out first. He went out on street where I walked out. He say, "Well, my friend, I'm gonna go. Had a nice visit." He shook hands. So, I felt something in his hand. I looked at it and it was bills. "No." I said, "No, I'm giving it to you, just like grass, you know, Grass. Sixty dollars (\$60.00), by giving him them otter skins first. And he wore 'em when he died. I saw his picture when he had them otter skins, furs, you know. But that's old Arapaho system.

STORIES ABOUT HIS FRIEND - WILL ROGERS

(Mr. Rowledge, you were talking about being around and seeing Will Rogers here in El Reno; was it?)

Yeah.

(He was here at a cattleman's convention and roping etc.--)

Yeah.

(And what was your experience in meeting him in Washington? Something happened there.)

Well, a lot of times--now in the early days back in 1896-97 along those years, I was just a boy then, I saw Will rope over here west of El Reno here during cattlemen's Convention.

(Will Rogers?)

Yes. Will Rogers. When they attracted a lot of good ropers and cattlemen from all over, you know, West and New Mexico--and round and so on--Texas, Colorado and those places. And he always proved to be good roper. He always rode a chestnut sorrel. And he was quite a young man in them days, and I didn't meet 'im anymore until about 1911, I think. I was in Washington, and I heard he was up there 'round claims--Court of Claims building with Starmount. And I met 'im there and from that time on I met 'im quite frequently. I especially remember the time a bunch of Cheyenne-Arapaho delegation, visiting 'round the Capitol. Our attorneys was with us and we was visiting the Statuary Hall there and all those recognized figures and statues. And--