

But I was in Kansas City /name not clear/ when they first started the Wyandottas in here. Some way another he got his allotment over there, right where the First National Bank standing in Miami now.

(Well.)

---rely on their word.

(Yeah.)

OPEN RANGE IN CATTLE COUNTRY

That's where I grew up. That's when there's a family come in from Tennessee. Their boys was a little older than us boys. They went to Alaska. Belong to the Delaware tribe. Cattle run up to the Missouri line.

(All open range through here.)

All open range to this river down here. On the Cherokee side. Well, /name not clear/ had a pretty good bunch of cattle, around three hundred head. Before we /words not clear/ to 'em, well, we was going to-- I was about the youngest guy in the deal-- But a fella up in that Peoria country, up in there when I caught any cattle with my brand on 'em. He put 'em in a lot till I get 'em then. If I run across any cattle with his brand on 'em, I done likewise. We all done that. Well, the time come we went out to gather 'em, it was out in the fall of the year. I had so many cattle up there, /not clear/. How in the world, but there was no cattle rustling, as I knew it, never took place in this country through here. And that's how come me to get off down there looking with this Steiner.

(Yeah.)

(When statehood come in, they put me in as a cattle inspector.

(Yeah.)

Tick eradicating - lot of cattle died here from ticks. They got