

Washita. You go a mile west, two miles north puts you right in the middle of the river. There's where ole Custer masacreed em. And at that time, that was a big bottom there then. Of course, they've cleared all that out in there, you know, and it's some farm, now. And, but...

(Would cattlemen usually got along with them pretty well, then?)

Mr.: Oh, yeah. Cattlemen did. Cause there was enough cattle to die, they was they'd eat them dead ones. And you let one die aroun' here, cow befo' a feller could burn em or anythin' like that. They just sent him to the Indians. And the Indians...

Mrs.: they still eat those sick cows that die if you let 'um. One time here the government tole em not to. We had a veterinary live by us when we lived here out in the country and they draws the line on anyone let um have um.

Mr.: Yeah, but you don't accept...

Mrs.: See, that was a good way you know, to git rid of em.

Mr.: That veterinary told em not to eat it. It'd kill em. He had shot medicine in there but they went in there that night and got that son of a gun. I asked him...

I said...well, I said..."That _____ that hadn't killed you." "Naw, he said, "All go up in smoke when you cook it. That'll kill that moisture. All go up in smoke."

I said, yes and some of these days these Kiowas'll go up in smoke, too. _____ cookin'.

Mrs.: Well, it seems to me like there are more Indians in the race of the Indians, now then there were when I was child growin' up. I never seen very many Indians.

Might be that I jest, we didn't have any way to go, you know, to see. And when you went anywheres, you went in the wagon and you didn't go too often because of two poor people usually if they visited, they just went visitin' where they could go foot.

(um-hum. Well, you said your family came from Missouri?)

Mrs.: My father and mother came from Missouri to Texas and them from Texas to Oklahoma. See my father had a farm back in Missouri but them days, you know, they didn't have meal that you go to town and buy. But they had the grist mill and it was fixed with a saw mill and my father was scalded. He went to the mill one day and this mill boy reversed it. And he was scalded. He was in bed eight months. And the muscles of his arms came off. Course, they doctor burns now differently then they did then. Nowadays, they take that burnt flesh off. In them days, why they had a just decay it and fall off