

during the time we were, I don't remember the year, the cattle began coming from the south, that's between our home and Erick, it was on the east side of that Turkey Creek, and they commense coming in from the south, that's between --and they--I had no idea--they was just cattle and cattle and cattle. There was trails everywhere where they been before but they were going north and my mother said that we know now that if there was such a thing that was coming in from Texas and eastern Oklahoma and taking them to Wichita, Kansas for the railroad. That was before 1901 because the railroad hadn't come through..

SEEING INDIANS FOR FIRST TIME:

(What did you think, had you seen many Indians before you made this trip over here?)

No, I'd never seen a Indian.

(What did you think about it?)

Well, I'd seen pictures of Indians, and I don't believe--I may have seen Indians when we had come for trading for groceries, see my daddy bought groceries, he'd just buy a load of stuff. He'd buy quite a bit of bacon. That was about the only meat we could get there for a couple of years before we got our--oh I got arthritis and at times I can hardly move--and we'd buy bacon and he'd buy just all kinds of dried fruit. He bought it in crates like oranges come in. And he'd buy crates of beans or peas or anything that he could find that was prepared that we could use. And the first year, I find that guess I was 2 years, before we got--well, we didn't--I don't guess it was that long, but the first year we didn't have any cows up there and well, didn't she had ~~were~~ children, five of us, and no milk, no butter, no eggs, no chicken. We just--you could kill, but we did have these wild stuff. There was deer but you weren't allowed to kill them, but sometimes they did. There was lots of rabbits and prairie chickens just in droves, and the first year my daddy-raised feed he had to haul it in or there was a boy that moved in there and helped him. His named was Ponder. Bob Ponder. And they haul the feed up and stacked it, they stacked it with the heads together that way to keep those wild sows from eating it up. And stacked it right close to the house. And I have gone out there anyway--I was feedin' our stock and all the grains be tromped around on the ground you know, and the birds would come in there