

Well, you'd have some bad luck with some of the cattle. In case one died or got crippled up where you couldn't butcher it, why we'd let the Indians butcher it, and we'd get the hide. Generally, get a dollar for the hide.

(How much did the beef cost the Indians?)

We'd give seven or eight dollars for a yearling and we could butcher 'im out and we'd get about fifteen dollars for 'im. We sold the fore quarter for four cents and hind quarter for five cents and we didn't ever have no trouble selling to the Indians. But sometimes we'd have a little trouble collecting.

(It didn't make any difference how bad the beef was?)

No. If the meat was tainted, why, we'd go to the Indian camp. We'd always get rid of it.

(They'd eat just about anything?)

Oh, yeah. They'd eat any kind of beef. Make no difference, hardly, what shape it was in.

(Did some of them eat liver?)

Oh, yes. I've seen the Indians go in the butcher shop and buy a chunk of liver and take it to the back of the store and just eat it raw. A lot of people wouldn't believe that but there's a lot of people here that have seen it. They eat most anything in the way of beef. Why call it "Wo-haw," Pretty good.

(You say there is more money to be made in trading than in farming?)

Oh, yes. We, my brother and I, we farmed two farms. Wasn't all in cultivation. Dad was quite a horse trader and he made more money trading than we could farming.

(Than both of you put together?)

Oh, yes. More than both of us could make. He was pretty good trader. Lots of times he'd have four or five old horses and he'd drive from here to Chickasha which is about forty-five miles and stay down there a week and trade horses. Yes.