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EARLY DAY CATTLE PRICES

(--visiting with Frank Tyner, a half-breed Cherokee Indian of Miles Community, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mr. Tyner has spent all of his life in Cherokee county and in Craig County. And is still active today as a cattle rancher. He is noted for his story telling and here relates some stories about Indians and Indian life and of pioneer days.)

He had a lot of cattle. Way back there you could buy a big steer for \$15. They say he wanted \$15.15 for those cattle. Somebody said, "What is that \$.15 for?" That was his tobacco money. \$15.15.

(How did they take care of the cattle after they bought them when they were traveling through the country?)

Gather them up, what they did with them I don't know. But anyway, that's the way they did. Cow buyer just traveling the country you know, buying cattle.

(Taking them with them huh?)

Yeah, they'd round them up and take 'em. Yes sir, I remember a long time ago, Shorty Ramsey, little bitty cowpuncher, said they was bringing some cattle from way down, I think came from Blue Oaks down in that country. And they stopped and got them a little bit to eat, and Dick Harris was helping him. We always had a lot of fun out of poor old Dick. Dick was kinda bashful and really didn't have all of his marbles, I don't know, but anyway, Shorty would tell that on him and just make old Dick so mad he could kill him but he was afraid of him. He didn't know what time it was, and said there was a little store there and he told Dick to go over there and see what time it was. Dick went over there and knocked on the door and a good looking girl clerk in there--