

through it. And then Dad used to take us down there and cut a hole in the ice. And he'd step in there and sat down through the ice, throw the ice out, and wet his hair. Then he'd say, "Now get in there!" Boy, we had to get in there--whether it was snowing or a blizzard or what. We never catch cold.

INDIANS RAISED CATTLE AND HAD GARDENS: LEFT HAND'S EXAMPLE

(Did Left Hand have any cattle, too?).

Oh, he had a herd of about 60 or 80 head down here all the time, and up around here. That's why I said he would kill a beef almost any week.

(Where did he get his cattle?)

He had four or five sons that went to school. They used to issue cattle to the kids every vacations. Cows. And of course those cows bring calves every year and he had a good herd. We had some. We had to bring our cattle from below El Reno--Piedmont. I remember my dad had about 22 head of cows. He used to kill steers every year.

(What kind were they?)

Just mixed cattle. Some of them were longhorns. Just what the government could get to give to the schoolkids.

(Did they ever give them any milk cows?)

Yeah. They had more milk cows than they had beef cattle, but they crossed them up, you know. There were some old jersey cows with horns as long as Texas longhorns.

(When did Left Hand start planting a garden?)

I don't know. He had a garden when I first came up, in 1889. Squaw corn. I still plant squaw corn.

(Did Left Hand work in his garden himself?)