

There was a ranch north of Greenfield--Smith Brothers Ranch. They had some connections out at Shamrock and they was going out there and bring back a bunch of cattle, and I went out there the first time. Then the next year they told us out there that any time you boys want to come out and work on a ranch in the summer--especially white or Indian--so the next year I went out again. That's how I got connected.

(Did you like that kind of life?)

I liked it. I liked it.

(What kind of things did you have to do in the line of your work every day?)

Well, at nights--most of our work was at night--we used to bring whole herds--and we ride around, bedding them, we called it. Just sing and holler. But it's dangerous when the clouds come up at night, on account of these stampedes, you know. They always run southeast when the storms come. Especially when it starts lightening you can see the horns in the light, you know. But we always go slow on the west side, you know--north side and east side, and when we'd come to the southeast side, why, we'd hurry--to get away from that line of stampede. Because it's dangerous. They jump on you and you can't control them. Even if you shoot guns off you can't control cattle when once they get on stampede.

(Were you ever in one?)

No, I always got out of it.

(Did you ever see any?)

Yeah, I saw two or three out there. After one it takes all day to round the cattle back up. They're scattered--down in canyons and creeks--all scattered.

(The stampedes that you saw, what was the cause of them?)

Lightening. And rain from the northwest. During the summer months. They're dangerous.