

FATHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW WERE THRIFTY - THEY HAD LIVESTOCK. THEY WERE
GOOD FARMERS AND WERE INTERESTED IN TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Like I say--just take these two gentlemen for example, my father and father-in-law, they all had cattle and they raised corn and brought wheat in, the oats, and they were always busy with raising the cattle and then they acquired the hogs. They always did have a number of horses around whether they used them or not. Of course, they used them for the team to pull the plow and farm work such as that. A little later on, they acquired a tractor. But along this time, they always had, oh, thirty or forty head of horses, running around, some for riding, and they always liked to have good horses, they are interested in good horse flesh. And they had the--always trading around to see who could come up with the best horses, and they were proud of their horses like that. And so, these Indians, like my father and my father-in-law, they farmed and raised the cattle, in addition to the tribal affairs which they were in, too, and I just marvel at these people that they had so many interests and they took care of them in time, and such as their family and took care of them and had time for all of these other things. It wasn't an easy task in those days to look after all of these things.

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But getting back to the farm life back in there, they were fairly successful they would--I think a little later, the government had interested these Indians in raising orchards and they would plant, oh I would say, about a 10 acre plot, for an orchard. And the woman's part would be, plant the garden and they would have to can the harvest from the garden which would be the beans, such as that, green beans, and then they would can fruit from the orchards and, then I remember in our instance, we had what you call a smoke house. And they had these--butchered their own beeves and hogs and of course, we had to hang these pork and beeves in the smoke house and they would be cured, in the smoke house. Of course we had chickens and turkeys. I can