

INDIANS PREFER HORSES. NO NEED FOR OXEN

(Oh did, you mentioned your folks were using oxen, what type of, did the Indians use horses or did they use oxen too, or wagon?)

No, the Indians, never any of them. That was my uncle's idea in getting that team of oxen although that old man that owned the oxen lived in the Kaw country.

(The Indians were--)

The Indians used horses, they wanted horses.

(I just wondered what kind of influence the other people using oxen might have had.)

No the Indians didn't, they didn't have any use for oxen. (laughter) They wanted something to get up and go. Oxen slow. That's the only team of oxen I ever remember seeing, being used.

(So, even for the whites it wasn't common in--)

No. Huh-uh. Uh--he had took a claim over there by uncle's. I guess you hear of it, when the strip was open he took a claim and it was all prairie and he thought if he had that team of oxen he could break out that land just they could live on grass. Well the mules are lot easier kept than oxen are. I don't know what made him do something like that. But he didn't keep them very long. He sold his claim. He didn't improve it any. They lived in a tent when he lived on it. And later sold it.

RELIGION AMONG THE KAWS

(Do you happen to know what kind of religion the Kaws--?)

What kind of what?

(Religion the Kaws.)

No, I don't really know. I don't--

(I just wondered if, you know, Christian religion is prevalent among them or not.)

Yes. They didn't have much religion. They didn't go to church. They didn't