

(Did you farm and freight most all the time?)

INDIANS RESENT WHITE MAN DESTROYING WILD GAME

About all the time and had some cattle, free range and cattle and I want to say this. They spoke about, so many times about the white man hated the Indian. It wasn't such a thing. It was our laws that they didn't like and the destroying of lots of game. And such as a thing they loved the white man or white people. Old Uncle John Wilkerson no better neighbor at all then he was. And he didn't like coming in and changing the laws and destroying stuff.

(They wanted to be left alone didn't they?)

Left alone, go out on Thanksgiving and kill them a turkey, and one turkey was enough went on back out of, fifty. They were the same way about deer.

(Uh-hum.)

And of course the buffalo. I heard over the television the other day that one man was a buffalo champion killer. Killed, I think it was fifteen thousand in one day.

(Slaughtered?)

That wasn't in the Cherokee part. That was in --

(Out west.)

Yeah in the west. So that's the way.

(They just eliminated them.)

About eliminated -- yes.

(All together.)

LIFE IN EARLY DAYS

Yeah. But they fished. In the early day the women made baskets and men hunted and fished. That was the most of and they raised a small corn crop. And course they had ways of fixing things. I guess they do yet, the older ones that, Kanutchari and Conihanfe. Take hickory nuts and work them up into --