

Country and the trails and cut-offs and everything.

(Well, I guess you've seen a lot of things in your time in these hills.)

Oh, I better. And I buy these here bull calf for nothing. I was educated than any of 'em. As I'd said I've give so much for the month as I do for other cattle.

(Yeah.)

Somebody had 12 or 15 milk cows.

(Yeah.)

I had different set up. When we come night I just ride up to the house and put my horse up. And then I go over to the house and tell 'em I was here.

(That's all you had to do.)

Yeah.

(Its a different story now though, isn't it?)

Oh, why they call the sheriff.

(Well, they would. They sure would. You have to sleep with a choppin axe by your pillow now days. 'Fraid someone--)

They'd be tickled to death to see you.

(That's right.)

'Cause I was always alone. No telephones, no nothing, nothing like today.

(Yeah. That's the way it was over on Caney Creek where all my people were raised there by Stilwell. They said, people just come and they come in and sit down at the table. When they got ready to go to bed, they'd go to bed. Get up and leave the next morning. They expected it. They done the same thing.)

Oh, at home we were always ready. One bed was upstairs.

(Yeah.)

Seems like people didn't have too much temper like they got now.