

FARMING AND STOCK RAISING

(You know in driving through this country here, I wonder, how did those folks, early settlers make a living in those hills? Were they basically farmers or stock people, raisers?)

Unidentified speaker: Nearly every one of these--have you seen a map of the allotments of the Wyandotte?

(No ma'm I haven't.)

I wish I had brought ours. I've got one. That's another thing...(words not clear.) But everyone of 'em lived on his own allotment.

(Well.)

(static)...They lived on something. They raised their own stock. They lived on it.

(They were almost self-sufficient then, weren't they?)

Well, they had to be. There wasn't anything else.

Mrs. Vowel: My father-in-law was. Of course his first wife was quite a bit Indian. He had one child by her. And then the place I had when I moved there we tore an old corn crib down. Had been there for years and years and years. They used that thing. Oh they really were. They had forty acres and everybody made a living. 'Course they didn't watch for (words not clear)--whatever they are now. But they had to have milk cows for the milk, cream, and eggs. That's what they lived off of.

Raised the garden. Live cut there and you know they're tougher Indians.

SENECA INDIAN TRIBE--WYANDOTTE TRIBE

(Well, now was Seneca, Missouri in existence in those early days to be used as a trading center?)

Mrs. Vowel: Uh-huh. Oh, we should have--Seneca was here already when