

for each family. And then when they issue the cattle I think they put 'em in big pens like that. And these men go and they have their tickets and they have to they call them. They draw--they draw just like you do for the land. So many head to the family. But we was always unlucky family---just four of us. And ah...we just get four heads. And why it's just ah...all cows you know, and maybe we buy a male somewhere at the neighbors and that's how they get increase. And they just let them go in the pastures. And they multiply right there.

(Were you allotted any land for yourself?)

Yeah. I got land and one of my boys got allotted land. But the rest of them didn't. They didn't---they wasn't old enough. And that must have been a long time ago. Because they never have allotted anymore.

(How old did one have to be to receive land?)

I don't know. Don't have to be certain age. But this last time they draw---why the children had to be left from that first drawing, you see. From 1900--those that wasn't eligible in 1901 why they come on down. And just certain age you know got it. And that's why we didn't get any.

(Pauses: And then Ethel turns to story which her aunt told of the rations they received in the early period.)

I tell you a funny thing about my aunt told me. You know she won't lie. They used to issue them beef you know. In then in the winter time, she said, "Oh, they was good." They'd give them lard. Twenty-five pounds lard, pure hog lard. And then they give them side pork, salt pork you know. And you know sometimes the hogs get so big and fat there ain't too much lean on there but it will...It alright to season you food with. Or if you boil it and roll it in flour it's good anyway. So they have their beef issued right down here at the fair grounds. Same place. They were there and they would issue the men folks sockey plows. That was jst a little bit farther over than what I was talking about what my parents...

(What kind of plows?)

Sockey plows. I say that's just a little bit farther back than my parents I said and hers. She they was just farmers together. (Ethel refers to friend that lives with her.)