

unless there wasn't anything out in the west.

(Sold 'em to the Indians?)

No. Sold 'em to the merchants in those towns, the cattle because they needed this meat of any kind. Now they used to==the Indians would bring him great herds of wild turkey. Well, he couldn't do anything with it, you know, because you know, turkey is like chicken. It would spoil. So he learned to make a coop on his wagon and he'd haul them. But it wasn't very profitable. You know, you could get turkeys for little or nothing and he didn't much deal with them. But he kept on as long as he lived in Oklahoma, you know and had his blacksmith shop. And he'd make plow shares, the p~~h~~ows all kinds of farm equipment for the farm. And then he decided to homestead and that in 1900. And he homesteaded sight unseen--course he didn't get too good a place. And our place round up on Mount King. I don't know how far--we had 160 acres of land and part (--) and the other part was bottom land on North Fork of Red River. And they drove all together--my father had 700 head of stock--^{cow}cos, horses, and sheep. And I think, his mother went out there for awhile with him. I had a lot sisters and brothers. This uncle of mine was Uncle Jim, went back with his mother, you know, went back to Texas. But he married Indian girl here in Oklahoma and they had six children and when the sixth one was born his wife died and then a little bit later, well the baby died first and six days later his wife died. That was in November and then mama and them all went down there to take care of grandmother. And then my uncle died and grandmother died. All died within three or four months. So, there wasn't any orphan homes or anything like that in Oklahoma, except the Catholic orphan home.