

here and use this spring. There was always a lot of wood here, you know. And then they'd go on through the valley and go south of Watonga and on up to Cantonment.

(Does this spring have a name?)

It used to be known as "Raven Spring." But now this present generation calls it "Left Hand's Spring." Because the Arapahoes in the old times, and the old settlers, used to call it Raven Springs.

(How was that in Arapaho?)

They said hooni aec -- "crow pond," or "crow water." "Crow" is hoo -

(How do you say "spring"?)

ni aec or n'noón; or h'haep --that's the simplest term. h'haep --that's a spring.

(That sort of low hill over there--are those the Red Bluffs--that hill on the other side of the valley?)

Yeah, right there, yeah. That's across the river. Around Greenfield there.

(Are there any other landmarks you can see from here?)

Well, that high elevation you see there east of Geary, that's the "Black Coyote Hills." Watonga is named after Black Coyote--w'taeng-- Those hills are named that because that's where he was allotted his land. His allotment's all around there.

LIFE IN EARLY DAYS

(Back in the old days when they first settled down here you said they had lots of horses--but they didn't have any fences, then, did they?)

No, they didn't have no fences. It was open. I know when we