

(Well, now, did the Lighthorsemen patrol these areas and try to confiscate whiskey?)

Yes sir, yes sir, they did. They'd wait, you know, and caught you with it, they'd pour it out.

(Did they make any arrests, or just pour it out?)

Just pour it out.

(What about stealing in those days, Mr. McIntosh, was there much stealing going on?)

Oh Lawd yes. See, the country was fulla stock then, plenty stock, running loose-- everywhere.

(Well now, did the Seminoles and the Freedmen, did they do the stealing, or people outside the county, or both?)

Well, I guess both. I guess any of 'em, but dat, dat's why the was so many of 'em whipped there. You know, oh, colored and Indian, too, was whipped for stealing.

(And it was mostly to get something to eat, was it?)

Well, I don't think so, altogether. Course there was plenty stock. If you didn't have something stock of some kind, then you just was too trifling, ah, too lazy to have 'em, cause it didn't cost nothin' to keep 'em, country was loose. Yes sir, everybody had stock den dat wanted them.

(There was plenty of feed here for stock?)

Oh yes sir, yes sir, that's right.

(Well, were there any big ranches in the county at that--in the Seminole Nation?)

No sir, no sir, free country.

(So if you owned 10 head of stock, they could range over on the adjoining--)

They could go anywhere they wanted to go.

(Well, how did you determine what stock was yours?)

Brand 'em. Brand and mark, and I'll tell you what dey had. Dey had what was called a stray pen. Say in dis community heah dey'd have a stray pen put 'em in a pen, you know, den dey'd send word aro nd to the community, cause you,