

Well, you know Indians thought a lot of their children and grandchildren--Wilbert's father died, and his mother inherited all the stock. The cattle they had. And he was running around with other young men. They had lots of cattle and stock and he'd mortgage them and sell them. And he just sold them out. He'd get two or three hundred dollars and go to Kansas City or some other big cities. He was restless. Go out and among--and go out drinking. Drinking all the time and running around. He was getting rid of too many cattle and they get after him and told him not to do that. Sometimes he'd get in trouble and get in jail and they'd have to sell so many cattle to get him out. And they got after him for being a bad boy, and he got mad and he said, "If you don't want me," he said, "I'll commit suicide." And he tried to commit suicide. Just to hurt their feelings.

(Who was it that got after him?)

Well, his mother and cousins--sisters--relatives.

(When was this that this happened?)

Oh, about 1900, after the opening. After the opening of the country.

(How old were you at the time?)

He was married already. He got married and he had about five children when it happened. His children are living yet. One of the girls died, but the other girls are still living here in Carnegie, and his boy.

(How was he related to you?)

He's my uncle's son, my father's brother's boy.

(And how long did he live after he shot himself?)

Oh, about a year, or almost a year. But he gets doctored. Every