

Of course the buffalo'd been gone for years. I just suppose now, the buffalo probably around this little tree, helped then, our cattle you know out here, prople's cattle, you know run around after we come. That's what kept--the first trees ever come, or started in this country was the fence rows, the cherry, cherry for the birds, cherry trees. ~~Little cherry trees--~~ we noticed them in the fence rows around. That was the first timber we had here.

(Well, you seen this country grow up then, haven't you?)

Yesh, yeah I have, go down too.

(Yeah, you've seen the town come and go.)

Yeah--

(Was there lots of cattle up in here?)

NOT MANY CATTLE IN EARLY DAYS - SCARACITY OF WATER

No they's wasn't many cattle, there wasn't any water. See the creek was about all the water. Cattle can't graze out but about so far, you know, and they wasn't any cattle over this country to amount to anything. They begun, when we come here, they begun to bring herds in here from Texas-- there's lots of big herds come in here, few hundred in a herd, you know. And in the spring this country was alright in the spring, up until way up in the summer--they could graze out here. After that, why, of course, there wasn't no water and they couldn't graze out here.

FARMING WAS GOOD IN EARLY DAYS - LAND EROSION LATER

(Well, at one time there was lots of farming--)

Oh yeah.

(Cultivated farming--)

Oh yeah, it was all b roke out, pretty near all of it. They's a house or two and sometimes two or three on every section. This country's been