Why it was all free range then. People would--the cows that we kept, we had a big family, we had some cows that we kept close for milk cows. Well, when the first of March come, they was turned out. Tom Sandburg, lived over on the other side of us there, had a big ranch, and cattle, and he'd put up hay, and he'd corral his for hay in the winter. First day of March his, stuff was turned out, out to graze. But now the timber's taking it, most of it.

MUCH TIMBER NOW WHERE THERE WAS PRAIRIE IN EARLY DAY

(You mean that when you folks came here, there wasn't any timber up on these hills?)

No, there wasn't any timber up there then.

(Well, the whole place is covered with timber now, isn't it?)

Practically, yes practically. . .the whole thing. And I want to tell you about these, we've got some locusts here, and I forgot who it was that went some where and got some locusts sprouts that started these black locust that people were using for shade trees. They went off somewhere and got the black locust and brought it in here. There was little old sprouts, little old slim sprouts. And the man that lived over yonder, cross the creek over yonder, Mr. Foreman, Mr. Edward Foreman had his home up there and there's a spring. We could see him get on his horse and his oldest son get on behind him when he started to look for his cattle. And now you can't see just across the creek over there. No. . .

HONESTY OF PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS - NO DOOR LOCKS NEEDED

(It's hard to believe the times and the country's changed that much.)

I'll have to say the people that's inhabited it are changed too. We never did know what a lock was. Daddy would never, the barn, the house, we'd go