

from way down the creek there and when they got up there they drink that. They'd go along by this creek, you know and getting pretty right (not clear). (Yeah.)

(Not clear) they didn't mean anything really.

(No, they just had to have an outlet for their feelings.)

IN EARLY DAYS THERE WERE MANY CATTLE - LOCUST GROVE

(Sentence not clear) --a lot of good blue-stem grass. They all had lots of cattle--lots of cattle. I know this here fellow, Rowe, over here, he used to have oh, he had a bunch of cattle. I remember they'd come in there by the old home place--come in there to water. They'd just be lined up through there. Seemed like never get through. But all these fellows been there very long had lots of stock. They've all got lots of things. You take the old fellow on the prairie down here between here and Locust Grove. They call it Saugee Saunders Prairie. He was a big fellow. He had a lot of cattle on it. When I was a kid I used to ride up and down through there. Our first store then was right in there close to Locust Grove. Since when we got these stores up there.

(Sentence not clear)

(Well, was there a town of Locust Grove when you came here?)

No, there was just a post office.

(Just a post office. Well.)

Just a post office.

(Locust Grove grewed since you been here.)

Yeah, Locust Grove came in there about 1912 when that first train drove through there.

(Yeah. Well, how far did the railroad go up the river?)

Went on up to Miami. Then on in to Joplin, I guess.

(You know, I hate to see these railroads disappear.)

Yeah, they used to run about four passenger trains a day on that road.

(Well.)