

Bob Stegall is a Visiting Coordinator (Truant Officer) for the Indian Education Division of the State Department of Education. His job is to check on the Indian students in the schools of Geary, Canton, Watonga, and other towns to see if they're having any problems and to encourage them to stay in school. In the line of his work he has visited many Indian homes and talked with many Indian boys and girls, and is well aware of the problems facing Indians in receiving an education. In addition to his job with the Department of Education, Bob farms and ranches on about 340 acres west of Geary. He has lived in the Geary area since 1931, and has thus witnessed the changes which have taken place in small town and rural life since that time, both for whites and Indians. Bob seems to be very interested in the Indians, and recognizes many of the problems they face in their daily lives.

INTERVIEW SITUATION:

This interview took place in the home of Bob Stegall several miles west of Geary. The interview started as rather informal conversation on the old time Indians and their customs, but developed into a discussion of how Indians and whites butchered and preserved their meat, and later on of the contemporary problems of Indians.

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(Could you start over again, Jess:)

Bob: Jess, you know Grant Left Hand. You know where he lived out there--

Jess: Yeah, I know where he lived.

Bob: What do you suppose he did with those human scalps--he's supposed to have had ninety-nine of them--

Jess: I never knew. I know he had some. Those were not of his own personal acquisition. They were his father's, Chief Left Hand's. He was the second oldest son and his brother, Circle Left Hand, didn't want anything of his fathers. Course he got to be a tribal chief, Circle did, and he wanted to take care of his own business affairs for the tribe. You know, independently. So