

Conversation with male, Arkansas (Transcription)

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F: Interview of <unintelligible text> of Pettigrew Arkansas, October the 14th 1978.

Different <unintelligible text> same as male earlier

Moo-ooo-ooo.

F: Well we're testing this to see if the noise of the truck is too much for the tape recorder....

SS: Well you just want me to commence in middle of it or

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<unintelligible text> leave out part of it or what?

F: Okay

S2: Well back in the late '30's a <gap> from Kingston came over here, and he got me and <unintelligible text> to help him buy cattle. And we bought up about 214 head. We was about 2 weeks a-getting everything lined up and we started to Alpena with them, and we got on the way and sold his one of his brothers, boy, 14 head and that left us 200 head. And we lost 8 head on the drives down in the canyon and he come back later and got those and we got way back about 40 miles this side of Alpena - yeah we was a-horseback, and it was 80 miles to Alpena from where we left our place here, on the Riley's creek. And we drove them cattle to his place and stopped and stayed two days and let them rest and he butchered one, and then we took them on, and we was oh we was about 30 days a-rounding them up and getting them over there and getting back home and I got \$2 a day for me and my horse. And we was out oh about 40 miles this side of Alpena and he rode up to a house and he said lady, I need something to eat for seven men and he said we need to be a-moving on pretty quick. He said eggs and bacon and cornbread 'ud be good. And she said <unintelligible text> my husband's gone and he said well lady, he didn't take a cook stove did he? And she said no he didn't take it. You get down I'll fix you something to eat. And <we's?> eat and we started on of course we

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had to count every once in a while, on the road and herd then cattle and there weren't very good fences then, and part of the bunch 'ud set up good in there and the rest'd go to bed and then at midnight the others 'ud take them over til daylight and then we'd head out in that daylight with them. We got to Alpena and the right up north of Alpena we drove them up a hill on top of a hill and put them in a big pasture. A feller name of Jim <Wardon? > bought them all. <gap>. And then we started back home as quick as he got them all lined up got his check, before we started home. And that was the end of the story. Well I'm going to try to tell this part of the story. Missed a little of it. We was on the other side of Red Star, and I took off down that hollow, about two miles on the other side of Red Star and so one of them's <gap> the boss he was 81 years old the old man was and he couldn't hear good and he couldn't, he'd have to set in the saddle and he couldn't turn his head, and the old cow had a bell on him and and he was just going on the road hollering Soo-ooo-oo. Sam said you go on <unintelligible text>, don't never stop for that old cow and I said well I'll go on then, and I took after him on the little horse and about 2 miles around the road why I caught him. I rode up beside of him, and I said <unintelligible text>, w've lost them cattle and we got to get down there and try to get them out. And <unintelligible text> said for you to go out there and

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put that cow in the log barn. Said you'd know where the log barn was and and you stay there with her and we'll get them out. <unintelligible text> said no, I know more about a getting them out of there than <unintelligible text> does and we tied the cow up all right in

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the stall and he went back with me and we got them things out - all but 8 head and they come back later and got them.

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