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Side A.

AC Let me say first that my first knowledge that there were buffalo that we had was when I was a very small child but I don't know when they were brought in from east of the range or how, but they swam them over to Wild Horse Island, which you're familiar with. And there were no habitations at that time. It was leased from the government.

LB Oh.

AC For many, many years they were there and completely happy and did beautifully well. I know they could have left it easily anytime they wanted.

LB They didn't even leave?

AC Never.

LB Pablo evidently had some trouble with them, his animals leaving there. That would be later.

AC Well, I think it was pretty much the same time, and they knew Allard.

LB And Allards were there too?

AC But they ran them with cattle.

LB Right?

AC And ours were never with anything but themselves at any time. So I don't know what that might have produced and at that time, of course, there was grave danger that they would be extinct.

LB Yes, very definitely.

AC And so we would go often to the island. We didn't go about among them of course, but we could and they stayed pretty well away from anyone coming. They were tremendously interesting and the main thing was to have the best possible environment so they would increase. I don't know how many were brought over, but after they began, then my father died in 1902. He was only 52 years old. It became necessary then a few years later, I don't just know how long ago, the lease expired and couldn't be renewed by the estate, being still in probate I think was the reason. So it became a problem to see whether they could be moved since we had trouble with the lease. But it wasn't any, and apparently, they were encouraged. They were all handled in absolute quiet,
not at all the way Pablo did. No voices raised, nothing noisy, nothing hurried.

I wasn't there when they left the island but they reported no delay or no trouble. They stayed pretty much together when they found that some at the beach headed out. When they reached the mainland and headed north, there seemed to be no trouble and they went up the road. Now this was very surprising to the very capable men who handled it; they were employees at our home that were well known as careful handlers of horses and cattle that were instructed....well they always were quiet. The place we prepared for them was in Smith Valley. Do you know the upper Flathead country?

LB Somewhat.

AC Do you know the names have changed? Smith Lake, I think they call it now. It's the valley that lies west and there's a lake there. Well, on the east side of the lake, as soon as they entered the valley, they would turn south and there were wide gates opened in a place for them hopefully at this end for them and they gave no trouble at all. That was very good environment for them because it was hillside. Again there was a lot of land leased up on the hilltop. Now the tops of the hills were above Foys Lake. You know Foys Lake? That's a lake of three miles west of Kalispell and this was the leased land along the top of very open hilly country with groups of trees where they looked down on Foys Lake and down on Smith Lake and then all over the valley. There was a great big beautiful spring near the town which flowed down and a pasture at the base. They did very, very well. The only flat land on the entrance was the wheat fields; you know about the acreage. Just level country with hills off to the east of them and two very capable stockmen whose pictures will be here somewhere. That may not be interesting but they were very interesting men because they were so capable and so successful.

LB Was one of them a Grasher or Grishim or ...

AC No. One was I. M. Cole C-O-L-E, and the other was Fergum.

LB I ran into something on a letter someplace where a Ray Grasher was a herder. It says "Conrad herder and ranger in June 1919". I just wondered about that.

AC No, I think that must be an error because 1919 I would know very well what was happening, and I never, we never had an employee by that name.

LB Greaker, Gracker, I'm just thinking. I guess I couldn't read it very well.
AC Well, I'm sure that the only handlers were Cole and Fergum and Robert Hume H-U-M-E. At all times.

LB That could be the man.

D.J. I think they are labeled on the back.


AC Son Bob, yes.

LB These are good pictures? Very good.

AC Well...their nature, now this we had to learn this... their nature was to move twice a year, if not three times. And, of course, if they want to move, they move, and that's all. The one who set the time of moving and the direction they would go in was Old Frizletop, a cow. And they minded her very well. The herd was held to about 100 calves...they sometimes went over but they didn't go under that. My mother was managing this at that time throughout, and her ideas prevailed. They were sold either singly or in pairs to zoos all over the country and were crated, as you no doubt have seen in some of the pictures.

LB Yes.

AC In very stout special wood crates with special bolts and nuts and padded inside with linen burlap with a thick padding and straw. The buffalo never turns on its side as you know, so there was room to lie down and room to stand. The feeding and watering place would be like a stall with a box at the end of it but there wasn't room for them to spring up, which they do, nor to rise like that and we never had a scratch on any of them or a bruise or a broken horn. So the crating was completely successful.

Well, they headed east, which is towards Kalispell, and the word came, "buffalo are out, buffalo are out". The place they wanted to stop was a spring which is now below the golf course, country club and fortunately my family owned the hill, but water was what they were going for and that was the ... I don't know how that is now ... it was a beautiful raindrop bubbling springs and a river flowing which was dammed a little bit below. I think the dam may not be there any longer but that was outside the... they weren't interested in anything but water. Then, they were quite contented fortunately to turn and go back up where the grass was good on the hill. Then there wasn't any fence and we hoped they would like it well enough to stay while the fence was built, which was accomplished. And they were very comfortable and happy then until the next time they wanted to move and they still wanted to go east and I don't think you could very easily have turned them. It wasn't tried because they
wanted to see what they would do.

My family had ranched in the Creston area, had quite a large acreage on this side of the mountains and great acreage on the east of the mountains. They were encouraged to turn toward that, a little encouragement, just a rider standing at the fork in the road. He was mounted of course. That was another place where water took them. It was forest and open country and all on the level and beautiful springs, large and small throughout. They never waited until the pasture got short before they moved because it would have been easy to have fed them, you know. They didn't wait for that. At a certain time this cow had led them back to the first place, led them all the way back to the Smith Valley. They didn't stop at Buffalo Hill.

LB Did they do this quite often? Did they make this move?

AC Three times a year.

LB Three times a year!

AC It was always the same and having located those places, they had definitely.... Now to get to the calving time.

LB Yes.

AC That was very successful bringing these calves. There was trouble a number of years later by the KM.... shipped in the grain that we fed them through the winter. They were fed and got some ergot infected grain and they lost calves that year but that was the only time that there was ever any trouble. Incidentally, if I may break off, will you stop me if I'm talking too much, too long about something?

LB No, it is very interesting.

AC One little cow (her name was Victory) raised a calf... they left the Wild Horse Island.... She was inclined to be rather gentle and a very pretty creature, was really a beauty and so for her calf. They brought her calf in and she came along to the big corral in the stable property on the edge of Kalispell and the little calf was put in one of the large square stalls that were for the riding horses and Victory wasn't worried. She was in a big corral right back of it, she didn't fight. So I, being at that time about 13 and a husky youngster, wanted to go see. I hadn't been close to a new born calf so I had taken two girls with me calling that afternoon. I got the door open expecting the little thing, a little quiet and tiny, on its feet and not to be fighting. It wasn't fighting but it came out the door and I threw myself, my arms around its neck and it dragged me, my feet hanging, the length of the stable and out through the gate to its
mother. She wasn't worried. She didn't mind that I was trying to hold it. I couldn't possibly have held it and it was only a few hours old. That it could have such strength is incredible. It didn't mind the burden of dragging me at all. It didn't seem aware.

LB Well, I have read that young calves in the wild can very quickly after birth run with the herd..

AC Right.

LB Very strong, very agile. Yes, but then they had to be.

AC The wonderful coat of the new born buffalo calf...are you familiar with that?

LB I've seen them, yes.

AC It's incredibly soft.

LB (Laughs.)

AC Well, they're just so wonderful to me. The covering on the little body, I would think, would be about and was as soft as the down of a new born chick. You had chickens. The first born was slightly lighter than the others, a fawn-a delicate fawn color such as one of the. Very like that and just incredibly soft, lovely. I hope that I never know of the young calves being killed today. I hope that there never was.....

LB None-accidential or something like this or.

AC We never lost one.

LB At the end of the slaughter in Texas, people ran on to entire herds of calves. Well, they were not old enough to survive, but they had not...they didn't kill them, they were very little value in hides, so these young animals were left.

AC Well, isn't that interesting.

LB Yes, that's very strange. Hum, they just disappeared.

AC But they didn't though were left without the older ones living.

LB Right.

AC Was it because the older ones were being killed?

LB Right, the older ones had all been killed for their hides.
AC Well.

LB Yet groups of young ones were left.

AC I don't know how long they nursed. Do you?

LB Well, I didn't, except that they seemed to nurse about as long as the mother would allow it. In fact, they seemed to, sometimes in a wild herd, they had been seen followed by a two-year-old or a one-year-old, and a new born and the yearling was still nursing and the two-year-old was still dependent to some extent.

AC So that's the answer.

LB It was a strong relationship and that yet the young animal really didn't go on his own. For instance the young bull really, not until he was four, did he finally kind of leave the matriarchal herd, you might say, and move with the bulls.

AC Yes.

LB And finally take up with the males.

AC Isn't that interesting. I had left. I never had a chance to know this.

LB Well, I don't, I think it wouldn't be apparent really in a small herd. I think usually it is people who have noticed this in large ....

AC Yes, in the vast....

LB ...areas. You know, Lewis and Clark, for instance, reported seeing ........

AC Yes.

LB ...nothing but male herds, and herds of males and cows.

AC Yes. You then know the awesomeness of the fighting when the chief head of the herd, a male, seeing the understudy coming up to attack. Quite a strain.

LB I never have seen little of this, but not....

AC Well, I've watched several times in the Smith Valley area because I was old enough then and I was fascinated by them and I would go off often. The sound they make is so strangely reverberating, a deep, deep rumbling. Nothing like the little
noises that they make. Nothing like it. More like...the roaring of lions maybe, if there were lots of them, attacking or making the same sound. Carried very far, it was a tremendous sort of a dreadful thing. This I witnessed several times when they fought to the death or took a beating off the young ones, whatever. The cows gathered in a big circle to watch the fights and when the victor leaves and the other one is gone, the cows come...in a...cluster til the ground is hardly...you can't see hide or bone. I say, that seems like an extreme statement; I wasn't close enough to see hide or bones but the savagery of the cows was awful. I suppose it insured that the one that wasn't strong enough to survive wouldn't breed. Would that be?

LB Selection.

AC But how dreadful!

LB I have read accounts that they did this, you know, when one would be shot and bleeding or something like this and sometimes the rest of the herd would gore it.

AC Is that so...we never had any killed so I hadn't noticed.

LB There seemed to be some sort of a thing that goes on with them anyway...want to get rid of the sick or injured ones.

AC They're interesting, they are so individual. The herd is small enough so you can learn to know some of them apart and they stand out. That was particularly interesting in watching when they were sold to a (unintelligible) for the nucleus of a herd at the valley. The three men who came and spent the whole summer, they kept coming and going but as house guests of my parents....my mother...father was gone. Doctor Hornaday, and a Mr. Kinnard of Boston and a Mr. Lawrence of Canada, who was then the Commissioner of Canadian Parks. Three wonderful men and the most delightful house guests you could possibly dream of, and became, with their mutual interest, became such close friends and seemed to enjoy each other so much. Of course, they carried on busy lives but they came back and were there for three months. They studied the herd that was in the Smith Valley to select the ones they wanted.

LB For the Moise herd?

AC And the Banff herd, the result of Mr. Lawrence's selections and I think that.....

LB Then he previously had been there? I think to get the Pablo herd too.

AC Now, I don't know. What was the name?
B Lawrence. The Pablo herd had....

AC Lawrence?

LB Pablo-Allerd, yes. Wasn't right from Canada?

AC Yes.

LB He was one of the men; Douglas and Lawrence, I think some of these were.

AC And I didn't know that. I didn't know that.

LB I'm not positive but I think there's some relationship in there.

AC Seeing the vast herds later, I thought that they must have thrived very wonderfully in that the climate that much further north was good for them. I think they were in magnificent condition and the only times that I was familiar with the way they looked was after we didn't have a herd. They took the best of them, of our herd, to the Moise group, but seeing them from the road coming down to Missoula, they didn't seem to have the same perfection and health that the Canadian buffalo did, I thought. But then I wasn't seeing them often enough or constant enough that I would be reliable but it struck me so quite forcibly.

LB I think there's something to it, you know, that the farther north that their pelt is better farther north. Much better for instance, than the Texas buffalo.

AC And the color was deeper.

LB The color is darker and....

AC I thought even this was deeper. And now, isn't it good to know, or is it, that there are so many?

LB Oh yes.

AC I think it's wonderful.

LB A lot of people raising them.

AC I know.

LB Yes, a lot of ranchers.

AC And I suppose I should be glad that they are...I'm finding
that it was worth while and they could be butchered in Poison but loving them, I hate to think it could happen to noble creatures like that. By the way I witnessed a part of something that Mr. Lawrence saw all of, and that this was so interesting to me because I didn't know that he had gotten the Pablo or Allard animals. I lost track of it. But he saw at that time because he spoke about the handling of them on the reservation being so different from the easy handling that they encountered farther north .... that they were handled like cowboys handled cattle with the shouts and,

LB Yes. I'm sure that was true.

AC And they were shipping evidently, had crossed the river somewhere...where would it be? I ought to know...not too far from Ravalli?

LB It was on the Flathead River there close to Ravalli, nine to ten miles.

AC Yes. In the enclosure, I know that, but I was wondering where this stream was that Mr. Lawrence told this thing that he had witnessed and yet I was there since I had ridden horseback and we were staying, we stayed during that time at Ravalli, at the station, railway station and one log house, two story. This fine bull was beside Mr Lawrence and they were going to swim the buffalo to the other side of the river and it's funny that there was a big stream.... I'm confused as to where I came in...:But I rode with other riders from Ravalli so I saw the end of this.... this grey bull went in to the water first, after a fight. He didn't want to go. He swam and got out on the other side where there was the corral. The only place you could go was into a corral - it was an enclosure.... he tried to swim back. Now this I didn't see and Mr. Lawrence (unintelligible)... swim and they wouldn't let him land on the first side and he became (unintelligible)- to swim(unintelligible)....and he went back to the first side and got turned back and he was so tired, I guess so he walked to water about knee deep and looked back. Now the other buffalo had not come in yet. They were holding them to see whether he was to be sent somewhere or something else...that seemed to be the idea. He stood and thought...and he knew he couldn't take the stream again and he wouldn't go in to the corral so he sat down in the water!

LB I'll be darned.

AC And they hadn't wanted to lose him. That was a heart breaking thing. He was so brave. Well ....

LB The Pablo herd, did you, do you know of any other pictures of the Pablo herd?
AC I really know very little about the Pablo herd or the Allard herd... they weren't the same, were they?

LB They were for a while and then after Allard died, Allards half of the herd was sold. Part of it went east of the mountains, I believe, over in the Blackfoot area and Howard Eaton (unintelligible.)

AC Eaton bought....

LB He must have been there that summer that Hornaday was there too, I would imagine. Do you remember that time?

AC No, I don't remember that, he wasn't a house guest.

LB Yes.

AC But I remember that he... that some of the animals were sent to (unintelligible) on his order.

LB Or sent to him?

AC Sent to him?

LB Yes. Well I think eventually it was a dude ranch in Wyoming. He was one of the earliest....

AC Yes.

LB ...lovers of buffalo and always kept a few.

AC Well, I remember that they were always crated. They were never ever driven and those we had never driven anywhere, except on their own while moving, but otherwise they, when they left, they, except those were crated that went to the Moiese, all of them crated. There was a young bull, I was telling Mr. Johnson, when I think about this, the only one that there was ever any trouble with when they were shipped, first crated. The group after they had been selected, they had three corrals near the railroad. One large one with a very wide gate and the next smaller and then the smallest one from which they were sent up into a chute and the crate would stand in the chute and it was on a boxcar.... They had to have the door drop, it was a dropped door and bolted and the first one to be crated was the king chief. He wasn't a friendly animal.

LB I've seen pictures of him.

AC And he put up a long hard fight but it was very intelligent. He wasn't afraid of the handling, the driving,
because he was familiar with the men. He didn't mind the first corral. He wasn't too much worried about the smaller ones but he didn't want to go in to the really small chute so that's where it took three hours... to get him to go in there, but there wasn't any... wasn't hurrying. No one said anything to him or urged him on. He made the decisions and they did have to urge him in the chute but it was a very polite sort of urging. It was something that he came to accept. The next one was the next bull in a (unintelligible) He hadn't yet ever questioned the leadership of the king but he took three hours and he fought terrible and, however, he didn't....they didn't hurt themselves. There were never any brawls (?). Then he tried to get out very hard and when he got into the crate he was still fighting. None of the others were when they got into the crate, they were perfect (unintelligible.) Just as if they were entirely satisfied and not worried but he didn't give up and he was snorting in there..., he didn't roar like fighting, but it was noisy and he, after the crate was changed to position on the boxcar, he in some way managed to get the (unintelligible) up which was...he had a little too much room all for him I guess and he broke one of the timbers and they had to chain his crate; binded him in (unintelligible) and he left Ravalli in the same box but it was...it wouldn't have held him if the chains hadn't been on him but he was... when he left the crate, the crates were hauled to the fence and so they didn't want them taken out to the road at all. He first got out and ran. None of the others came out willingly (unintelligible) but he came out running and ran up the hill and (unintelligible).

LB They just , they were moved about 50 miles I guess, or something like that. Maybe a little more.

AC I think that!

LB 70 (miles)?

AC Yes. Perhaps 70 (?).

LB They lived right on the train then from Kalispell to Ravalli and the crates were on the...

AC Crates were...

LB ... on the wagon.

AC ...on the wagon and taken to the enclosure for them and...

LB Was the headquarters about where it is now? Is that where they were unloaded or did they unload at some...

AC Well is, is there a station of the railroad still standing?
LB Now that I don't know. I haven't seen it.

AC It seems to me that the same station isn't there. It, it was...

LB It's a new station(?).

AC It was one of the old standard stations like they, we saw everywhere, you know.

LB Right.

AC At that time, but it was the loading platform. But I don't think that building is there. I think if there is a place for trains to stop, if they ever stop there anymore, then it must be just passengers.

LB I was thinking they hauled it up the hill or did they just go there or did they just go to the corner of the urn...

AC To the corner.

LB To the nearest corner? The nearest corner and just...

AC And hauled in and, and the platform put up for them to come down for the wagon space and the crates would be pushed down. And then when they got out they didn't... the crates were left there because they were, I think they were going to be used for scrap. I, I but anyway the (unintelligible) crates, they took them down. I don't think ever were returned ... and I never knew when they, the herd, was sold to the Gibson family after that.

LB Yes.

AC The Gibson Brothers. And I don't know how they were (unintelligible) I wasn't even in...

LB Well, they were moved by railroad to Yakima.

AC Yes.

LB Right?

AC Yes, Yakima. But how were they moved? Were they crated?

LB I, I don't know. I've never run into any information... whether they were crated or just put into boxcars.

AC I can't imagine them...
LB It would seem awfully difficult just to put them in the boxcar.

AC (unintelligible) I think that they would perhaps if they were all worried (?) would know each other.

LB Yeah, I think so too. I think pretty much usually when they were moved they were in crates. I've only run into one reference where a man who had a circus, said he had moved buffalo all over the country just sitting in boxcars and had never crated them and they had had no trouble.

AC Well!

LB But I don't know how many he had or if he had them trained so well or if he had installed, I think sometimes they built, stalls right in the boxcars and then somehow arranged to get them in there and......

AC And keep them there?

LB Yeah, and then they would install themselves and essentially become a crate.

AC Yes.

LB They'd take big timbers and ...

AC That would make sense, wouldn't it?

LB (unintelligible) right on top of them so they couldn't raise up. But the one thing I remember, and I believe it must be your herd...as they left the Yakima stockyards, they were being driven to the range that they were going on to and coming across a bridge in narrow spot they met two or three automobiles...

AC Oh!

LB ...and evidently got frightened and charged. And I don't think they themselves got the automobiles around, but the people got frightened and went into the ditch and around them and all sort of things. So they had a little difficulty evidently at the other end of the line.

AC But no one was....

LB But no one was hurt. It was in the ... something I had from the Spokesmen review. I must still have that, um, and I just didn't discover it today when I (unintelligible.)

AC So I...I'm (LB laughs), I'm so interested to know about this
'cause I've wondered so many times. That whole association with them was a privilege,

LB Fascinating animals really. I think you can't be around them very much without just sort of coming to love them and they really are...

AC Oh, I'm so glad to hear you say that. That is a real truth. I...

LB Yes...

AC ...feel it deeply. (END OF SIDE A)

SIDE B

LB ...ah, who has had much to do with and last year I sent questionnaires to 175 owners of buffalo around the United States asking them, oh, various questions about longevity and fertility and all kinds of things. And I left a little space for them to write what they liked and so many of them said, "We love our buffaloes and it's a treat to have buffalo on the place..." and all kinds of just real attachment for the animals...

AC Oh, isn't that great?

LB Yes. It was very nice.

AC Oh, it means so much to me to hear you say that.

LB Now the first reason I have these relations (?) is everyone has a real affection for them I think.

AC Now when we hear of a buffalo herd today where on the plains and where they'd be driven over a bank and how their eye sight was and what they did... this or this or this... I haven't known, anyway to understand, so many of the statements that are made about them, how poor their eyesight is. I don't know that. Is their eyesight poor? I was never aware of that.

LB See, I think you are very typical of people who have been around them who really haven't...and that's my only evidence, I would say, that's one of the first questions I ask people because, see, you hear so many stories about their eyesight being poor.

AC And if they don't know that they're going to be driven over an bank...

LB No. One thing that I think, and as you know, that when they do run in dry weather they then create tremendous clouds of
dust... and I think this was one reason they just...

AC Oh! Of course!

LB ... absolutely]... In this tremendous herd they couldn't see where they were going.

AC Of course.

LB In fact many of the accounts of the hunters... I can remember Fremont for instance, saying that he couldn't see any animal until he was 15 feet from him in the midst of this dust!

AC Oh!

LB So I have this feeling, but I would say about 50 percent ... oh, more than that, of owners today have no feeling that the animal was near-sighted. In fact one of the little comments was, "Well, I know he can see an open gate easy enough." (laughs) I was really tickled with that! (laughs)

AC Isn't it also interesting that anything that they can get their front feet on, in the way of a fence they can that weight on, it goes down.

LB This is what they do then?

AC Umm.

LB They're up and......

AC It's no trouble at all (laughs) to get rid of fences so it became quite a problem as to what kind of a fence would hold them. It's difficult to imagine how they do it and I think we were only successful because the buffalo liked that we didn't bother them. (laughs) We just went along with what they wanted to do.

LB And they evidently liked the range. It was good and...

AC And they choose it themselves, you see, and it was very fortunate for us that the place that they chose happened to be ... theirs.

LB I think it's very interesting that you moved them so quietly, because it really seems to be the best way.

AC Oh, I think so.

LB They are susceptible even to foot prints and people showing themselves...
AC Oh yes.

LB But they didn't dislike being driven... doing it this way. Did the old character, Buffalo Jones, ever visit your herd? Did he ever hear of him?

AC I know of... I've read of him, but I think not. If he did, I don't know. I didn't meet him.

LB Yes...

AC Those were my, through my teen years...

LB Yes...

AC ... and... No, I don't know of him being there. At one time there was a movie outfit came in and wanted to get some pictures of them charging and that was within the Smith Alley enclosure, and that was denied very skillfully by Bill (inaudible) could have safety in, with an incline coming (inaudible) and then in the shots with the buffalo, the herds went over, but they had to wait for days and hours... not only hours, but days, until the buffalo felt like running (laughs) because nobody was going to go in there and start them off. It just wasn't allowed. They were precious... they were "people" (laughs) and I think they did get some good shots. I never saw the finished movie but I saw some of the film that appeared to be very successful. We didn't have any though, I didn't get any, or at least I never saw any.

LB I just noticed here, it must have been 1922, and some three hundred feet of film was taken by the Fox Film Company... Oh, no! This was during the loading procedures during the Gibson herd move (?) to be used as a news story.

AC Oh.

LB So those evidently at different times when they took pictures as they loaded (inaudible).

AC What finally became of the Gibson herd?

LB This I wish I really knew more about. I really can't tell you. There are still buffalo around over in that country but what did really happen, I really don't know.

AC Did they become any more numerous?

LB Yes, and I think, I know that Gibson himself sold out to someone else.
AC They did.

LB And, oh, in the 30's but that's about the last real reference that I've run into or found out about.

AC My mother passed away in 1923 and from then on the buffalo had been sold, of course, and I never heard anything about (inaudible) difficult about other things, but I'll always... always will feel a real joy I had the chance to see what I did. My mother came up the Missouri River, she was a Halifax girl... with her mother and her youngest brother. They came by boat down the Ohio and witnessed some of the great herds swimming the river and where the boats had to wait and sometimes all of this took hours, and hours, and sometimes days and days. And how impressive and what a magnificent sight! Vast and huge! That was in... she came in '70. My father came in '68 from Virginia.

LB You don't remember when the herd was first established?

AC That, I'm so sorry I don't know.

LB I had it some place but I...

AC And why in the world I didn't find that out... I must have been very stupid when I was so interested in them. But they, they just seemed to me they just always had been around (laughs) or (inaudible)

LB (Laughs) I know, I've noticed a note here that says that Professor Hornaday said that the Conrad herd was one of the best herds in the country.

AC Oh, I'm glad to hear that.

LB I know that,... well , Goodnight, Colonel Goodnight, I know he sent a couple of buffalo up to your ranch to go to Moise. He sent quite a few of them.

AC I don't remember that at all. No, I didn't know that.

LB His were the only (he sent two, but one of them died) breed outside of your herd that came into Moise.

AC Is that so?

LB And there's one of his animals from Texas that he had captured on the Texas plains, I think in seventy-two or seventy-three. Three or four of those also went into the Yellowstone herd but otherwise they were pretty much... northern buffalo.
AC Are or were the ones out on the southern plains fully as large as the...

LB I would say just kind of slightly smaller... and their hide, or even the robes that the Indian made from the southern herd, were not as valuable or luxurious as the one from the northern Montana herds because (inaudible)

AC Again the climate....

LB Yes, and then of course even farther north there is the big wood buffalo, which is a slightly different species you know and it's even bigger and darker.

AC Yes.

LB Really...

AC Very impressive.

LB Yes.

AC I wonder if you would like some coffee? May I bring you some? (END OF TAPE)