

Statement of Louis Herrera made
 this 12th day of November 1895.

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 we went about a mile up the Arroya
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 by the neck the color of the Cow being
 "Noseca" in Spanish, about 8 years old
 belonging to the V.V. Ranch - it was
 branded V.V. but no pitchfork and having
 their ear mark. After he roped it he
 pulled it about 20 yards west of the Cañon
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 tried to kill it but could not do it.

Then he said to Teodoro Herrera, "give
 me the horse, I will hold the cow, you try
 and kill it, I cannot do it", then
 Teodoro got off his horse and Jim got on
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 got the axe and hit it twice but did not
 kill it. Then Teodoro told me - "Come
 on friend Louis - come + rope the Cow by
 the hind feet so we can throw her and
 kill her." I told him I cannot catch
 her by the hind feet - you know my mare

is a Bronco and will get scared at the cow - then he hit the cow again with the axe and it fell backward - he then twisted her head under her body and cut her throat with a big pocket knife and ^{they} began to skin it and I helped them.

We put it on Jim Saulsbury's horse and the horse ^{that} of Teodoro Herrera had belonging to Felipe Montoya and started home down the same Cañon and while on the road Teodoro told me "This cow that we have killed is for me, Jim and yourself and tomorrow night we are going to kill another one so that my father in law can take it to Ocorro, we can kill it at night and he will start very early in the morning."

Then Jim said "I will not come tomorrow night to kill another one with you because my wife is sick" Then Teodoro said me "Will you come Louis?" and I told him "I will come - if you kill two more it is all the same to me" and he said - "that is right - that shows a good man". This conversation passed while we were going home. When we got to the top of the hill in sight of Herrera's house he told me - "go on ahead to the house and see if there are any strangers there or any other people" I went on quickly to Felipe Montoya's house where

we were going to take the Beef. and he was asleep and I did not see him and I then walked over to Sabino Guerras house about 3 yards from there and his wife came to the door and said "good night" and I then observed that there were some people in the house and then thinking it was a good thing for me I went back and told Teodoro & Jim to come on that there was nobody there.

I opened the fence gate & they came in; then they stopped & ^{said to me} ~~told me~~ Louis where are you going to put your part of the beef and I answered "Oh! any small piece will do for me" Teodoro said "that wont do - you have to take one quarter, I another; Jim another and Felipe Montoya another.

Then so that they would not suspect me I said "all right" and took a quarter (front) and hung it in Sabino ^{Guerras} ~~Montoyas~~ Stable.

At Felipe Montoyas house we divided the beef - then they went home to their houses and I went in to Sabino Guerras house. When I went in there - I met Albert Swan and Sylvester Gonzales of Salado (Gray U.M.) o They asked me to supper and I said "thanks I am going to bed" I went to my house about 20 yards from Sabinos house and when I knew that everybody was sleeping I went out & took the beef from the stable

and buried it about 200 yds from Felipe's house in the Arroya and came back & went to bed. Sunday morning about 6 o'clock I left my house and went to where the beef was killed & cut out the brand from the thigh and took it to Ed Terrell's house and nailed it on the wall so that it would not shrink.

When the cow was killed they destroyed the ears & part of the hide but I was on the alert and cut a piece of the hide and with this brand and threw it in a little arroya and got it next day as above stated.

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