

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Overton, Charlie

DATE OF INTERVIEW: July 2, 2007

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Yeso, New Mexico

INTERVIEWER: David Marshall and Andy Wilkinson

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IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2:42

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Charlie Overton talks about his early life, his life on the Yeso Ranch, and different techniques involved in running the Yeso Ranch.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Introduction	00:00
Born in Lubbock, Texas	
Early memories on the Yeso Ranch	
Family history	
Grandfather owning four different ranches	
Changes in ranching	
Working on the ranch as a boy	
Breeding horses for the ranch	00:10
Buying horses from the Navajo people	
Hierarchy of getting horses	
Receiving a horse named Rat	
Branding calves over the summer	
Coyote drives	
Receiving a race horse	00:20
Father being thrown from Geronimo	
Reasons for killing coyotes	
Mom goes on coyote drive	

Dead Man's gulch	
Rat gets arthritis	
Father purchases more colts	
Becoming the ranch horse trainer	00:30
Checking fences for coyote digs	
Getting a new colt named Flash	
Competition to kill coyotes	
Developing predator control program	
Mexican Gray Wolves	
Coyotes getting much larger	
Wildlife impacted by coyotes	00:40
Mountain lions in the area	
Trapping Mountain lions	
Coyote population rising	
Accessibility to information on predatory animals	
Game birds on ranch	
Becoming a fur trapper	
Changes on the ranch during the 1960's	00:50
Downfall of the sheep industry	
Predator poison banned	
Wool Act of 1933	
Deciding to sell the family's sheep	
Increasing the number of cattle	
Starting hunting operations	
Selling hunting permits	1:00
Money from hunting permits	
Animals that are hunted	
Old techniques for breaking in colts	
Injuries from horses	
Changing breaking techniques	
Procedure of training horses	1:10
Imprinting young colts	
Pressure and release technique	
Getting the young colts used to ropes	
Teaching young colts their direction	
Picking up tips on horse training	1:21
Teaching horses respect	
Preparing oneself to be bucked off of the colt	
Reading a colt's personality	
Not enough time to train all of the colts	

Selecting different breeds of horses	
Breeding horses	
Going into partnership	
New law passed on horses	1:30
Killing old horses is illegal	
Treatment of old horses	
Cattle drive	
Getting knocked down by calves	
Flanking calves	
Firing kilns	
Customs and routines	1:41
Branding and flanking seals	
Earning the right to brand	
Roping calves	
Rain providing feed for livestock	
Types of grass grown	
Tobosa grass	1:50
Invasive species	
Broom snakeweed	
Studies to control broom snakeweed	
Cholla cactus plant	
Spraying ranch for mesquite	
Drought creates creek	2:00
Creek gets deeper	
Building dikes to prevent flooding	
Flooding of Yeso Creek	
Vaquero influence on ranch	
Family hires vaquero cowboys	2:11
Types of vaquero style	
Different philosophy on working cattle	
Differences in roping techniques	
Charro rodeo events	
Weak vaquero influence	2:20
Vaquero cowboys were reserved	
Using hobbles on horses	
Job responsibilities	
Vaqueros aging on the ranch	
Driftwood horses	
Music on the ranch	

Learning to play the piano 2:30
Forming a family band
Playing in Fort Sumner, New Mexico
The Yeso Ramblers
Father killed
Deciding to play the fiddle
Wool Growers Association
Summer conventions

Playing at the Ms. Wool pageant 2:40

Interview ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1951

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: