

[Dave Runyan]

Interview

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“Never have buffalo been found on the west side of the Pecos river, but there have been many herds of them on the east side. Antelope were like you find rabbits now — everywhere, and we killed them anytime and all of the time, and we sure got tired of eating them.

One day me and my brother went across the river a-hunting, well sir, we hunted all morning and about noon we saw a large bull so we started toward it, (now this happened just about a mile east of the river), well just as we got close enough to shoot him we heard a yell, yessir, and we saw coming down on us to the north east a bunch of Indians.

There was a pretty deep hole with a cave in one side of it not so far from where we were, so we made a run for this cave and made it, soon we heard the Indians ride around this hole several times and then they left. About dark we came out and found our horses down by the river. We caught them and rode on to the ranch.

Now the only reason we wern't captured and scalped was because the Indians didn't know how many of us were hiding in the cave and they were afraid to come down and find out.”
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As told by Dave Runyan.