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In addition to this, he states, "that the citizens of this vicinity are already speaking of leaving the frontier in great numbers; many who have expended all their means in moving here, and opening farms, have now neither the necessary means of getting away or a horse left to make bread for their children."

In a communication from the Hon. Sam'l Bogart, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, on the part of the House; he says that "within the bounds of the counties of Navarro, Denton, Cooke, Grayson and Collin, there have been stolen by the Indians some 75 horses and some cattle killed" [See Document I.] We also notice in other communications addressed to the same Chairman, that upwards of one hundred horses have been stolen from the settlers on the frontier North of this place, and South of the counties above named [See Document J. and K.] that about 30 horses of the above number are represented as having been stolen by Wacos and **Wichita Indians**.

In the county of Goliad, horses have been frequently stolen by Indians, besides other property to a considerable amount, estimated at about four thousand dollars in value. [See Document M.] In DeWitt, Gonzales and Guadalupe counties, property of the same character have been stolen at different times. In the two former counties, the quantity or value is unknown, but in the latter county, the loss is estimated at \$5,560, as appraised in the following list of property taken from the county of Guadalupe, in the years 1848 and 1849, by Indians.

From whom Stolen.	No. and kind.	Value.
Abner Harris, now dec.	7 Horses.	\$600 00
J. L. Calvert,	1 "	40 00
J. A. Johnson,	13 "	1500 00
J. L. Oden,	4 "	375 00
Jos. H. Polly,	3 "	270 00
R. H. Hunter,	2 "	90 00
Wm. C. Winters,	14 "	1200 00
E. B. Pettus,	6 "	350 00
M. Erskine,	5 "	255 00
James Monford,	3 "	300 00
Asa J. Lowel,	1 "	80 00
Andrew J. Lowel,	2 "	100 00
Price and Johnson,	3 "	245 00
J. L. Calvert,	1 "	90 00
Jno. W. Berry,	1 "	65 00
Total	66	\$5560 00

[See Document N.]

In the counties of Webb and Cameron property to an immense amount has been destroyed or stolen, but there being no evidence before your committee by which they can estimate the sum correctly, the committee have only given the statements as they have received them. In the county of Webb, one citizen alone has lost 260 animals, including horses and mules worth on an average, \$15 per head, together with other stock stolen or killed where no account can ever be ascertained. [See Documents C. and D.]



Reading the Article:

Why did the citizens not have a way to leave the frontier?

Which two tribes were blamed?

In which county was it estimated that \$4,000 in property had been stolen by Indians?

Was there evidence to support property value claims? _____

In which county did the citizen live who "lost 260 animals?"

Using the Chart:

How many horses were stolen total? _____

Find who lost the most horses.

What was the reported value lost? \$ _____

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