

went to work when the Seminole oil field come in--I went to work for tank company.

WENT TO WORK IN OIL FIELD

(What were you doing with them?)

I was building tanks. I was--I learned to blueprint on how to cut these tanks. Different shapes, steel tanks. I had to learned to cut the steel. Well, I just--they gave me good advice ever so often until I worked up high enough I could do most anything in the way of building oil tanks.

(What company was that for?)

The Company was Black Sivalls and Bryson.

(It was the first oil company in Oklahoma?)

Yes, I mean the tank company.

(Oh, the tank company.)

Yes. Oh, of course, there the oil field workers, they mostly work with team and horses. So, we did a lot of work with the tank company during the Seminole and Bowleg and all of those places.

(Where did they first make their first strike here?)

Well, around Ardmore, along about 1911 when they brought the big well, out west of Ardmore. The reason I remember that, was where I was staying with these people in Love County, they were putting up the test wells just a little ways from the house. And the people, the oil field workers boarded there where I was staying.

(That family that you were living with?)

Yes.

(Oh, they took in boarders too?)

Yes, until they brought this field up there west of Ardmore. And when they did they quit right then, tore down the rig and split it up and from then on Ardmore was a big oil field. Now that's the first oil well I remember seeing