

(When did you start your claim?)

1910.

LIFE HISTORY MATERIAL:

(Who were the Arapahoes that were--)

You're talking to one of them. I'm the only one living. I was about twenty-four years old when I finished school in Kansas and I went at Columbia University for a while and studied Anthropology there. And then the next year I went in the service-- I passed Civil Service examination--certified competitive examination. I was supposed to go out to Colorado but I didn't go. My mother had a stroke. So they gave me a job over here south of Weatherford. I took that for a while, but already, seven days after I got home, I was supposed to go into law school in Fairmont, Minnisota. But when I got home, they called a council and I attended that council. At the little town of Greenfield. It was June 26, 1910. And they happened to have election of officers. And after--that was my first meeting with the Council since I been away to school. Since I been off to school. I used to sit in the council for the chiefs. They have Council the days. I sit with them, because they elect me as Boy Chief back in 1903. I used to sit with them. But I went off to school because I thought I should know more about tribal problems and know better education to take care of my old folks and all that. But when I came back and after I heard 'em talk this and that--they call on me and I express myself. And I been taking shorthand notes of all their talks, you know. From Indian, and translate it myself to English. I re-read my notes. They elect me as Secretary-Treasurer. Well, then I had to stay with them. I'm still with them. Then we filed. We got a lawyer--he didn't prove out. Some other Indians tried to influence who'd come in on this side, and take over. They dropped out--didn't prove their qualifications. They disband them and then they come back to us. That time on--1910--continuously, every year. I'd probably be working at the Kiowa Agency at Anadarko, maybe at Concho, or maybe I'd be off. But I was always on the Committee.

(What kind of work were you doing?)

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