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NAMES IMPORTANT ATTORNEYS IN THE EARLY DAYS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON HIS LIFE

I think I knew every man that was in business from 1912 up until close to 1930. All the lawyers that were here, are now gone, except Al Nickols. I think that Mr. Nickols came to this county in 1914. I know it was after I was here. I could, I believe, name every man that was in business in Wewoka, prior to the First World War. During my career as a county lawyer, I tried many cases most of them criminal cases. I've been - I have prosecuted or defended more than 350 homicide cases. I've tried cases in 20 counties in Oklahoma and have been interested in criminal law-suits in Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, and Missouri. But of course, most of my practice has been here at Wewoka. I remember that in the late '30's a boy got his hand shot off while he was stealing a little gasoline down close to Wolf. He came to me and John Stanley who was my partner at that time. We brought a suit against the oil company who had employed the man as a watchman and who shot this boy's hand off. We got a judgement in that case for \$10,000 against the oil company. They took it to the Supreme Court and they reduced it. Because it was that early a time, big money judgements and damage suit cases just weren't heard of. Since that time, I've tried damage suit in Arizona in Federal Court over Bishop, who was one of the greatest damage suit lawyers that I've known was associated with me. We got a judgement in that case, for \$207,000. That's quite a long cry from this \$10,000 judgement that the Supreme Court wouldn't let stand and cut it down to 7500 (dollars). I've always felt that it was the influence of men like George Crump, Bill Prior, Bill Stokes, Guy Cutlett, J.A. Patterson, those lawyers. Seeing them in the court room. Watching them try cases made