

testified.

AGENTS RANDLETTE, BLACKMON AND STECKER

(Was Stecker still living at that time?)

Yes, Stecker was still living but they didn't need him because it was mostly boundary question of who knows. Stecker was retired and he was living in San Antone, Texas at that time.

(Was he considered to be a pretty good Agent?)

Oh, yeah. I was going to tell you how he became Agent. Well, that was the background of his coming. We got all the background. Then at that time, in 1900, we had Colonel Randlette. And he retired, in favor of a civilian, J. P. Blackmon. Blackmon under Colonel Randlette was the Chief Clerk or Head Clerk, so he knew all about the government and therefore Colonel Randlette recommended him. And the City of Anadrako recommended him because Colonel Randlette took off forty acres on the west side of the city and gave it to the city of Anadarko.* And they call it Randlette Park. Without the consent of the Indians. And the Indians have to pay. That's how come it to be Randlette Park. Well, after J. P. Blackmon was Indian Agent, he called for me.. He called for me to be--it was 1906. He wanted me to come and he want to give me employment. He liked me--for one reason. His wife was my primary teacher when I started to school. She was a young woman--a young girl--Miss Emma Methvin. And J. P. Blackmon was single. And she used me to carry notes a mile from the south side of town through where the town is now to across to the Old Town and deliver it to J. P. Blackmon, and bring the answer back to her. Well, after I quit school, they married, and he became Methvin's son-in-law. That's the school (Methvin Institute) I was attending. And when I went home in 1906 he wanted me to keep some kind of employment under him while he was Agent. Well, in 1907, against my wish, he wrote a letter to Dr. Tong--that's hims (his office) where they had the

*Footnote - See next page.