

big payment at Mount Scott--he told me to be sure and come to the Office. He told me to bring him over there, and whoever brings him will get paid in expenses for bringing me to Anadarko. So George Tangoodle (tæ.godl), Kiowa Indian, took me in to Anadrakes. Dr. Tong took me and made arrangements with Tangoodle to take me to Anadrako on a hack. Didn't have no automobiles them days. When I got over there Blackmon told me "We gonna allot the Indians-- 1907--July. And I want you to go with the allotting crew and I'm going to pay you every month. You're going to be on a salary. I want you to have a job." Well, I didn't ask for it, but they forced me on the job. So I had to accept. He says, "Tomorrow morning!!" It was the latter part of June-- "All the surveying outfits and the groceries and everything--camping outfits and everything--and all the various crews' bunks and everything," he said, "And this government wagon with four mule teams--you drive it to Hobart and your crew will meet you there at Hobart on a certain day." I think he give me five days to go across--there weren't much roads. So I drove across--

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* J. J. Methvin, in his book, In the Lime light (n.d. but apparently written in the thirties) says: "Colonel Randlette remained in charge of the Indian Agency until November 1, 1905, and during his incumbency he secured from the Government for Anadarko, for purposes of a park, forth acres of land joining the city on the west, and extending to the river. It is a beautiful site for a park, and now well improved, and named in his honor, "Randlette Park." And another paragraph down: "After more than six years service as Indian Agent, he (Randelette) resigned and retired to private life, and made his home at LeMesa, California, where he died two years ago. But before he resigned he made a trip to Washington, and while there secured the appointment of John P. Blackmon as his successor in the Indian Agency here. This appointment was rather unusual and a great surprise, for it was a Republican administration, and Blackmon was a Georgia Democrat, and there were many Republicans who were ready and anxious to serve in the place."

"But Blackmon had been the chief clerk throughout Randlette's administration and the administration before, and such was his efficiency in that place that when Commissioner Leupp made his report of the investigation he held, he recommended in the highest terms Blackmon's skill and perfect knowledge of the affairs of the agency and the manner in which he had kept every detail. He entered, therefore, upon the duties of the office under most favorable auspices, and well did he administer affairs until his death, October 10, 1907." (pp. 107-8)