

whiskey. And they thought that if they was full-bloods they would. But they never did get anything out of them. All they said was this white man, I don't know who he was, I never saw him before, we went in the alley and bought a pint of whiskey and teaspoon. That's all they could get out of him. (Laughter)

(Can you remember any of the other cases that you was on an Interpreter up there?)

Yes. When they had Ida Henry, proving her - well it was the Texaco Oil Company had bought the land that belonged to Ida Henry from a drilling outfit. And they was quieting the title. And, Ida Henry's the only one, and she placed full-blood on 'em. She wouldn't talk. Couldn't understand her. When I got in there, I says, "Ida you got a better education then I got." I said, you talk to 'em. So she did. She started in talking and they give me credit for that. They payed me for my summons. 'Cause I was a help to them. I made them do their own talking see.

(Did you have any difficult trials though, any hard trials?)

No. Uh-huh. Most of my interpreting was for the field clerks, and Indian agents. That was most of my interpreting. Where'd there be, they had land way up at Welch, Little Jacket, Kinnison Post Office and Centralia all up in there and on west Cabin, full-bloods up in the hills filed on land over there you know, and he didn't even know where it was at. They just filed on it, in Muskogee, it was vacant. Not filed on, and they just asked them if they'd file on it. Yeah. And so they'd be hunting it and they'd want to talk to the Indian agent about it, and the Indian agent would call me then. He knew that I could talk good Cherokee. He's the only - I was the only interpreter that he knew.

That was Major Husing.

(What was his capacity or job?)

He was the Indian agent and field clerk at that time in Craig County. And then Mr. Gray, a man by the name of no wait a minute. Rogers. Was here in Pryor and Gray was over at Salina. And when they wanted to talk to full-blooded and couldn't understand 'em, they'd always hunt me up, get me to come and do the interpreting