

(Do you remember--I believe the last time I talked with you, you mentioned something about ranchers in Seminole county. Do you remember any of the big ranchers after statehood, or prior to statehood?)

Well dey--I see--dere a fellow by de name of Sam Stratton. He had good ranches after statehood, or p--good bunch of stock, but I think that them stock belong to Jackson Brown and Governor Brown. Box X steer, we call 'em.

(Where was the headquarters located?)

He used a to live on a farm down here, just below the five-mile corner. He was a man that lived there; had a lease, I guess, on de land, on those stock, those cattle. His name was, ah, Sam Stratton. He was a white man.

(Do you remember his children? Did he have a boy name George and a daughter named Nin?)

Yeah, had a boy named George and ah--Well had two boys. Dem was his step children, dem boys was. Cose the girl was his. Had a girl and a boy. Seem like the little boy was name Jim.

(You know, my father and his brother Louis worked on that ranch, with the Stratton boys.)

Well, at's it east here, been southeast.

(And I think the cattle did belong to Governor Brown and Jackson Brown.)

Brown, yes suh.

(Where there other ranchers in Seminole county that you know of?)

Not at that time; unless, it's back west here. You see, I usta live jus, ah, a mile or little better, west there. I've cut and hauled wood dere, whenever dey ride to school.

(This is to Emahaka Mission?)

Yes suh.

(Did either of your sisters go to Emahaka?)

Yes suh.

(Did--which one?)

Shes dead. Mary, her name was Mary. She's been dead a long time.