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BIOGRAPHY OF Mr. R. E. Sharp
Duncan, Oklahoma

BORN May 13, 1871
Chatanooga, Tennessee

I came here from Tennessee and settled near Antlers. Then moved to Duncan in 1898.

I worked for Col. Victor M. Lock in the mercantile business; it was first store in Antlers.

After I came to Duncan, I was on the first city council. (1898).

The first newspaper was established in Duncan in 1892 by F. P. Sampson. It was the Duncan Banner and still carries the name. The first bank was established that year was called the Duncan bank. Later this bank was changed to the first National Bank.

From 1891 to 1901, Duncan was a shipping point for all the country around here, called the reserve. It is also known as the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache country.

I worked for Uncle J. A. Fowler and J.B. Patterson now deceased.

I moved to Nellie and went into business in 1901.