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Interview with P. G. Fullerton,
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P. G. Fullerton was born in Canada and is 73 years old.

In the year of 1901, my brother and I came here from northeast Iowa. I came here thinking my health might get better as it was very poor. This was just one big pasture.

I saw some few Indians before coming here but not many.

I was admitted to the bar before I came to Oklahoma.

One time during the big rush of the opening day, I noticed an announcement in the newspaper stating that any persons wishing to join the Bar Association should come to a certain place at a certain time. I decided to go over and join the Association and arriving at the meeting place, we had to stand in line until our turn. I waited and waited, soon becoming very tired of waiting. I noticed a man coming out from the meeting room and I asked him what his number was. He answered me that his number was "one hundred and fifty." There was that many ahead of me standing outside waiting, so I didn't wait any longer; I went home.

One time a group of men, I among them, decided that we might look around in this new territory. We started out early

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and about eating time we happened to be near an Indian home. We talked with the Indians, then ate with them. The Indian man said, "Any of you Christ man, any of you Christ man?", meaning to ask ^{if} any of us were Christians. Then he pointed to one man and said, "You, Christ man." Meaning for that man to ask the blessing.

After the Indians became citizens here and court had been established, we were needing men who were qualified as jurors. Quannah Parker was summoned, then the next question was, was he qualified? Things were going along well enough when he was asked how many wives he had. He studied a while before answering, "Maybeso one, Maybeso seven." This would not do and he was told that he must have only one wife and that he would have to tell the other women that they must go away. Quannah Parker studied a long while, then told the Secretary of the Interior, Hitchcock, "You tell 'em, you tell 'em." He did not serve on the jury.