



## Oklahoma Bank and Commerce History Project

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**Conversation with Chris Moore, President, First United Bank of Bokchito  
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**Informal discussion notes**

MJH: What has been the impact of the Choctaw Casino and Resort on your bank? In other words, has the gaming business been a positive or negative experience?

CM: "I don't think it's a real issue. I think there are some customers who drop by there and leave their money before they come over here to pay on their loans, but really I think the impact has been very positive."

MJH: Tell me about the 2006 bank robbery.

CM: It happened in June 2006. The robber was one of our customers. He came to one of the teller windows, demanded money, and got away with about \$13,000. He was caught very quickly.

MJH: Tell me about the bank's structure and ownership.

CM: We made the switch from First State Bank to First United Bank in 1999. We operate under a state charter, and this is the only bank in town. Our population is just over 600. The Massey family from Durant owns this bank along with others in Sapulpa and the Dallas / Denton area. Durant is their headquarters.

MJH: Who are your primary borrowers?

CM: Mainly farmers.

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