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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

MCCARTY, JOHN E.

INTERVIEW

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Field Worker's name Velma Hance

This report made on (date) Tuesday , June 1 1937

1. Name John E. McCarty

2. Post Office Address Erick, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 322 W. First St.,

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 26 Year 1866

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father William McCarty Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Mary Loatchspach Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 2.

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Velma Hance,
Field Worker,
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An Interview with Mr. John E. McCarty,
322 W. First St., Erick, Oklahoma.

Mr. McCarty came to Indian Territory in 1880,
from Young County, Texas.

There were ten families who came at this time.
They settled a half mile from where Pauls Valley now
stands and their post office was Cherokee.

Mr. McCarty fought with the Cherokee and Choctaw
Indians, fighting from covered wagons. There were
forty-five wagons in the camp in the year of 1882. They
had scouts; two men were in front, two men behind, and
two men on each side. When they discovered Indians, they
would blow a horn. Then everybody would circle their
wagons and oxen in a circle. This was called "corralling
the wagons." They put the oxen in the corrals.

Mr. McCarty settled in that part of the country
because there was lots of grass and water. He leased
land from the Indians.

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There were no schools then. Mr. McCarty's father made his living mostly by truck farming. They went on hunting trips in the mountains, five or six families going together. They would bring back as much as 3200 pounds of meat at once. They carried their meat in wagons and they cured it as people do now.

Their first home was a dugout with home-made furniture, their chairs being split logs.

They had lots of water and wood in those days. Their first employment was farming. They did their plowing with a bull tongue plow. Mr. McCarty bought their supplies from Denison, Texas.

He has a gun that he brought to Oklahoma with him
November 8, 1880.
