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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Velma Hance

This report made on (date) August 11, 1937.

1. Name Emma A. Hill

2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 511 North 2nd Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 4 Year 1864

5. Place of birth Fall City, Richardson County, Kansas.

6. Name of Father James Simpkins Place of birth Ohio

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Martha Crist Place of birth Ellisville, Illinois.

Other information about mother Was the first child born in Whiteside County, Ill.

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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An Interview with Mrs. Emma A. Hill, Sayre, Oklahoma.

By - Velma Hance - Field Worker.

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Emma A. Hill was born in Richardson County, Illinois, 1864, and came to Hobart, Oklahoma, from Illinois in 1899.

On the way to Beckham County she passed through Hobart and thought she would camp for the night but before leaving time next morning she had decided to stay there for work, and so she and her family stayed there and farmed a small place.

They settled among the Kiowa tribe of Indians. The Kiowa Indians made willow baskets and blankets and sold and traded these baskets and blankets for a living. The Kiowa Indians did not have much education; they could not talk, they only grunted and pointed to show what they meant.

Mrs. Hill's home, which was a dugout, was located four miles from Rainy Mountain Mission, which was a school that the Government had built in the Kiowa Reservation to educate the Kiowa Indians.

She lived two miles from Lone Wolf, a town which was named for a Chief of the Kiowa Indians. She lived there

for three years and then moved to Beckham County in 1902.

She bought a claim four miles from Sayre.

Sayre had then a few stores and the Rock Island Railroad had been built through the town then, too.

Mrs. Hill sold the wheat crop which she made in Sayre.

~~There were lots of cattle ranches here and people~~  
had to watch their crops or the cattle would eat the crops up. There were few fences here at that time.

Mrs. Hill has lived in Beckham County since 1902 and now lives in Sayre. She is now seventy-three years old.