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SHULTZ, EMMA J. HATCHETT INTERVIEW 10197

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1. Name Mrs. Emma J. (Hatchett) Shultz
2. Post Office Address Cordell, Oklahoma
3. Residence address (or location) 209 N. College St.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 13 Year 1893
5. Place of birth Chalk Mountain, Erath County, Texas- Came to Washita County, Oklahoma, September 1899

6. Name of Father Juel Hatchett Place of birth Missouri
   Other information about father Relinquisher and Farmer
7. Name of Mother Mollie D. Cox Place of birth Texas
   Other information about mother Housewife, and Mother, died in 1917 at the age of 51.

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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Ida B. Lankford,
Investigator,
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An Interview with Mrs. Emma J. Hatchett Shultz,
209 N. College St., Cordell, Oklahoma.

"Washita County History"

At the age of six years I moved from Erath County, Texas to Cordell, Washita County, and then my father bought a relinquishment half way between Cordell and Foss on Boggy Creek. I remember how my father and three older brothers cleared the new land, and how they would dig out roots of shinnery.

My grandfather was County Judge when the county seat was at Cloud Chief and I remember his marrying an Indian couple soon after we moved here from Texas.

My father built one of the first houses ever built in our community and it looked tall and stately as it was two stories high and we had been living in a dugout, where the fleas, rattlesnakes, and mice lived too. We had to sleep on the floor, on a straw tick.

I, with my brothers and sisters, climbed the red hills and waded the streams, went to school in a sod house where

we also had church. Everyone enjoyed themselves and our recreations were climbing hill, swimming and horseback riding. I taught school at Payne the school term of 1912 and 1913.

Our clothes were of calico, and outing, we girls got two or three dresses a year; our shoes were brass-toed and some were high topped with buttons. We got one pair of shoes a year and we would go barefooted until the ground got so cold that our feet would nearly freeze.

My mother would weave and knit our clothes, then when we got through with our cotton sacks, Mother would make my brothers shirts out of them then dye them with walnut bark.

Our food consisted of corn bread, milk, eggs, sweet potatoes and hominy and sometimes we would have some bacon.

For our fuel we would burn trees from Boggy Creek, also corn and cotton seed. We sold our cotton for 5 cents a pound after it was ginned and in the bale and we sold corn at 10 cents a bushel. There were several storms then, we had floods on Boggy Creek and lots of times the water got up to the house.