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Field Worker's name Jimmie Birdwell

This report made on (date) October 25, 193 7

1. Name O. A. Reed

2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 36th and South Robinson

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 14 Year 1879

5. Place of birth Missouri

6. Name of Father Joseph Reed Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother _____ 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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An Interview with Mr. O. A. Reed, Oklahoma City, Okla..
By - Jimmie Birdwell - Investigator.
October 25, 1937.

My father brought me to Oklahoma when I was very small. We came in a farm wagon and brought everything we had with us. We moved about 1890 and we lived along the New Mexico-Oklahoma line. Our home was a dugout and we lived from where Texola is on up to Shattuck. We did not have anything to farm with except a breaking plow and ^{an} old Georgia stock. We had a few milch cows and a few chickens but we seldom had any hogs.

Many times we lived on Kaffir corn-meal and milk for weeks at a time. My father just could not manage a farm. It seemed that almost every year we would move. The best house we ever lived in in western Oklahoma had two rooms.

About 1885 or maybe a little later when I got big enough to do things for myself, I worked all one year for a horse and two cows. With this stock I started trading and raised calves and in a few years we were getting along better. We rented a pretty good small

farm and began raising stock and feed. We bought a planter; the first one we had ever had.

Instead of living in a dugout, we made a dugout for our hogs, as the winters were mostly hard.

I would not want to go through another number of years as hard as those from 1890 to 1900.