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Field Worker's name Ruby Wolfenbarger

This report made on (date) April 22 1938

1. Name Buell Rogers

2. Post Office Address Sentinel, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 2 Year 1884

5. Place of birth Texas

6. Name of Father Andy Rogers Place of birth Georgia

Other information about father Farmer

7. Name of Mother Sara Oliver Place of birth: Georgia

Other information about mother Housewife

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 3

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Ruby Wolfenbarger  
Investigator  
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Interview with Buell Rogers  
Sentinel, Oklahoma.

I came to the Territory in 1899 with my father. My mother died when I was very small and my father, brothers and myself just drifted from place to place for several years.

We decided to come up here and buy a farm as my brothers liked to farm and land was cheap up here. They also wanted cattle. We came through in a covered wagon and were about six days on the road. The roads had improved some since the real oldtimers had made the Run.

We bought land near Sentinel; Father bought eighty acres from a man who wanted to go back to Texas. Our house was a half-dugout, but we hauled lumber from Granite and built a small two-room house. We didn't have any furniture except just beds and a stove for we didn't stay at home except at night. We had a few tin dishes.

We broke the land and planted some corn and feed just as soon as we could, also put out a garden. We bought several head of cattle and another team. We dug a well but the water wasn't very good so we went back to Texas and bought a well

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drill and we dug several wells in what is now Western Oklahoma. Sometimes we dug several hundred feet and never struck water. Most of the settlers tried to locate near a good stream of water.

I worked out as farm boy doing all kinds of farm work - plowing, herding cattle, building fences and milking. I got 50¢ per day for this kind of work. I also cut and hauled wood from the Kiowa country which I sold for \$2.00 per load.

Schools around here were very poor. The older boys and girls didn't get much education for they had to work out and work in the field when they could. Money was very scarce and hard to get in those days.

We got most of our groceries at Granite but we also hauled lumber and supplies from Duncan. People in the early days didn't buy anything except the bare necessities of life and when we needed extra money we sold a calf or some corn if we had any to sell. However, we didn't get very much for a bushel of corn.

The only entertainments that I ever attended were dances, church and a few singings. We boys and girls would work hard all day and then drive ten or twelve miles to a dance in a wagon.

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This was lots of fun to us and the older people enjoyed these just as much as the young.

We lived on the farm until about 1909, then we moved to town and bought several lots and built several houses for ourselves and for other people. At this time Sentinel was a very prosperous little city. I have spent the greater part of my life here in Sentinel.