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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

ABERCROMBIE, FRED.

INTERVIEW.

#9920

Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

This report made on (date) February 9, 193 8

1. Name Mr. Fred Abercrombie

2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) General Delivery.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 5 Year 1893

5. Place of birth State of Texas.

6. Name of Father R. H. Abercrombie Place of birth Georgia

Other information about father Died at the age of 73.

7. Name of Mother Mary M. Petters Place of birth Virginia.

Other information about mother Died at the age of thirty-eight.

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

An Interview with Mr. Fred Abercrombie, Chickasha.
By - Jasper H. Mead - Investigator.
February 9, 1938.

My name is Fred Abercrombie; I was born February 5th, 1893, in the state of Texas, forty-five years ago, and I came to the Territory when I was five years old and have lived here ever since.

The first place my parents and I landed was at Cloud Chief about fifty miles ^{OUT} northeast of Cordell. Cloud Chief, when we first landed there, was a very small place. There were about fifty people in the town and there were two stores, a post office and a saloon in the town.

My father had about a hundred and twenty-five head of work stock and he helped to break out lots of the land around Cloud Chief.

There is no railroad going through Cloud Chief; it has always been an inland town. The main water supply comes from the Washita River. I have hauled and helped to haul many a barrel of water from the Washita River.

There were many Indians around Cloud Chief whom I knew. I knew three Indians who called themselves Chiefs; their names were Two Baby, Big Tree, and Jack Bull

Bear. I saw Chief Two Baby take a sweat bath one day. There were three or four of us fellows who watched him. He had a big round hole dug in the ground about shoulder deep, then he had his tepee set over this hole, then he put some hot rocks down in the bottom of the hole and poured hot water over them, then he got down into the hole; he would groan and take on, and make some of the funniest rackets.

My father had lots of horses and when one of them would die he would trade its carcass to the Indians for wood for our cook stove.

The country around Cloud Chief was rather loamy and like prairie. Mack Teal was a man who owned nearly all the country around Cloud Chief and Cordell; he was finally killed by a man of the name of Page Nelson. I forgot to mention when I was talking about the Indians, these three Indians, Two Baby, Big Tree and Jack Bull Bear, got their mail at a place called Sagar, now called Colony. This place was just a small store and post office combined.

I have lived in and around Chickasha for twenty-five

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years and have made money almost every way but I bartered
for fifteen years.