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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

ALEXANDER, CHARLES R.

INTERVIEW.

#8873

Field Worker's name Alson J. Chase

This report made on (date) October 11, 193 7

1. Name Charles R. Alexander

2. Post Office Address Woodward, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 1703 South 8th Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month March Day 27 Year 1868

5. Place of birth Hillsboro, Illinois.

6. Name of Father _____ 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 _____.

An Interview with Charles R. Alexander, Woodward.
By - Alson J. Chase - Field Worker.
October 11, 1937.

Charles R. Alexander came from Emporia, Kansas, to Woodward in 1897.

He was Superintendent of Schools in '97, '98. The first high school course offered in Woodward was offered that year and there were only twelve enrolled.

In the fall of 1898 Mr. Alexander was elected County Attorney and served one term. In 1900 he was elected to the House of Representatives - and in 1902 was elected to the Upper house of the Territorial Legislature and was elected President of that body and was re-elected in 1904.

He was a charter member of A. F. & A. M. Lodge and helped to organize Woodward into a town which in 1901 was incorporated by the County Commissioners.

The saloon keepers sponsored the plan of incorporating the town of Woodward, because before it was incorporated they had to get a license for a saloon - a petition had to be circulated and they had to cover the whole country. So they got the town incorporated

and then only had to circulate a petition in the City of Woodward.

At that time there were thirteen saloons.

In 1906 Woodward became a city by proclamation of the Governor of the State.

Mr. Alexander was Mayor of the city of Woodward from 1911 to 1915, and he still lives in Woodward and practices law.
