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Field Worker's name Naomi L. Garringer

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1. Name Archie Arterburn

2. Post Office Address Benfrow, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Benfrow, Okla.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month July Day 22 Year 1862

5. Place of birth Kentucky

6. Name of Father Henderson Arterburn Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Jane Hunt Place of birth N. Carolina

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 3.

FIELD WORKER NAOMI L. GARRINGER
Indian-Pioneer History Project S-149
June 29, 1937.

INTERVIEW WITH ARCHIE ARTERBURN
Renfrow, Oklahoma

Archie Arterburn was born in Kentucky, July 22, 1862. He made the race into the Cherokee Strip on September 16, 1893, and staked a claim one and a half miles west of Renfrow where he built a sod house. However, he didn't like this, so he hauled lumber from Milan, Kansas, and built a four-room house.

The night he got to the claim with the lumber, there was an awful snow storm which lasted three days, and Mr. Arterburn had to bring his team into the sod house out of the storm. He said that he had to stake them off so they wouldn't step on his bed.

He built his house by himself. His family came in March and they brought seven head of cattle, six horses, and some chickens. Later they lost most of the chickens, as they had no feed for them.

The first year Mr. Arterburn made a corn planter out of odds and ends, and it did such good work he loaned it for many miles around.

Mr. Arterburn did carpenter work; he also was a blacksmith.

Mr. Arterburn has retired from farming, and has added several farms to his claim.