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Field Worker's name Charles H. Holt

This report made on (date) January 26, 1938

1. Name Frank Atkinson

2. Post Office Address Hominy, Oklahoma

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

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1889

5. Place of birth Kansas

6. Name of Father Isaac Atkinson Place of birth England

7. Name of Mother Eva Campbell Place of birth Illinois

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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Investigator  
Charles H. Holt  
January 26, 1938

Interview with Frank Atkinson  
Hominy, Oklahoma

I was born in Kansas in 1889, and my father came to the Territory in 1893 and made the Run. He staked a claim at Newkirk and moved the family from Kansas to Newkirk shortly after he staked the claim, but it was not long until the claim was contested and he lost it. Then we moved to seven miles south of Ralston and purchased a claim. Household goods, a tent, small turning or sod plow, and a pin-break-trip cultivator were brought from Kansas.

There was no house built on the claim south of Ralston so the family lived in the tent until logs were cut off the place and hauled to a small sawmill to be sawed into lumber; then a frame house was built.

Soon after arriving south of Ralston, an older brother, who was large enough to help in the work, got his leg cut badly when a horse ran into a wire fence with him, and had to be crippled for almost a year. He had to stay in the tent while the house was being built.

There was no school nor church, so a tent was secured

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and set up for a school and church in the neighborhood. This was my first school and the teacher who taught in the tent was John Boyle. By the second year lumber was bought and a box school building was built near our place.

Just a short way from our place on the Arkansas River, the Pawnee Indians had a camp where they held Stomp Dances often and they could be heard dancing all night.

Our market was Red Rock and corn and cotton were the principal crops. The mail was gotten at Pawnee.

Some of the old timers here were the Wilker family, Heckendorn family, and the Pryon family.

We lived on this farm seventeen years, then moved to the Osage where we now reside.