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LIOGRAPHY FORM
NO. 13 PROCESS AND ILLUSTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

Report made on (date) September 23 1937

Name O. P. Burns

Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma

Residence address (or location) Chickasha Gen. Delivery

DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 12 Year 1891

Place of birth State of Arkansas

Name of Father N. B. Burns Place of birth Mississippi

Other information about father Died at the age of 71.

Name of Mother Sallie Henderson Place of birth Mississippi

Other information about mother Died at the age of 74.

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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Jasper, H. Mead,
Interviewer.
September 23, 1937.

Interview with O. P. Burns
Chickasha, Oklahoma.
Born April 12, 1891.
Father-N. B. Burns
Mother-Sallie Henderson

I was born in Arkansas, April 12, 1891. We came to Oklahoma when I was seven years old and I have lived in Oklahoma for thirty-nine years.

The first place we landed when we came to Oklahoma was east of Agawam.

My father worked at a rock quarry for three or four years. The other work he did consisted of ranch work, for there was very little farming done then. The ranch work paid about \$30.00 per month and board, with a horse furnished.

There was no school or church house where we lived.

The water supply came from dug wells and springs, these wells were very deep and most of them were dug down through red sand-rock.

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There were a few Chickasaw Indians around Agawam but they were very peaceable, just like any one else.

The Rock Island Railroad which was built through Agawam about 1891 used the rock from the quarry where my father worked, just east of Agawam.

There were lots of wild horses around there, branded J. R. and B. B. There were a few deer and lots of prairie chickens.

We lived here several years and then moved on further north toward Chickasha and settled on the Dan Garland place and my father and I both went to work for Mr. Garland.

I have lived in and around Chickasha for thirty-nine years and I have seen the town grow from a small village to its present size.