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BIOGRAPHY FORM
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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Pearl E. Parker

This report made on (date) July 21 1937

1. Name Mr. A. J. Butts.
2. Post Office Address Cherokee, Oklahoma
3. Residence address (or location) 103 South Ohio Street
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 8 Year 1863
5. Place of birth Fairgrove, Missouri

6. Name of Father John W. Butts Place of birth Simpson,
Kentucky.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Mary Crawford Place of birth Alabama

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 1

Pearl E. Parker, Interviewer,
July 21, 1937.

Interview with Dr. A. J. Butts.

I was born in the state of Missouri.

At the opening of the Cherokee Strip, September 16, 1893, I came to Oklahoma and filed on a claim eight miles north of Cherokee. I then went back to Missouri in 1894 and moved my family down in a covered wagon. We crossed the Medicine River and Salt Fork River.

When I first came down to Oklahoma, I lived in a dug out, but after I went back to Missouri, and came back here I built a sod house.

I ran the first Post Office, in this county. I kept my claim three years, then moved to Ingersoll, and there practiced medicine. I was one of the first doctors in this part of the county. I drove a horse and buggy.

We did our trading at Kiowa, Kansas and at Alva. I am still practicing medicine at this time.