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Field Worker's name Ophelia D. Vestal.

This report made on (date) January 27, 1938

1. Name Annie Beitman

2. Post Office Address Lawton,

3. Residence address (or location) 702 South Third St.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month August Day 1, Year 1869

5. Place of birth Salisbury, Maryland.

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 2.

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Ophelia D. Vestal
Investigator
January 27, 1938

Interview with Annie Beitman
Lawton, Oklahoma
Born August 1, 1869

I was born August 1, 1869, in Salisbury, Maryland, and came to Britton in 1895. Upon hearing that this country was opened my mother came here. She was a little late for the drawing but she bought a farm south of town about eight miles.

We had hard times getting water in those days. There was an Indian family living about one-half mile from my mother and their farm had a very good water well. My mother did not have a well or any way of getting water on her farm. She was not sure she would stay here long and it would have been just an extra expense to have a well put down, so she carried water from the Indian's well. The Indian man was called "Big Tree". He was a very good man and his family was well thought of, too. He treated my mother nice. A few years ago we heard that a tree had fallen on Big Tree while he was out hunting and killed him.

My husband organized the first telephone business in the little town of Geronimo in 1905. He put down the first telephone

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poles and erected the first switchboard. Our phone was the first one and Mr. Joe Porter's was the second phone to be put in.