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Field Worker's name Lula Austin

This report made on (date) January 13, 1938

1. Name Arthur J. Beames (Choctaw) Sheriff of Woodville.

2. Post Office Address Woodville, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) In town

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month March Day 15 Year 1894.

5. Place of birth Bennington

6. Name of Father Calvin Beames Place of birth Bennington

Other information about father (Choctwa) Sheriff of Blue County.

7. Name of Mother Elize Houston Place of birth Atoka, Oklahoma

Other information about mother Full blood Choctaw.

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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Lula Austin,
Investigator.
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Interview with Arthur J. Beames.
Woodville, Oklahoma
Born March 15, 1894
Father-Calvin Beames
Mother-Elize Houston

I am a Choctaw Indian and was born near Bennington, I went to school at Black Jack Grove, near Bennington, in a one-room log house and Sally Floyd was the teacher. I only went to school two years.

My father, Calvin Beames, was sheriff of Blue County. He was with the officers when they killed George Carpenter, one of the noted Carpenter horse thieves. There were twenty-four buckshots in his body.

My mother was a full blood Choctaw. I was married before I knew she had a sister and brother, she had never mentioned them to me. One day I had a letter inquiring about my mother, the writer stating she was a sister of my mother, I answered the letter and told her my mother had no sister, but before I mailed the letter my wife told me I had better talk to my mother. I did and she told me about the sister and brother who were placed with a family when small,

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after her mother died, and she had never heard from them, The writer proved to be my mother's sister and made us a visit. The brother had died several years before.

When I was a boy of seven I went fishing with my father on Sulphur Creek between Bennington and Hakchito;; we fished awhile and then my father said, "Come and I will show you where some gold is buried." He went to a bluff near by and dug under the bluff and then removed a large rock under which was a granite stower, the bottom had rusted out of the stower and the money was gone.--I just remember all Father said was, "The money is gone", and then covered the hole up placing the rock back.