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Field Worker's name Jimmie Birdwell,

This report made on (date) February 10, 1938

1. Name F. J. Best,

2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 521 Northwest 16th Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

5. Place of birth _____

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 1.

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Jimmie Birdwell,
Investigator,
February 10, 1938.

Interview with F. J. Best,
521 Northwest 16th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

I was a telegraph operator for the Santa Fe at Topeka and ten days before the Opening I was transferred to Guthrie. I had to sleep in the little station and cook my own meals for there was not any place to board or to stay. After about a year I bought a shack and two lots where the Masonic Temple now stands.

The first church in Guthrie was a Methodist and was just some boards laid on boxes in a vacant lot.

The first school was in a vacant storeroom and was taught by a lady who charged each pupil \$1.00 each month.

I have heard and read that there was lots of trouble in Guthrie, but I did not see much and I spent all of my spare time walking around over town.