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Field Worker's name Charles H. Holt,

This report made on (date) November 9, 1937. 1937

1. Name John R. Jones. (By his wife, Mrs. Zora Jones).

2. Post Office Address Hominy, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1854.

5. Place of birth Texas.

6. Name of Father Robert Jones. Place of birth _____

Other information about father Served in Civil War.

7. Name of Mother Mary Rutherford. 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 3.

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Charles H. Holt,
Investigator,
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Interview with Zora Jones
Hominy, Oklahoma

My husband, John R. Jones, was born in Texas, in 1854, and came to the Choctaw Nation in 1885 and settled near Hugo.

His father was a stock raiser in Texas so John had no trouble in getting work with the cattlemen of the Choctaw Nation. He worked five years in the Choctaw Nation.

In 1890 he was married to Zora Houston and they moved to Pawhuska where Mr. Jones got a position with the Hartley and Bird Lumber Company, as clerk. The company, finding him very efficient in his work, put in a lumber yard at Cleveland and put him there as manager of the yard. During the two years he was manager, the lumber yard thrived to such an extent that the company was offered a fancy price for the yard and sold it.

Mr. Jones then came back to the Osage Nation near Hominy and started farming. He had saved enough money from his salary during the previous ten years that he could start farming on a big scale.

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He wished to raise stock particularly hogs so he kept as much stock as he could raise feed for and at all times let the neighbors know he would buy their surplus grain and hay.

John R. Jones always kept several hired men but devoted most of his time to his hogs. He farmed for twenty-five years near Hominy and made money and about fifteen or twenty years ago retired from active work and moved to Hominy where he lived until his death in July, 1937.