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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Velma Hance

This report made on (date) July 28 1937

1. Name Mrs. W. A. Lawrence

2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 302 North Seventh Street

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month August Day 31 Year 1866

5. Place of birth Louisburg, Kansas

6. Name of Father Dr. J. C. Taylor Place of birth Indiana

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Nancy Smith Place of birth Missouri

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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Interview with Mrs. W. A. Lawrence,
302 North 7th, Street,
Sayre, Oklahoma.

Mrs. W. A. Lawrence was born in Louisburg, Kansas, and was married to Mr. W. A. Lawrence in 1885. Mr. Lawrence died in 1934 and was buried in Beckham County.

Mrs. Lawrence came to Oklahoma Territory in 1903 and settled seven and a half miles northwest of Sayre which was then in Roger Mills County. She came to Oklahoma with her family in an old time covered wagon.

When Mrs. Lawrence first came the town of Sayre had no brick buildings and at that time the bank was in a large boxed house.

Among their things the Lawrence family did not bring a chair or any kind of furniture with them but when they arrived they had the good luck to buy out a home from a family and got the furniture in the deal.

There were some Indians around Cheyenne in Rogers Mills County at that time; Indians of the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes

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but the white people did not have any dealings with them for the Indians could not talk - just murmuring and pointing at objects.

Mrs. Lawrence's employment was farming and she raised cotton and feed and sold corn for 25 cents a bushel.

She now lives in Sayre.