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Field Worker's name Raymond C. Jantz

This report made on (date) January 4, 1938

1. Name Mr. Pete M. Levite

2. Post Office Address Apache, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1871

5. Place of birth Rumania - came to America at the age of fourteen
years.

6. Name of Father Moses Levite Place of birth Rumania

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Fannie Scizer Place of birth Rumania

Other information about mother Died in Rumania

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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Raymond C. Jantz,
Investigator,
January 4, 1938.

An Interview with Mr. Pete M. Levite,
Apache, Oklahoma.

I came to Oklahoma in 1901 from Kansas City. I came directly to Apache and opened a mixed stock store of dry goods and groceries. I first located on the main street on the west side of the street. Then later located in the building that I am now in; that was in 1903.

At this time Apache did more business than it does today. There were four hardware stores, six saloons, five grocery stores and three mixed stock stores.

There was one event that happened in Apache in the old days that I must tell about. There were what we called "hog days". These were days set aside for the farmers and stockman to bring their hogs into Apache to auction them off. I have seen days when there were as many as seventeen to twenty wagon loads of hogs in Apache. People would bring hogs for twenty miles and some would buy them and take them twenty miles home. The "hog day"

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is something like the community sale days except only hogs were put up at auction.

The school of Apache in 1901 was held in several different places. At first it was held in a two-room vacant house located in the eastern part of the business district of Apache. Then it was changed to the upper story of the building that is the Smith Pharmacy. In 1902 the people erected a school building. For several years the school only had classes up to the Ninth Grade but later the complete high school course was taught in the school at Apache.

The first church services of Apache were held in a tent. This was when I first came to Apache. This church was the Methodist Church and it was the first one built in Apache.