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This report made on (date) Sept 13 1937

1. Name Mrs. Jennie Ward
2. Post Office Address 416 Choctaw, Bartlesville, Okla.
3. Residence address (or location) 416 Choctaw, Bartlesville
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month July Day 2 Year 1864
5. Place of birth Fort Scott, Kansas

6. Name of Father Monroe Anderson Place of birth Unknown

Other information about father Farmer, died when Mrs. Ward was small, buried in Okla.

7. Name of Mother Margaret Franklin-Anderson Place of birth Iowa

Other information about mother buried in Kansas

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 5.

Alene D. McDowell, Interviewer  
September 13, 1937

Interview with  
Mrs. Jennie Ward  
416 Choctaw  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Mrs. Jennie Ward was born July 2, 1864; at a farm near Fort Scott, Kansas.

Father - Monroe Anderson was a farmer and died when Mrs. Ward was a small child. He is buried near Alluwe, Oklahoma.

Mother - Margaret Franklin-Anderson was born in Iowa and died when Mrs. Ward was nine years of age. She is buried at Niotaze, Kansas.

I came to the Indian Territory from Kansas, shortly after my marriage to Allen Ward, in 1882. I was eighteen and Mr. Ward was twenty-two when we settled here. Mr. Ward leased a ranch from Ed Campbell, near Alluwe, Indian Territory, where we lived for six months, then returned to Kansas, for three years.

In 1885 we returned to the Indian Territory and settled on a ranch about four miles southwest of Caney, Kansas, in the cattle business. Our daughter, Alta, was then one and one-half years old. We lived on this ranch for fourteen years. Our son, Elwood, was born on this ranch.

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In 1899 we re-moved to Bartlesville, where Mr. Ward operated a meat market for a short time, but gave this up and returned to the cattle business.

We then moved to the Gertie Carr Ranch, nine miles northwest of Bartlesville, in Osage County. We resided on this ranch for three years, then moved to the Louis Wilkie place, four miles west of Bartlesville, also in Osage County, and lived there for a number of years.

I remember very clearly how we allowed our cattle to range, with no fences to mark the boundary lines, and in the fall there was a real purpose for the round up. Our ranch in the Osage was known as the Lazy 7, and our brand was /

When we came to Bartlesville, the town was situated on North Delaware avenue. The town at that time was very small and had only a few ~~frame~~ buildings. Our homes were all built of log or rough lumber, and most of them were one or two rooms. Our first home was located on North Delaware avenue, and was built of rough lumber. In

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the spring of 1900, the first school was started on Second street. We built a fine new house on the corner of Fourth street and Johnstone Avenue, across the street from where the Hotel built on stands. The City Service is a filling station at this location now.

Mrs. Henry Armstrong, mother of one of our early day teachers, Mrs. Carrie Overland, lived where the Y.M.C.A. is located on the corner of Fifth street and Johnstone and the late Mrs. Sam Bopst lived where the First National Bank is located at 329 Johnstone. The John Gray family lived in a house on wheels.

Mr. Ward was active in civic affairs and was one of the first county commissioners of Washington County. It was during his term as County Commissioner that the bonds were voted for the present court house, however, he died April 4, 1913, before the building in which he was so interested, was erected.

Some of the early day settlers that helped to build our city, Bartlesville, were: George Keeler, William

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Johnstone, Frank Overleas, A. I. Morgan, Henry Clay, Nelson Carr, Dr. Stewart, Arthur Armstrong, Sam Bopst and Frank Bucher. Dr. Woodring was our faithful physician for many years. These men have all passed on, but their memory lives on. These men were all men of fine character and were much interested in the growth and welfare of our city.

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