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Field Worker's name Zaidee B. Bland.

This report made on (date) October 14, 1937. 1937

1. Name Mrs. Mattie J. Weaver.

2. Post Office Address Headrich, Route 2.

3. Residence address (or location) At the foot of Navajo Mountain.

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 2.

Zaidee B. Bland,
Journalist.
10-14-37.

Interview With Mrs. Mattie
J. Weaver, Headrick, Route 2.

The first church organized in Greer County was a
Baptist Church.

It was near the Navajo Creek under some big elm
trees. We sat on logs that the men had hauled from Otter
Creek and which they had split open so that we might sit
on the flat side. We held our meetings under these trees
until late in the fall.

Some of the men of the neighborhood decided to build a
school house. The lumber had to be hauled from Vernon a
distance of thirty-five miles. This building was eighteen
by twenty feet and our church was given the privilege of
holding our meetings in this building which we did for
several years.

Brother J. M. Newman was the first to teach a subscrip-
tion school in this building.

In the winter of 1887 Brother J. N. Morgan and wife
brought their membership into the church. Brother Newman
and wife and Brother Morgan and wife were great assets to
our church. After Brother Newman resigned as pastor, Bro.
Morgan was called for our pastor and served us for several
years.

As our church grew we needed more room. We bought a building that had been used for a skating rink. This building was moved to a better location and repaired and we were indeed proud of our new church home. In this building I heard Brother J. W. Soloman preach his first sermon and it was in this building that our beloved neighbor, John D. Bailey, was converted. Mr. Bailey afterward served several terms as sheriff of Jackson County. Our pastors salary in those days were forty-five or fifty dollars a year.

We had many fine good men working for our Lord. I can only now recall a number of good preachers who came into Greer County in the early days. I remember Brother T. B. Duncan, J. N. Newman, T. F. Medlin, W. D. Lowther, E. C. Leak, David Adams and a minister named Findley.