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Henry Day
Field Worker
May 31, 1937.

Interview with Rosanna Wildcat,
Dustin, Oklahoma.
Father-Pin Harjo
Mother-Ke-la-sa.

I was born one and one half miles north of present Dustin, Oklahoma, in the year of 1867. I am, therefore, 70 years old and am a full-blood Creek or Muskokee Indian, belonging to Tulladegee Arbeka town.

My father's name was Pin Harjo. There is no record of his birth, and I do not remember what year he died. He was a full-blood Indian with no education. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War.

My mother's name was "Ke-la-sa". This is an Indian name and the whites named her Nancy. She was a full-blood.

I remember when I was small my father split logs and carried on his shoulder about 300 yards to build a log hut. The hut had only dirt floors and had rough stick chimneys. It was one room. Sometimes they built two rooms. Ours was daubed with red clay, and I'd rather live in one of those houses now, than in a frame house because they were cool in the summer and warm in winter time.

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There used to be lots of game, such as deer, turkeys, prairie chickens, and squirrels; plenty of fish, too, in the streams. All are gone now, except a few squirrels, but even they are hard to find. Can't hardly catch fish now, unless you go to some lakes but you have to pay so much a day.

A ferry boat was at the north of Dustin on North Canadian River, run by Josiah Watson.

George Alexander was the only one owning a store there, and this was our trading post.