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Field Worker's name Lillian Cassaway.

This report made on (date) January 29, 1938

1. Name Mrs. J. J. Methvin,

2. Post Office Address Anadarko, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 709 West Alabama.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 9 Year 1869

5. Place of birth Illinois.

6. Name of Father William Swanson, Place of birth Kentucky.

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Susan Nye Swanson, Place of birth Kentucky.

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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Lillian Cassaway,  
Investigator,  
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Interview with Mrs. J. J. Methvin,  
209 West Alabama,  
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Perhaps Anadarko, of all the towns in Oklahoma, is the only one situated in such a way that there is no room for expansion. At the beginning, the town was bounded on three sides and part of the fourth side by Government property and Indian allotments and the rest of the fourth side by the Methodist Mission property. On the north was the Indian Agency and farther north the Caddo, Wichita and Delaware Reservations. On the east was the ground reserved for the Indian camp ground when the Indians came to town for payments or other reasons, <sup>and</sup> ~~on~~ this land the town has been allowed to have its fair grounds. Then on the south was an Indian allotment and the Mission property and farther south were more Indian allotments. To the west was a small tract of Government land and the river; across the river were more allotments.

Colonel Randlett, who was Agent at the time of the

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Opening, secured the small tract of ground between the town and river for the purpose of making a park which is called Randlett Park, It was about 1911 when the Mission property was sold to a townsite syndicate and was laid off into town lots, <sup>and</sup> this school land now makes up the Highland, South Highland, and College Additions to the town of Anadarko.

A little later, a Mr. Bath of Lawton came to Anadarko and bought the Otto Wells property at the southwest corner of town and made Bath Addition to the town; south of this is the property of the Catholic Mission, one hundred and sixty acres.

About 1921 Frank Methvin, an Indian, secured the patent to his allotment and made Burns Addition of eighty acres to the town. This allotment is in the same section with the Methodist Mission; on south of these additions are still more allotments. Now, there is no more land for the town to expand unless some agreement is made with the Government.