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JOHNSON OSCAR

COLLECTION

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field worker's name Pete W. ColeThis report made on (date) April 20 193 71. Name of person owning collection Oscar JohnsonAddress Lane, Oklahoma2. Name (if any) of collection Hand-made dog yoke.3. This collection contains the following types of material It is  
a piece of iron about 6 inches long linked together with  
ring. Total length of yoke is about 26 inches.

4. Amount of material \_\_\_\_\_

5. Material deals with \_\_\_\_\_

6. Approximate period (dates) material is for It was yoked on two  
blood hounds to run down slaves or convicts in Mississippi  
Exact date when made is not known but it is over 100 years.

7. Locations of the collection (where it is kept) \_\_\_\_\_

Oscar Johnson of Lane, Oklahoma, is now in possession.8. Condition of storage place Kept at his home.Condition of collection Fair

9. What does the owner intend to do with this collection \_\_\_\_\_

Would he be willing to part with it? Not for sale, but consents  
to it being placed in museum.10. Any other information about the collection, including its history  
It is a hand-made affair made by his grandfather.11. Does this owner know other people who have or might have collections.  
Give names & addresses NO.NOTE: In the event that any of the above questions cannot be answered fully  
in the space allowed, attach blank sheets firmly, and give all available in-  
formation. Referring to question by number.Number of sheets attached 1

INTERVIEW WITH OSCAR JOHNSON  
LANE, OKLAHOMA.FIELD WORKER PETE W. COLE.  
April 20, 1937

## EXPERIENCE OF OSCAR JOHNSON AFTER MOVING TO INDIAN TERRITORY. AGE 66.

My parents came from the state of Mississippi to Texas where I was born on April 3, 1871. Came to Indian Territory in 1894. We first moved in a wagon to Bryan County and later to Atoka and to Pushmataha County and moved back to Atoka where I have resided and have made this my home.

I did not attend school much in my early days, so my education is very limited,. I have been a dirt farmer all my life. I was married forty one years ago in April.

I have in my possession a dog yoke which was made by my grandfather who died in Texas. It is made of iron. The two pieces about eight inches long are connected with rings, leather collar attached to neatly fit around the neck of a blood hound. The purpose is to yoke the two dogs together so they ~~would not get away from each other in running down slaves or~~ convicts at that time. It also can be used in training young dogs to hunt. This yoke is over one hundred years old but the correct date is uncertain. It is a hand-made affair having seen made by my grand father. -