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Field Worker's name John F. Daugherty

This report made on (date) June 26, 1937

1. Name Wyatt Chigley (Chickasaw)

2. Post office Address Davis, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: nth December Day 25 Year 187

5. Place of birth Tishomingo County, Chickasaw

Nation, near present site of Davis.

6. Name of Father Nelson Chigley Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about father Farmer- Senator

7. Name of Mother Julie Thomas Place of birth Indian

Other information about mother Chickasaw,  
Territory

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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An Interview with Mr. Wyatt Chigley,  
Davis, Oklahoma.

My father was Nelson Chigley, a full blood Chickesaw, born near Memphis, Tennessee, in 1835.

He moved with part of his tribe to Blue Creek, near Tishomingo when he was two years old.

He came to the Washita Valley in 1854 and began farming. He broke his land with oxen and home-made plows.

Father was very industrious. He tried to teach others of his tribe who were not so ambitious to be economical and thrifty by living such a life himself. He finally owned about two thousand acres of land and paid permits for fifty-three farmers.

He was elected to the Chickesaw Senate in 1870 and held that office for many years. He was among those who fought against the disfranchisement of the intermarried white citizens in 1889.

He married Julia Push-shukka (Indian for Thomas) in 1859. There were three children in our family. I was born

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December 25, 1878, on the farm on which Davis was later built. I was born in a log house with a puncheon floor. We had a dug well.

My first school was attended near here, taught by Jennie Tolbert. I later attended school at Gainesville and Savoy, Texas, and finished at Fort Worth.

I often went hunting in the Kiamichi Mountains in the Choctaw Nation. We always went in covered wagons, and several went on each trip. One member of our bunch was always getting lost. There was a small commissary down the Creek from our camp. Once he and another hunter started out to get us some food. We waited all day for their return and late that evening they came slipping up to our camp not knowing where they were. They never did find the commissary. So I had to go get the food. I was never lost in timber.

I was married to Belle Young, July 15, 1903, and we have two children. I have lived on the present site at Davis all my life.