

MONTGOMERY, ROY D.

**INTERVIEW.
BIOGRAPHY FORM**

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**WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma**

Field Worker's name Charles Henry Holt

This report made on (date) April 27, 1938

1. Name Roy D. Montgomery

2. Post Office Address Hominy, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1886

5. Place of birth Oklahoma

6. Name of Father S. B. Montgomery Place of birth Pennsylvania

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Veturia Minear Place of birth Illinois

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and story of the person interview'd. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 3.

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Investigator - Charles Henry Holt
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Roy D. Montgomery was born in the Territory in 1886, on a farm near Checotah. His parents had moved from Kansas in 1884; they came down in a covered wagon bringing only household goods, camping equipment and food supplies. Leasing a raw piece of land they camped till a log house was under construction. Soon they began breaking the land using two yoke of oxen and a left hand turn plow. There was twenty-five or thirty acres broken the first year which was mostly planted in corn.

The first plows used were home made Georgia Stocks and double shovels. Very soon they got a pin-break cultivator which was very useful to them. They used it on all the farms. Fort Smith was their market. They made a trip there about once a month for miscellaneous supplies. One of the first stores was operated by La Fayette. He had a general store and bought cotton. Allie Gilliland was his cotton buyer. Campbell Russell was the first breeder of white-faced cattle in that country at that time. He was

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very successful with the cattle managing to keep the Texas Fever out of his herds. This disease destroyed many herds of cattle in those days.

Roy's mother taught school in the log school-house which was constructed near the Montgomery home. Captain Bill Gentry owned a large horse and cattle ranch not far from the Montgomery Ranch and Hun McIntosh was also a large ranchman of that section of the country.

Van Steel Dust raised thoroughbred horses in that community and he raised race and saddle horses, too, selling them in many parts of the United States.

The Montgomery family, after farming till 1895, moved to Norman where the mother taught school for two years. They then moved near the Kaw Agency on a farm and after farming there for a number of years Roy Montgomery came to the Osage country where he now resides.