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Field Worker's name Jimmie Birdwell

This report made on (date) October 26, 1937

1. Name Ivan Cunningham

2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 321 West California

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1893

5. Place of birth Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

6. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Name of Mother McCracken Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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An Interview with Mr. Ivan Cunningham, Oklahoma City.  
By - Jimmie Birdwell, Interviewer.  
October 28, 1937.

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I was born three miles west of Capitol Hill in  
1893.

I never knew my father or mother. I was reared  
by Jesse McCracken, my grandfather.

I walked five miles twice each day to school.

My grandfather farmed and I did the farm work  
before and after school.

I got up early to do the milking and feed the  
stock before starting to walk the five miles to school.

After I got through the grade school I worked  
for my grandfather to pay my way on to the higher  
grades. I still walked the five miles into town.

This was harder than when I was small and was  
in the grade school as I had more studying to do. I  
really had a hard time getting my schooling.

It would usually take until eleven O'clock at  
night to get the farm work done and catch up with my  
book work.

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