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Field Worker's name Maurice R. AndersonThis report made on (date) March 22, 1938

1. Name James W. Dean
 2. Post Office Address Ada, Oklahoma
 3. Residence address (or location) _____
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 9 Year 1877
 5. Place of birth Texas
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6. Name of Father G. B. Dean Place of birth Texas
 7. Name of Mother Mary Parks Place of birth Texas
- 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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Maurice R. Anderson
Investigator
March 22, 1938.

Interview with James W. Dean
Ada, Oklahoma.

I was born, 1877, in Texas and came to the Indian Territory and settled at Ada in 1903 and opened a law office. At that time there were about three thousand people living at Ada.

I was appointed assistant county attorney a short while after I came to Ada and I was the Secretary and Treasurer of the first chamber of commerce in Ada. I was one of the delegates from Ada to go to Washington in 1906 in regard to bringing old Oklahoma and the Indian Territory together and making a state.

After statehood I was appointed assistant county attorney again and served two terms. In 1909, while I was serving in that capacity, Jim Miller and his gang, Joe Allen, Jesse West and a man named Burrell killed Juss Bobitt. This gang was run down and captured; Jim Miller was caught in Texas and Joe Allen, Jesse West and Burrell were caught in this country. They were all brought to Ada and put in jail but they never went on trial as a mob took all four of them to a shed not

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far from the jail and hung them, which ended the Miller gang.

I was later appointed city attorney for Ada and served seven years and in 1922 I was elected county attorney and served eight years.