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Field Worker's name Alson J. Chase

This report made on (date) February 21, 1938

1. Name George Henry Overbeck

2. Post Office Address Woodward, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 417 North 10th Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 13 Year 1875

5. Place of birth Weston, Missouri.

6. Name of Father - Place of birth

Other information about father

7. Name of Mother  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 George Henry Overbeck, Woodward.  
By - Alson J. Chase, Investigator.  
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I was born in Missouri in 1875 and lived at various places until 1900 when I landed at Blackwell. While there I worked with a surveying party. We surveyed the road bed for the St. Louis and Frisco Railroad.

In June, 1901, I went to what is Harper County now and filed on 160 acres of land. The house was half dugout and half sod, with a dirt roof supported by a ridge pole. It was only 14 x 16 and had two windows and a dirt floor. I raised broom corn and Kaffir corn until 1903, then opened a general store on my farm and called the trading post Paruna and that same year got my commission as postmaster and had the post office in connection with the store. I had a boxed frame building 12 x 26. I operated this store until 1908, when I sold out and went to Buffalo and built a cement building and ran a general store and meat market.

In 1902 we built a frame school house and had a short term of school, paying the teacher \$45.00 per month. I was

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Clerk of the school board.

I operated the first agency for Ford cars in 1909. Had Harper and Woodward Counties. At that time a person had to put up the money for a car and order it; usually took about ninety days for delivery to be made. When I quit the agency, a man came in wanting a car right then and I wouldn't sell, but the man finally offered me his farm for the car, so that was the end of the Ford Agency.

In the Spring of 1904 I shipped into Harper County the first carload of wheat headers.

In the Fall of 1923 I built a stock rack on a Model -T- Ford truck and hauled the first load of hogs from Buffalo to the Wichita markets, 3500 pounds. In the Fall of 1911 I was selected as Under-Sheriff of Harper County and served for four years. In 1916 I was made post-master at Buffalo and served for about five years.

In 1926 I moved to Woodward and engaged in the real estate business. I also wrote insurance. I still live in Woodward.