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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

Report made on (date) September 29 1937

Name Henry Ogle

Post Office Address Tabler, Oklahoma

Residence address (or location) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 30 Year 1892

Place of birth State of Oklahoma

Name of Father Mack Ogle Place of birth Missouri

Other information about father Died at the age of 77

Name of Mother Martha Summers Place of birth Oklahoma

Other information about mother Age 32, Died young

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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My name is Henry Ogle. I was born in Territory days, in what is now called Guster County, close to Arapaho on the 30th day of December, 1892, and soon will be 45 years of age.

My first good recollection is when I was 11 years old when we moved ten miles east of Chickasha. This country then was called Territory. There was very little farming because most of the land was in ranches. The grass that grew on the land east of Chickasha was what you would call bunch grass. In some places it would be tall and in some place not over five or six inches high. Most of the cattle would eat the short grass. A man by the name of Henry Ireton used to own lots of land and a great number of cattle east of Chickasha.

The main water supply for people came from dug wells and springs, but for stock it came from creeks. I have seen the time when all the creeks ten and fifteen miles east of Chickasha were running creeks and fed by springs. Now they are bone dry and look as if they never did have any water in them.

The closest school was at Naples. This was just a one room box building and once in a great while they would have church in this building.

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There were a few deer and lots of prairie chickens but no wild turkey or buffalo around in this locality. There were also a few Indians sprinkled around, but they never did give any trouble. They acted like anyone else.

Chickasha about that time was a very small place. Where the First National Bank building is now I have seen a lake large enough to swim a horse. In rainy weather Chickasha had the muddiest main street of any little town I have ever seen.

The little wooden jail that used to set on the north-east corner by the new court house was made out of two by fours laid flat, one on top of the other. It had two small rooms. This is the kind of a jail that at one time held Al Jennings for some crime that he had committed. I am pretty positive that it was for robbing the Rock Island passenger train at the switch just south of Pocasset. This two room wooden jail is now out at the Chickasha Shannon Springs Park for people to see. Lots of people wonder what it is and why it is out there, but there are still lots of old timers who can very easily tell them.

I have followed ranch work and farming practically

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all my life except the few years I worked for the Rock
Island railroad company. I now live east of Chickasha,
where I have spent the biggest part of my life.