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Field Worker's name Alene D. McDowell.

This report made on (date) March 22, 1938

1. Name Mrs. Mable McClintock,

2. Post Office Address 903 Johnstone, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 903 Johnstone

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month October Day 18 Year 1877

5. Place of birth Severance, Kansas.

6. Name of Father Frank Case Place of birth Ohio.

Other information about father Buried at Hiawatha, Kansas.

7. Name of Mother Eva Steele-Case Place of birth Indiana.

Other information about mother Living at Hiawatha at the age of 80 years.

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 6

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Alene D. McDowell,  
Investigator,  
March 22, 1938.

An Interview with Mrs. Mable McClintock,  
903 Johnstone,  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

I was born October 18, 1877, at Severance, Kansas. My father, Frank Case, was born November 28, 1853, at Painesville, Ohio, and is buried at Hiawatha, Kansas. My mother, Eva Steele Case, was born August 17, 1857, at Kindleville, Indiana, and is living at Hiawatha, Kansas, at the age of eighty years.

I was married to Harry H. McClintock, August 10, 1901, at Hiawatha where we lived for one year, then in 1902 Mr. McClintock came to Bartlesville and established the Crystal Ice and Cold Storage Company. He still operates this business and is the oldest business man who has been in the same business in Bartlesville.

In December, 1903, I came to Bartlesville with two small babies. I had never had the full responsibility of a home and had not done laundry and heavy work so this seemed a real task, taking over the entire responsibility of the home and care of two children. We had come from a

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conservative little city which made this place more crude. We both worked very hard and the pioneer life was good for us. My babies were like twins for there were only fifty-one weeks difference in their ages and I was kept busy with their care.

I came to Bartlesville from Kansas on the one railroad, the Santa Fe. There was a population of approximately 500 and there were few houses here but we were fortunate to rent one of the city's best houses from Dr. Ayres. It was located at the corner of Fifth Street and Johnstone Avenue where the Federal Building now stands and we lived in this place from December, 1903, to May, 1904, then moved into our home at 903 Johnstone where we bought 200 feet for a building location, but have sold all but 75 feet. The town ran south to Eleventh Street and we were located at the south edge of the city.

Mr. Gates started the first telephone line into the present city of Bartlesville; he and my husband drove to Cleveland in the interest of this line. It took them one day to drive there in a buggy and attend to the business

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and they returned the next day. This line was completed in 1904 and our telephone was installed. We have had the same 'phone number, 134, since 1904.

The late W. G. Bryson and my husband were the only two men in Bartlesville who could give the Masonic work and every night in the week someone was at our house to be coached in this work. My husband was so busy with his work in the evenings that I felt he was almost a stranger and I became so disgusted with the Masonic Order that I hated the name.

The churches were well organized when we settled here. The Baptist Church was located at the present site at Fourth and Cherokee, the Christian Church was at Third and Osage where the Curtis Supply Company now stands, the Catholic Church was at the present location, Eighth and Keeler, and in the same building, and the Presbyterian Church was established a short time after our arrival here. Reverend Lamb, a missionary, was the first Presbyterian minister. When the church was dedicated Mr. McClintock was the choir director and I was pianist. We did not belong to any church

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but worked in the Presbyterian for some time. I heard my husband remark that if he affiliated with a church it would be the Christian, so I immediately changed to that denomination and we have been members there for many years.

I bought milk from Mrs. John Wilson who lived across the alley from me at Fourth & Dewey, where the Masonic building now stands. At that time we did not have a delivery service and I took my bucket and went down the alley to her home for the milk.

There were no sidewalks here and the only walk I remember was a board walk in front of the Sam Mooney home on Fifth and Johnstone, where the Y.M.C.A. is now located. I had a double buggy for my babies but could not use it much because there were no walks.

My daughter, Barbara, was the first young lady in Bartlesville to attend one of the larger colleges in the east. She is a graduate of Vassar College of New York.

Some of the pioneer families who were here when we came were: Harold Lannom, George Keeler, William Johnstone, Harve Pemberton, Frank and Parr Bucher, Mrs. Mary Hamilton,

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R. L. Beaty, A.I. Morgan, Mrs. Alice Wilson, Fred McDaniels, Mrs. S. E. Bell, Frank and Jesse Overlees, E. C. Carman, John Finley, Lou and Ed Baird, Joe Govreau, Bob Bradley, H. L. Bryant, A. E. Easter, Miss Eva Filkins, Dr. Fred Sutton, Dr. G. W. Woodring, Guy Tatroe, Maurice Born, J.J. Curl, T.M. Finney, B. M. Brin, M. F. Stillwell, Mrs. Henry Armstrong and daughter, Rosalee, Ed Curtis, Roy McCormick, Andrew Urban, Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Edith Fowler, N.H. Johnson, Leal Duncan, D. A. Campbell, Ola Wilhite, Frank Barnes, Mrs. Dyarmett, Oscar Drum, Judge Graver, R. D. Rood, George Priestley, and Mr. McElhaney. These people were the business foundation of the city of Bartlesville and had the real pioneer spirit of the early days. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown lived northwest of town and were early settlers here. Mrs. Brown is the mother of Olive Stokes Mix, ex-wife of Oklahoma's movie cowboy, Tom Mix.

The Enterprise, Bartlesville's evening newspaper, was owned by Jesse Leach and Mr. Haywood owned the morning paper. The Enterprise is still operated by the Leach family.

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I have done much work among the poor of the community and have been a worker in social affairs until recently when on account of poor health I had to give up a great deal of my social activities last year.