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BIOGRAPHY of GEORGE ROBERTSON.

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Field worker's name Jimmie BirdwellThis report made on (date) September 26 19361. This legend was  
secured from (name) Lee Robertson.Address Corner 33 and South Cleghorn, Chickasha, Oklahoma.This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story George Robertson;an early day cowboy, told by Lee Robertson.Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank  
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets  
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Jimmie Burdwell,  
Interviewer.  
September 16, 1937.

George must have started working about 1890 when he was just a kid. I guess he was about twenty years old. He worked all over the state and made several trips to Dodge City, Kansas, and one to Nebraska. He counted all of his belongings on his saddle rolled up in a slicker.

I have heard him say that he has been in rain and hail storms that were so bad that he would take off his saddle and sit down against a bank and pull the saddle up over his head to keep off the hail stones. He would work for some rancher until he got tired of the country and then would draw his wages and ride on. He would always have two or three blankets and his slicker and would sleep out except in real cold weather.

Once he was night herding a small bunch of fat steers and he went to sleep on his horse and the horse instead of going in a circle around the herd took a straight course and was ten miles from the herd when

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George woke up and saw that the horse had left the herd.

He did not know which way to go back and it took him  
all night to get back to the herd.

In the early days, when a cowboy wanted to go north  
and had no money, he would go to the bank of the Red  
River and hang around until a herd of cattle came by and  
then he would fall in with the crowd of cowboys and go on  
with them, working for his food and not expecting any  
wages.