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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead.

This report made on (date) March 10, 1938. 1938

1. Name Mr. W. L. Rose.

2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 417 North 3rd Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month October Day 16 Year 1880.

5. Place of birth Tennessee.

6. Name of Father W. W. Rose. Place of birth Tennessee.

Other information about father Age 82 and still living.

7. Name of Mother Peggy Gipson. Place of birth Tennessee.

Other information about mother Age 80 and still living.

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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Jasper H. Mead,  
Investigator,  
March 10, 1938.

Interview With Mrs. W. L. Rose,  
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

My name is W. L. Rose; I was born October 16, 1880. I came to the Territory in 1901 and the first place I landed was in the 1800 block on South 9th Street, in Chickasha. Chickasha when I first came here was a very small place with all frame buildings but two and they were built out of red clay brick.

Chickasha like lots of other towns in Oklahoma was started from a railroad camp. The Rock Island Railroad was built through Chickasha in about 1892 and was the first railroad Chickasha had.

Then came the Frisco which runs from Oklahoma City west to Quanah, Texas. This railroad bed was surveyed through the country before Statehood in 1907, so that they wouldn't have to buy any land or pay off any claims. The first depot the Frisco Railroad had in Chickasha was a small box car which used to sit where 9th Street is now.

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I have seen plenty of deer and prairie chickens in and around Chickasha, but I never did see any buffalo as they were farther west out on the plains.

There was a great deal of ranch land around Chickasha and lots of cattle. Chickasha is often called the Queen of the Washita, because it is located in the valley of the Washita River and has some as fine farming land as there is in the state.

If a few of the big land owners in Chickasha had done their part at one time, Chickasha would have been as big as Oklahoma City or bigger.

The Chickasha city hall was built on the southeast corner of the Swinging Circle Ranch, and before it was built, there was a woodyard there run by a man of the name of G. H. Thompson.

The main water supply came from dug wells and most of these wells were cased up on the inside with red clay brick. The first pavement in Chickasha was the brick pavement on Choctaw Avenue which runs from Second Street west to Sixth Street. During the twenty-five years of my stay in Chickasha I have been in the butcher and cattle business.