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Field Worker's name Selfridge, Jennie

This report made on (date) August 24, 1937

1. Name Doc H. Rushing,

2. Post office Address Route 2, Madill, Oklahoma,

3. Residence address. (or location) Near Linn School

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 6 Year 1866

5. Place of birth Alabama

6. Name of Father Alva Rushing Place of birth Alabama.

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 Two.

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Jennie Selfridge,
Interviewer.
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Interview with Doc H. Rushing,
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I came to the Linn Community in 1888 after having spent about two months in Texas on my way out from Alabama. The post office had been established about one year when I came. The town was named from three brothers who operated a lease here. They were Sim, George and Matt Linn. A man named Walker put in the first store and operated the first post office.

The old "44" Ranch had been established four miles west of Linn, although it was broken up when I came here. There were still a few of the cattle with the "44" brand scattered about over the country. Another ranch was the Lee Ranch on Glasses Creek.

Joe Moore's ferry was a lively place about that time. This ferry was sometimes spoken of as the Linn ferry, and always did a good business. Joe Moore died a year or two after I came into the community and others took over the operation of the ferry. A few years later Jess Stockton,

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a grandson of Moore, put in a ferry one and one-half miles east of Linn and about a mile below the Moore ferry. This ferry was also spoken of as the Linn ferry, although there was never a wagon crossing here as was the case at the Moore ferry; therefore all of the traffic here was hauled across on the ferry. This ferry was abandoned about fifteen years ago.

At first Caddogot most of the trade in the Linn Community although in a short while Linn had four or five general merchandise stores, a gin, two doctors, two churches (Baptist and Methodist), both of which used the same log house, and a school.

Today nothing remains except the schoolhouse and one store. The post office has been discontinued and all mail is handled over a rural route.

Bill Archard was one of the early settlers of this section. He married an Indian woman. She was one of the Burneys and a sister to Governor Ben Burney.