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BIOGRAPHY FOR
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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Lula Austin,

This report made on (date) December 10, 1937

1. Name Dr. G. M. Rushing,

2. Post office Address Durant, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 402 N. 4th.

4. DATE BIRTH: February Day 16 Year 1868

5. Place of birth Elba, Alabama.

6. Name of Father E. M. Rushing Place of birth Ala.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Fannie Yelverton Place of birth Alabama.

Other information about mother Daughter of Judge and

Mrs. Yelverton.

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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Lula Austin,
Investigator.
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Interview with Dr. G. M. Rushing,
402 N. 4th, Durant, Oklahoma.

I came to Durant in 1898 and in the winter of that year many tragedies occurred. There were many people living in tents. The weather was very cold and pneumonia and a malignant form of measles and smallpox broke out.

I was kept busy going from tent to tent with my assistant going ahead giving each family a bar of soap and asking them to wash up as the doctor was coming.

Most of the people in Durant lived in tents in 1898.

I was riding from home on horseback when I distinctly felt my ears pop open from intense cold.

I had been calling east of Durant about 11 o'clock P. M. and at Connells Creek two men came into the road ahead and stopped me; they looked into my buggy, looked at me and they then said, "Drive on". I later learned

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that Mr. Wall, a United States Marshal, had driven that way during the day but fortunately for him he came back to town on another road to the south.

I have witnessed many violent deaths during my period of practice in the territory.

Soon after coming to Durant I made friends with Lump Adkins, an Indian whom all admired and respected and to his friendship for me I have attributed my many friends among the red men.

The saddest thing I remember was the killing of John O'Riley, one of the best men of the entire Indian Territory.