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Field Worker's name Ethel B. Rickett.This report made on (date) May 26, 1937. 193  1. Name Mark Sauerberg.2. Post Office Address Lone wolf, Oklahoma.3. Residence address (or location) Box 26.4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 28 Year 1872.5. Place of birth Germany.6. Name of Father Frederick Sauerberg. Place of birth Germany.Other information about father was a soldier in the German Army.7. Name of Mother Margarete Breun Sauerberg. Place of birth Germany.

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 3.

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Ethel B. Jackitt,  
field worker,  
May 26, 1937.

An interview with Mark Sauerberg,  
Lone Wolf, Oklahoma,  
relates early experiences as Liveryman  
and of meeting a Mexican who claimed to  
be the only survivor of a battle with  
Indians on Mount King in Kiowa County.

I was born in Germany on February 28, 1872, and came  
from there to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1889 where I lived until  
1896. Then I came to Oklahoma and settled at Wakita in  
Grant County, and opened up a livery business with my  
brother, Bill Sauerberg.

We kept eighteen teams and buggies which we rented out  
to persons who wanted to go places and usually we sent a  
driver along to do the driving and look after the team.

The charge for team, buggy and driver was \$3.00 per day,  
anywhere the person wanted to go.

I drove Stilwell, President of the Orient Railroad,  
Slocum and J. S. Shelbourn from Manchester, Kansas, to  
Chillicothe, Texas, when they went to look out the right-of-  
way for the Orient Railroad. This was in the spring of 1900.

In 1901 when the Kiowa country was opened I came to  
Lone Wolf and assisted in establishing the postoffice. It  
was in a tent and Captain Dewees was postmaster.

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I went to Lugart, twelve miles south of Lone Wolf in the Wichita mountains, and went into the saloon business. It was here that I came in contact with the Mexican who told me the story of his fight with Indians.

This Mexican was then about sixty-five years old and was around my place for about three months.

He kept rather to himself and seemed pre-occupied. One evening we were alone and were standing out of doors looking toward Mount King which was only a half a mile to the south. This Mexican told me that he with some other Mexicans had at one time been digging in the west side of this mountain hunting a buried treasure which was reported by his people to be buried there. They were attacked by the Indians and took refuge on top of Mount King. There followed a desperate fight but the Indians outnumbered them and this Mexican was the only one to get away. The old mining shaft was there for I have been in it numbers of times and on top of Mount King were to be found many human bones when I was there in 1901.

The Mexican disappeared soon after telling me this story. He never did give any name, but I am sure that he was hunting this buried treasure.

