

SANBORN, NETTIE . INTERVIEW

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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Pearl E. Parker
 This report made on (date) July 13, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Nettie Sanborn
 2. Post Office Address Cherokee, Oklahoma
 3. Residence address (or location) 414 North Ohio
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 2 Year 1871
 5. Place of birth Laptha, Missouri

6. Name of Father Bland Bernard Place of birth Indiana
 Other information about father _____
 7. Name of Mother Metta Richardson. Place of birth Missouri
 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 1 1/2.

An interview with Mrs. Nettie Sanborn, Cherokee, Okla.,
By - Pearl E. Parker, Field Worker.

July 13, 1937.

I was born in the State of Ohio and came to Oklahoma
~~at the opening of the Cherokee Strip, September 16, 1893.~~

At the age of twenty-two years I came to Barber County,
Kansas.

My husband made the run, rode horseback and filed on
a claim two miles east of Cherokee. He stayed here a while
and later moved his family here.

We built a house which had one large room, and it
was made of sod. We couldn't raise any crops at first but
later we raised wheat and we got forty-five cents per bushel
for it.

When I first came to Oklahoma the prairie dogs were
so thick that we could hardly raise any thing. We drove
thirty miles to trade and did most of our trading at Alva,
and Kiowa, Kansas, the nearest trading points.

Our well was a drilled well, and we had to draw the
water up with a bucket. The coyotes used to come up to the
wells and chew the straps which we used in drawing up water.

Lots of campers used to come through our place and
stop over and eat with us. We weren't very far from what
they called the Kiowa Trail which many people traveled.

I helped several of the neighbors build their sod houses, as people exchanged work in those days.

~~My husband is dead, so I am a widow sixty-five~~
years of age.
