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BIOGRAPHY FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer-History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Joe Southern

Report made on (date) October 13, 1937

Name John Saul

Post Office Address Atoka, Oklahoma

Residence address (or location) Atoka, Oklahoma

DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 4 Year 1854

Place of birth _____

Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

Give 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 4

Cow towns and ranchers - names of each.

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Interview with John Saul
Atoka, Oklahoma

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John Saul, a white man, was born December 4, 1854; moved to Atoka in 1876; has resided here ever since.

Atoka and Stringtown are two of the oldest cow towns and shipping points in what is now Oklahoma.

From 1876 up to 1895, such men as are listed below, who were Choctaw or Chickasaw Indians, owned and operated cattle ranches in and around Atoka; they did their shipping from these cow towns.

Charles LeFlore	Indian
Joe Ward	"
Sobe Love	"
Foot Dillard	"
Jim Davis	"

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Jcel Nail	Indian
Allen Wright	"
Allinton Telle	"
Sampson James	"
Joe Homa	"
Wallace Thompson	"
Robt. Harrison	"
Frank Rodgers	"
Ed McKeney	"
Dr. Miller	"
Bill Dunn	"

These men raised and shipped thousands of head of cattle from Stringtown and Atoka. The following is a list of white men who owned and

operated different ranches in Atoka County from 1895 up to 1915.

Zy Dulany	white man
Jonas Cobb	"
D. N. Robb	"
John Scott	"

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Shade Ishmel white man

Mike Huddleson "

Dr. J. S. Fulton " "

Thomas Ball "

O. P. Ray, Sr. "

Pete Watson and Ed Carr "

J. O. Kuyrkendall was President of the D.

O. K. Land and Cattle Company.

All these different ranches and men shipped from Atoka and Stringtown.

Atoka, Stringtown and the surrounding country was a Cattle Kingdom on account of plenty of water and open range; plenty of food and winter protection for stock.

The main shipping points were Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, Fort Worth, and Oklahoma City.

The principal buyers were Cudahy and Wilson and Morris Packing Companies.