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Name of informant Ida B. Lankford

Date of interview (date) November 10, 1937

1. Name Effie Scarberry

2. Present address Wilson, Oklahoma

3. Former address (if local) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 9 Year 1878

5. Place of birth Boonville, Indiana

6. Name of Father H. R. Lankford Place of birth Indiana

Occupation of father Farmer

7. Name of Mother Manda Morteau Place of birth Indiana

Other information about mother _____

Note: In regard to narrative version of life and story of the informant interviewed. It is to be understood that the informant is not a professional historian and that the information given is based on her own memory and knowledge of the facts of her life and the lives of her family to the extent that she can recall them.

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Investigator
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Interview with Effie Scarberry
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I was born in Booneville, Indiana, in 1878. My father
W. R. Lankford, my mother, two brothers, two sisters and
left Indiana the year I was six years old. We went to
Missouri, and stayed eleven months with father's sister,
Mary Watson. From there we went to Durin, Kansas, and stayed
three months, then started for Alvarado, Texas.

We were in a covered wagon, and were afraid to get off
the road. One day while we were camped, an Indian came to
our wagons. The children were safely secured, we got into
of the wagons, and had to be afraid to look, afraid the
Indians would get us.

We went to Alvarado, to get the wheat with father
having no work nor money. My father had ten pennies in his
pocket, a wife and five children to feed. He came for
dinner and I found a dime. I gave it to my dad so he could
buy some tobacco. While we were eating dinner a man came
driving a wagon, and asked Dad if he wanted to pick cotton.
Dad said, "Yes, but I have never picked any." The man hired

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the east of Nevada. His name was Doc

While living in Reno, I was

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we had a few

other things

we were

was a saw

lumber

and one up-stairs

boards that cover

there was no one to work

care of. I would

one and a half

bills and traded our

Then I traded three head of hogs for a grey horse and my hus-

band's brother gave us a wagon, and we started on to Washita

County.

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We landed southeast of Cordell, on the John Rigney place, in 1900. My brother, J. T. Lankford, lived there and we stayed with him for a while, both families living in a half dugout. Then his father-in-law came and bought a place. My brother and family moved on his place and we rented the John Rigney place. The dugout had a fireplace and when my husband was down sick for forty days, I would burn cottonwood limbs and cow chips to keep us from freezing. My husband is still with me in spite of all the sufferings and hardships he has been through. We have had six children, three boys and three girls.

My mother is still living. She lives at Hobart and will be eighty years old February 15, 1938, and my husband was seventy October 11, 1907. I am fifty nine years of age, and have been married forty-three years January 6, 1938. We have never been parted from each other and both belong to the Baptist Church. We are thankful we have our health, and our children.

Oh yes, our bedsteads, tables, and benches were made out of poles and cottonwood lumber. We made them ourselves. We never had any screens until our children were grown. We

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went to church in wagons and if someone would get a hack
we thought they were rich. We are both old now and are
living on a nineteen dollar a month pension my husband gets.