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INTERVIEW

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Field Worker's name Louise S. Barnes

This report made on (date) November 30, 1937

1. Name J. W. Sain
2. Post Office Address Kingfisher, Oklahoma
3. Residence address (or location) _____
4. DATE OF BIRTH: 1st June Day _____ Year 1848
5. Place of birth Perry County, Ohio

6. Name of Father Peter Sain Place of birth Ohio

Other information about father Farmer

7. Name of Mother Elizabeth Sain Place of birth Ohio

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 _____

Louise S. Barnes
Investigator
November 30, 1937.

Interview with J. W. Sain
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

I was born in Perry County, Ohio, in 1848, and my early years were spent in that locality. I completed my education in Somerset Academy and then spent a successful career as a teacher. My first experience in that line was when I was seventeen years old, and for fifteen years or terms I continued to teach in Perry County. For three years prior to the time I came west I engaged in a mercantile business at Junction City, Ohio.

In 1877 I went to Ringgold, Iowa, and purchased a tract of prairie land, which I improved, making a model homestead of the place. During the eight years of my residence there I was quite a successful farmer and stockman and added to my income by teaching school in the winter.

In 1895 I located at Harper County, Kansas, buying a farm near the town of Harper in which place I constructed a business block which I leased to merchants.

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I was one of the public-spirited citizens who were associated with the founding of Kingfisher County; I was the third man to reach Kingfisher on the 22nd day of April, 1889, and to secure some desirable city lots. At the end of two months I found that the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 17, Range 7, had been overlooked and I immediately filed a claim to the property. From the raw prairie land I developed a model country home. I raised wheat and corn every year. I planted a large orchard and made various improvements on my farm until I had one of the best improved farms in Kingfisher County.

The active part which I took in the educational matters in Iowa led to my being made the first principal in the Kingfisher schools and before a school building had been put up in District 63, I taught pupils in my own house and took active part in the work of obtaining proper accommodations.

I still reside on my homestead north of Kingfisher.