

SCOTT, J. H., INTERVIEW.

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Field Worker's name

John C. Kerr

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1. Name

J. H. Scott

2. Post Office Address

Perry, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location)

407 Ivanhoe Street

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month

Day

Year

1862

5. Place of birth

Centerville, Iowa

6. Name of Father

Place of birth

Other information about father

7. Name of Mother

Place of birth

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 _____.

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I was born at Centerville, Iowa, in 1862 and came to Orlando in the summer of 1893.

Made the race to Perry, September 16, 1893, on a horse with two companions. It just took us thirty-eight minutes. We beat the first train in to Perry. The other men's names were A. I. Akers and Wm. Barber. The distance was about nine miles. Mrs. Akers and my wife drove a pair of four-year-old colts in after us and the colts ran off with them. But no one was hurt. They arrived at Perry about five o'clock.

Mr. Scott established a dray business and hauled water one and one-half miles from a spring west of Perry, on what is now the Boyce farm. He also bought crab-grass hay and watermelons that were shipped in from Kansas to the Wharton Store, about one and one-half miles south of Perry, and he peddled them out to make his first money in Perry. The hay was \$20.00 per ton.

Times were pretty hard for about two years, and Mr. Scott says that he wouldn't want any more openings like this. He afterwards engaged in the house-moving business which was a very good-paying business. He now raises garden truck at his home on Ivanhoe Street, Perry, Oklahoma.
