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Field Worker's name Raymond C. Jantz.

This report made on (date) March 16, 1938. 1938

1. Name D. R. Sheppard.

2. Post Office Address Carnegie, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 9 Year 1885.

5. Place of birth Indiana.

6. Name of Father W. F. Sheppard. Place of birth Illinois.

Other information about father Farmer.

7. Name of Mother Elizabeth Crosby. Place of birth Indiana.

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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Raymond C. Jantz,
Investigator,
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An Interview With D. R. Sheppard,
Carnegie, Oklahoma.

I was born and raised in the State of Indiana. In the year of 1901 my parents decided to move into the Indian Territory. So we started from our home in Indiana in a covered wagon to seek out new lands and a new home. When we left Southwest City, Missouri, we struck a trail leading in our direction. This trail was very much used so we stayed on it. We went through some towns. First we struck Vinita and from there to Tulsa. At this point we had to ford the Arkansas River as there were no bridges. From Tulsa in a southwest direction we went through the towns of Sapulpa, Bristow, Chandler and about three or four miles north of Oklahoma City. From Oklahoma City we went to Union City and there we forded the Canadian River between Union City and Minco. From this point we went southwest to the present city of Anadarko. Anadarko at this time was only a trading post and the Indian Agency. Then from Anadarko to Fort Cobb, the trail missed Fort Cobb about

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one-half mile and continued on and missed Carnegie about three or four miles. Here is about the place that we settled on. The trail ran through the quarter section that my father filed on and the one that we still live on. From our homestead it led into Mountain View where it intersected with another trail. This is as near as I can remember the trail but this is close to exact.

In 1912 I began collecting old relics and articles for a hobby because my health was none too good. I have been collecting these since this time. I believe I have one of the best collections that any one man has in our state. I have the headdress, two peace pipes, his war bonnet and tobacco pouch of Chief Apeahstone, the last Chief of the Kiowas. The Fort Sill Historical building has many of my articles.

(I have listed some of the articles that Mr. D. R. Sheppard has in his collection. He has as follows:
Cartridges numbering around 1500 different kinds including American and foreign makes. He also has about 50 brass shells of the World War from 1 pounders to the 9 inch German shells.

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He has about 40 different kinds of gun powders.

Also all types of gun and cartridge belts used in the Army from Revolutionary War till present time. He has three aircraft machine guns, namely 1 Louis, 1 Marlin, and 1 Viker. He also has a German Bomb thrower of the World War. Also 4 gas masks from different countries; 1 German, 1 American, 1 French and 1 British.

Mr Sheppard has two cartridge belts from the Villa Army of Mexico. He also has duplicates of guns that killed presidents, Garfield, Lincoln and McKinley. He has belt buckles of the American Army as far back as the Revolutionary War. Mr. Sheppard says that he believes he has the largest collection of Oklahoma Indian arrowheads in existence. He also has 25 rifles that date back to the Revolutionary War and he also has about 200 different kinds of pistols.

Mr. Sheppard is now collecting different brands of different ranches and Indian brands as well. - Investigator)