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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

This report made on (date) February 12 1938

1. Name Mr. J. B. McCauley

2. Post Office Address Tuttle Route 3

3. Residence address (or location) 7 miles east of Chickasha

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month July Day 1 Year 1889

5. Place of birth 7 miles northeast of Chickasha

6. Name of Father A. C. McCauley Place of birth Mississippi

Other information about father Age 75

7. Name of Mother Clementine Baley Place of birth Indian

Other information about mother Age 70  
Territory

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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Jasper H. Mead  
Investigator  
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Interview with Mr. J. B. McCauley  
Tuttle, Route 3

I was born July 1, 1889, at a place seven miles east of Chickasha, thirty-eight years ago and I lived on this place until I was fifteen years old. The main water supply came from dug wells and from the Washita River but the river water was used mostly for watering cattle.

As far back as I can remember real well this river used to be about half as large as it is now. I have seen this river when you could go up it for miles and jump from bank to bank.

The big ranchers in Texas were always glad when they got to the Washita River because it was the first real water they struck after they left Red River, and four or five miles from our place I can still show you the signs of the real old Chisholm Trail where it ran east of Chickasha and where it crossed Bitter Creek. I remember when all the hollows and canyons east of Chickasha were fed by springs and some of them were pretty nice creeks, but now they are bone dry and never have any water in them only when it rains.

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The closest town to the place where I was born was Pocasset, and there is where my people did their trading. Pocasset was just a small place with one or two stores and it started from a Rock Island Railroad camp, but is an older place than Chickasha.

The only ranch that I ever knew much about was the Dave Hill Ranch which was located around a place now called Lucile; Lucile is just a switch on the branch line of the Santa Fe Railroad, which runs from Purcell to Chickasha. In late years they have gotten a small store and built a cotton gin at Lucile.

What were called the corn years were 1908 and 1912 and in those two years there was more corn raised than has ever been raised since in Grady County.

There were quite a few Indians around close to the place where I was born, and because I was a quarter-blood Creek myself I never did think the Indians were wild. My mother was half Creek and she was just like any other boy's mother. All of us children drew land and I now live on my allotment. I have lived in and around Chickasha for thirty-eight years and am a farmer by trade.