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Field Worker's name Mildred B. McFarland.

This report made on (date) April 25, 1938. 193

1. Name William D. Shultz.

2. Post Office Address Mulhall, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) General Delivery.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 1 Year 1864.

5. Place of birth Missouri.

6. Name of Father Hezakiah Shultz. Place of birth Pennsylvania

7. Name of Mother Americus Jones Shultz. Place of birth Kentucky..

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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Mildred B. McFarland,
Investigator,
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Interview With William D. Schultz,
Mulhall, Oklahoma.

At the age of fourteen, in 1878, I started working as a cow puncher on the Wiser and Harrington cattle ranch and worked there until 1888, at which time I left and bought a farm near Eureka, Kansas.

I decided to make the Run into Oklahoma, so left my wife to look after the farm and started for the line in a lumber wagon, coming to the line near Orlando. I drove the first lumber wagon ever driven through Mulhall and I staked my claim on Skeleton Creek, just eight and one-half miles southwest of Mulhall.

I dug a big hole in the side of a hill and covered it with boards and brush for a shelter, and there was a splendid spring on the place to supply water. I had brought a few things with me, such as a bed, stove and dishes.

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That spring I cleared about twenty acres of ground, but did not plant anything, however, for after I had broken the land I went back to Kansas and harvested the crops I had planted there.

After my return here I fenced in all the place and bought quite a few cattle and horses.

There were quite a lot of wild deer close by and one day I shot seven of them and sold the meat.

We attended quite a few neighborhood dances and gatherings and we built a log house and used it for a school house, which was called CottonWood School.

Alfred was the first name given to the town, but seven years later it was named after Jack Mulhall, a very prominent citizen.

I took quite an interest in politics, being a strong Republican; however, I never held an office.

I still own my homestead and three hundred sixty acres besides but I rented the home place out and moved out into Mulhall about one year ago for I am getting too old to look after the farm.

I was a very close friend of the Miller boys who

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owned the 101 ranch. I still belong to the cowpuncher association and all the old cow boys names are engraved on a buffalo hide that is on exhibition in the Historical Building in Oklahoma City.