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Field Worker's name Fink, Maude M.

This report made on (date): April 14, 1937

1. Name Mr. J. D. Simpson

2. Post Office Address 502 1/2 Frisco, Clinton, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Same

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month October Day 5 Year 1856

5. Place of birth Tyler, Texas

6. Name of Father Nedham Simpson Place of birth Medilton, Tenn.

Other information about father Merchandise, timber, Negroes.

7. Name of Mother Amendia Lamaeth Place of birth Medilton, Tennessee.

Other information about mother Housewife.

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 2.

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Born October 5, 1856.
Father-Medham Simpson.
Mother Amendia Lamaeth.

The first Custer County newspaper was the "Arapaho Bee" and Mr. J. W. Lation was the editor.

The stage routes were from Arapaho to El Reno. The Stage would leave Arapaho at four A. M. and arrive at El Reno at nine P. M. These were the two nearest towns.

They would change horses at different places, at Weatherford, Bridgeport, and Calumet.

There were no bridges at that time and the stage coaches would ford the Canadian River just above the place where the Rock Island Railroad crosses.

The Indians used to bury their dead in wagon beds. When a man died they would wrap him in the hide of an animal and put him in the wagon box. Then they would tie ropes around the bed and draw it up into a tree. If the dead had any possessions the Indians would bury them with the body of the one who had died.

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The Indians would kill cattle with their bow and
arrows.