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This report made on (date) July 20, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Annie Hutton

2. Post Office Address Frederick, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) North 4th Street,

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day Year 1854

5. Place of birth Arkansas

6. Name of Father Thomas Mayfield. 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 .

An interview with Mrs. Annie Hutton, Frederick, Okla.
By - Ruth Lee Gamblin, Field Worker.
July 20, 1937.

I was born May 1854, in Arkansas. My parents' names were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mayfield. I lived in that state until I came to the Indian Territory during the opening of 1901.

I left Arkansas in two wagons together with my husband and children for Lawton in hopes my husband might draw some land. We were one week making the trip, however, that was good time for the weather we had. It was in the winter and at times we could not find timber to burn, so we had to use some of our furniture.

My husband drew a place six miles west of what is now Frederick, and I stayed in Lawton with our children in a tent while my husband came on over and cleared the land and built a house. He built a one room house and half dugout. They each had a dirt floor.

We stayed in Lawton around three months after which Mr. Hutton came after us. We brought some furniture with us from Arkansas, however, as I said we used some of it for fuel so we replaced that. Also brought a good sup-

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ply of food. I really didn't know what we were running into.

When we arrived on our land and I saw that we did not have a neighbor, that we were the first people to establish a home in the west part of the county, that everything was covered with prairie grass I was rather blue. Mr. Hutton had to poison prairie dogs and antelope before he ^{could} even begin to make a crop.

Besides the house-hold duties I also would go to Vernon once a week in summer and once every two weeks in winter after our mail and groceries. There was no bridge across the river, just sand and straw, not even roads. But everyone tried to travel the same path, and believe me, it was a path as that was the only close town and by that time the country was building fast and everyone was going to Vernon after lumber.

We had church each Sunday just as we do now; however, we didn't have a church building. We held church in first one home then the other. I believe everyone was more congenial in those days than they are now. We all worked together and life was good.

We had a good supply of water; in fact, we fur-

nished all the neighbors water. We had some one to camp with us almost every night. They would stop and inquire about their land and my husband would always tell them where it was, as he knew the descriptions.

As we were in the sandy part of the country we really got full benefit of the sand storms. The ones we have now do not compare with the ones in early days.

After they began building schools the country built fast and before we knew it, was thickly settled.

We continued to live on the farm until my husband passed away in 1910. I then bought a home in Frederick where I now reside, however, I still own our farm that we settled on.
