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HAILEY, W. E.

INTERVIEW.

13661.

Field worker's name Theodore R. Hamilton

This report made on (date) April 20, 1938

1. This legend was secured from (name) W. E. Hailey

Address McAlester, Oklahoma.

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story \_\_\_\_\_

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 1

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"TOLL BRIDGE" •

During the early days in the Territory it became a custom for some person to erect a bridge over a stream and make a charge for crossing on it. One of these bridges was located about a mile south of old Perryville, a town that is now extinct except for a reconstructed stage stop that has been built on the original site by a Mr. Cambron, over the creek known as Peaceable.

This toll bridge was on a well traveled road and the owner and operator, Jim Johnson, derived a good living from it for a number of years until it began to get ramshackle and dangerous to cross on. There was a ford in the creek almost at the side of the bridge that was used in times when the water was low, and after the bridge became dangerous, Johnson would still keep his pole across the road and make the travelers pay a toll whether they used the bridge or forded the creek, which most of them usually did after getting a look at the bridge.