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INTERVIEW

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Alson J. Chase

This report made on (date) August 11, 1937

1. Name Eugene Simmons

2. Post Office Address Woodward, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 208 Santa Fe

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 21 Year 1873

5. Place of birth Iowa

6. Name of Father Jacob L. Simmons Place of birth Pennsylvania

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Mary Chase Place of birth Indiana.

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 1.

An Interview with Mr. Eugene Simmons, Woodward, Oklahoma.  
By - Alson J. Chase - Field Worker.  
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In 1894 I left Kansas in search of land; came to Oklahoma and filed on a quarter of land southwest of Woodward on Indian Creek. I did not farm my land but in the summer-time I would put up hay and in the winter would take in stock to feed.

My house was built with a sod roof but had a wood floor.

In early June of 1892, I helped take a big bunch of cattle from Quanah, Texas, to Medicine Lodge, Kansas. We grazed these cattle along the way, up one creek and down another where they would have plenty of water. There were one thousand head of three year old steers and it took us four months to graze them through. We crossed the North Canadian River between Woodward and Moreland; just as we were ready to cross the river, the train came along and caused the cattle to stampede.

I sold out in 1903, and moved to Woodward, Oklahoma.

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