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INTERVIEW WITH LUCRETIA C. FRUITT.
FIELD WORKER REUBEN PARTRIDGE.
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Mrs. Pruitt was born in Henry County, Missouri, near the town of Clinton. In a covered wagon she came to Indian Territory, April 1st, 1892, and located at Catoosa, which at that time had one General Dry Goods store, a blacksmith shop, and a Postoffice, and was a shipping point for cattle. She considered it quite a wild place in which to live, as there were several shooting scrapes and killings.

After living in Catoosa for three years, she and her family moved to Tulsey Town in 1895, and moved into an old house next to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, on the east of what is now First and Boston streets, Tulsa, Okla. She bought a piece of ground from Bob Childers, her neighbor on the north. This land was located where Brady and Cheyenne streets are now, and her cow pen ran across a ravine and extended to Denver Avenue, and was considered to be out in the country, or suburbs. She built a small cottage, and later traded her property for a five room house which was built by Mr. Groves at 919 N. Denver, in Burgess Heights, where she still lives. The reason Mr. Groves traded was that his wife did not like to live in the country and wanted to move to town.