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INTERVIEW

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Field worker's name LOUISE S. BARNES.

This report made on (date) SEPTEMBER 16, 1937

1. This legend was
secured from (name) Robert Smith

Address Geary, Oklahoma.

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

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story Cowboy Dance. How the

dances were given and held in 1889 to 1892.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets
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Louise S. Barnes,
Interviewer.
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"COWBOY DANCE"

Mr. Robert Smith made the following statements:

The dances were held in long, roundly built buildings built of the coarsest lumber and so. The floors were terribly rough.

The music consisted of one or two men with a guitar playing very fast and loud pieces. The musicians took little time to rest after the dance once had started.

The cowboys would dress in their best coats and regular cowboy clothes; they would even wear their spurs; they never thought of taking them off.

The girls dressed in different ways, mostly in calico aprons.

Cowboys would dance awhile and then drink awhile. It was nothing uncommon for the dance to end by shooting all the lights and windows out. But there was very seldom anyone hurt.