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Field Worker's name Augusta H. Custer.

This report made on (date) January 18, 1938 1938

1. Name Roy Stansbury.

2. Post Office Address Canton, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) East part of Main Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1874.

5. Place of birth Missouri.

6. Name of Father J. Stansbury. Place of birth Indiana.

Other information about father Went to Iowa when ten years old.

7. Name of Mother Mrs. J. Stansbury. Place of birth Ohio.

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 2.

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Augusta H. Custer,  
Interviewer.  
January 1, 1938.

An Interview With Roy Stansbury,  
Canton, Oklahoma.

I have been in Blaine County since 1900. I ran a saloon at Canton in the early days. At present my wife and I are living in Canton and I do no regular work, but just keep up my property. I have quite an interesting collection of Indian relics, but at this time they are packed away to be out of the dust.

I shipped my stuff from Clarke County, Iowa, on an immigrant train to Hitchcock. There was plenty of land to be leased and I had thirty-six quarters leased for several years and ran cattle.

I had some Indian land leased along Nine Mile Creek. This creek was full of holes and the holes were full of black bass and catfish. We would take a seine and get all the fish everybody around there would want.

There was plenty of deer on White Shirt's place, and prairie chickens. I had those to eat anytime I wanted them.

Negroes raised vegetables of all kinds and sold to the Indian agency at Cantonment.

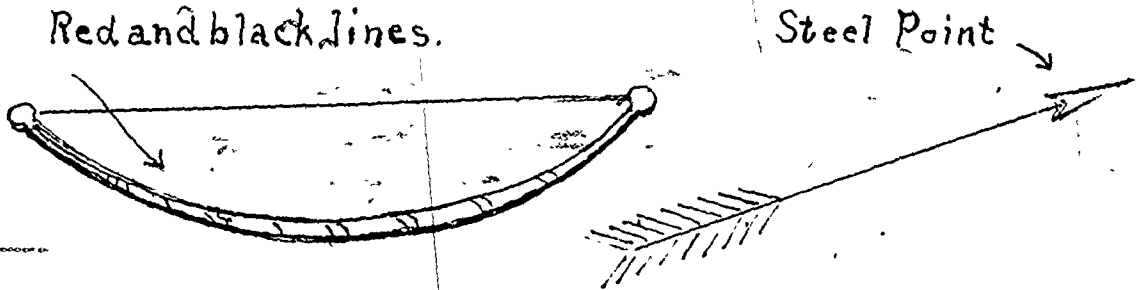
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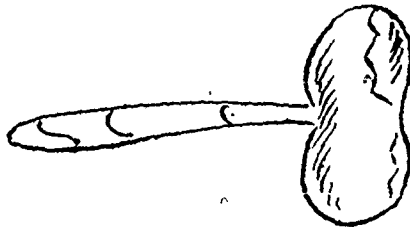
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I have a bow and some arrows that I got from Yellow Hawk. They are decorated and look like this picture.



Yellow Hawk used this to kill wild turkeys, rabbits and prairie chickens.

I was plowing here in my garden and plowed up this old stone hammer. It is in a good state of preservation, the raw hide that is fastened around the center is solid, and the covering of rawhide is still about half on the stone. The handle is still covered with rawhide. The Indians told me that it was used to mash up wheat or corn to be used in making bread. Weight is about five pounds.



I have six Navaho and two Chimayo blankets and Mrs. Stansbury has three beautiful old shawls that Indians had used.