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Interview with Pauline Stumpff.
Story of her father, Elmore L. Smith.
Born 1880. Canadian, Oklahoma.
Father-Hervey Smith
Mother-Lizzie Thrasher.

Mr. Smith was born two miles north of Canadian, Oklahoma, January 19, 1880, just across the road from where he now lives.

He is one-sixteenth Choctaw and got an allotment of about 900 acres of land for himself and family. This allotment was two and one half miles south of Cowlington, Oklahoma, then Indian Territory, a small village in Eastern Oklahoma. His house on the home place was a double built log house. It was two log houses with a hall way between them. His hall was about six feet across and served as a bedroom in summer.

Mr. Smith raised cattle and hogs enough for his own meat, raised corn and cane for feed, and sold cattle along as he needed money. His daughter said that her father raised almost everything they had to eat, ground his own cornmeal, made molasses out of home grown cane; in fact he did buy but few groceries in town.

Mr. Smith's daughter said when she was just a small child the Indians would come to town and get drunk and come by the Smith home. They were always wanting to fight. Most all of them would have an old gun and when they would hear a drunken Indian whoop, they would shut up the house and not open the door until they were sure that the Indian had gone.

Mr. Smith sold his allotment and moved back Canadian where he was born and here he has lived ever since.

Mr. Smith said that back when he was building his home, there was a small creek about 100 feet from the house and he built a small log house over the little stream and used it for a milk house.