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Jimmie Birdwell

June 15

As told by Ocie Swearinger, (Daughter) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

William Hunt

Jennings, Oklahoma

8 miles SE of Jennings

October

31

1862

Michigan

Daughters name. Ocie Swearinger, 825 SW 33rd Street.

Joe Hunt

Michigan

Bulah Lockwood

Michigan

Jimmie Birdwell
Field Worker
June 15, 1937

Interview with
Ocie Swearinger
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Hunt was rambling around over the country on horseback when he decided to stake a claim; the country looked good around Jennings and when it was opened for settlement he took a place three miles southeast of Jennings. He had no wife at that time and did not marry for twelve years.

He built a small pole shack and at odd times he would clear a little ground and haul off a load of rock. He did not try to raise any crops except feed. He raised a few cattle and horses.

Two miles southeast of him there was a spring known as the Dalton Springs, where someone had built a log house and the outlaws had taken it. It was used mostly by the Daltons. ~~The lesser outlaws would keep all of the stock run off.~~

Mr. Hunt was kept busy hunting his stock and bringing

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it back home, so for five years he did not do anything except plant a little feed and hunt his stolen stock. Then the outlaws gave him some rest and he bought a sawmill and built a small frame house. He used his mill, which was small, for his own use and would sell a little lumber and saw his neighbors logs up on shares. Folks would trade him feed for sawmill work and sometimes a horse or cow; anything was accepted in trade for mill work.