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BIOGRAPHY FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for OklahomaField Worker's name Jasper H. MeadThis report made on (date) July 22 1937

1. Name Jim Taylor
2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) 325 N. 12th Street
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 9 Year 1878
5. Place of birth Robinsonville, Texas.

6. Name of Father Nat Taylor Place of birth Texas
Other information about father Age 38 died young.
7. Name of Mother Katy Shelby Place of birth Kentucky
Other information about mother Died at the age of 65

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 Five.

Jasper H. Mead
Interviewer
July 22, 1937

Interview with
Jim Taylor
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

I was born in Robinsonville, Texas, September 9,
1878.

When I came to Oklahoma the first place I landed
was at Marlow, in 1901.

The only brick building there was owned by a man
by the name of Smiley, the rest of the buildings
there were built out of timber. They had plank side-
walks which were about three feet wide in most places
except where they passed in front of a man's place of
business.

Marlow at that time, was what was called a cattle-
man's town.

The water supply around there came from dug-wells
which were cased up from the bottom to top with planks
or bricks.

The Rock Island Railroad Company had several wells
they had dug which were known as watering stations.

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The school building was a small wooden building. It didn't have to be very large for there were not very many pupils to go to school. Each family paid so much for each child they had in school.

There was little farming around Marlow at that time because most of the land was in ranches. I worked for a man by the name of Perry Grim on Rush Creek, he was a big rancher and had lots of cattle and horses. He paid me \$20.00 per month and board.

One time there was a bunch of grafters came through the country and said they were government men and that they were collecting so much taxes on each head of cattle and horses. They would tell these ranch owners if they didn't pay off, there was another bunch of government men following them up who would either collect or run them out of the country. Sometimes these ranchers wouldn't pay off right on the start, but after the guys would leave they would get to thinking about it and ride fifteen and twenty miles after them to get to pay them. Finally there were some sure enough government men

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came along and they sure did scatter, but it was too late for the grafters already had the money.

Hic Harris, a wealthy Indian, owned a big ranch next to Perry Grim, the man I worked for. There were not very many Indians around Marlow, but every year they would have what they called picnics and pony races and the Indians would come from every direction. We sure would have some good times.
