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Field Worker's name Robert H. Boatman,
 This report made on (date) October 20, 1937

1. Name Pink Prigmore,
2. Post Office Address Blanchard, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) _____
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father D. H. Prigmore Place of birth Missouri
 Other information about father Came to Indian Territory in 1887.
7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____
 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 Three.

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Investigator.
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An Interview with Pink Prigmore,
Son of D. H. Prigmore, Blanchard, Okla.

D. H. Prigmore was born January 28, 1848, in the State of Missouri, moving to Texas with his parents at an early age. Here he grew up and later came to the Indian Territory in 1887. Mr. Prigmore came to the Territory as a bridge carpenter when the Santa Fe railroad was being built.

After the railroad was completed Mr. Prigmore located some three miles south and east of where Blanchard now is near South Walnut Creek. This was in the Fall of 1887. Here Mr. Prigmore built a store building and established himself in the mercantile business.

This place was known as the Prigmore Store; there was no post office here then. There was an office at old Dibble and Mr. Prigmore would make frequent trips to Dibble and bring back all the mail for the people of his community. This mail was distributed from Mr. Prigmore's store.

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Mr. Prigmore made an application for a post office in 1890 but before a hearing was had he sold out his store to a man named Womack. Later a permit for the establishment of a post office was received from the Government and an office was then established and given the name Womack and this was the beginning of old Womack.

A blacksmith shop was then added to the town and in 1895 a cotton gin was built and then was the town of Womack fully established; small though it was it did a thriving business, here Womack continued until in 1905 when a railroad was built through the country. It was the old Oklahoma Central Railroad. Then a townsite was laid out for Blanchard and as the new town began to develop more attention was given to it. The post office at Womack was removed and taken to Blanchard and it looked as though Womack was doomed for dark days ahead. Although the store continued for some time after the establishment of Blanchard in 1908, Womack was discontinued and finally all business there was abandoned.

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This is the history of Womack from the time of the establishment of the first store by Mr. Prigmore in 1887 to the time of the abandonment of the town in 1908.

Mr. Prigmore departed this life some five years ago and this story was given by his son who now lives at the town of Blanchard in McClain County.