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Indian-Pioneer History Project for OklahomaField Worker's name Ruth Kerbo  
report made on (date) June 15 1937Name Mr. W. M. RacyPost Office Address Langum, Oklahoma, Route -2Residence address (or location) 10 miles southwest of LangumDATE OF BIRTH: Month Nov. Day 25 Year 1862Place of birth Waco, TexasName of Father John D. Racy Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother Elizabeth Smith Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about mother \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERVIEW WITH W. M. RACY  
BY  
RUTH KLEBO, Field Worker

Mr. W. M. (Bill) Racy, who operates a stock farm northwest of Ladessa, has been a resident of Greer County forty-five years.

I came from Colorado City, Colorado, on the train to Kent County, Texas, in 1890, to work for Ledbetter and Tullis, on the Z V ranch. My brother, Nash Racy, was foreman of the Z V outfit. He came to the country in 1888.

My brother Nash and I were born and reared in Waco, Texas. We were orphans and lived with various families in Waco until we were large enough to "strike out" for ourselves. Denied school education of any kind, we secured employment on ranches as cowboys and soon developed into experts at this trade.

Nash Racy started to work for Ledbetter and Tullis when a small boy and because of his skill and ability that he was promoted to the position of foreman of the Greer County interests of the firm, having charge of 10,000 head of cattle, a large number of cowboys and extensive farming operations on the section of land immediately southwest of the present site of the Ladessa store. Nash Racy continued in the cattle business until he was killed in Wheeler County, Texas, in 1925.

Bill Racy started working for Ledbetter and Tullis when he was 15 years old, taking a herd of cattle to Kent County, where he remained seven years before coming to Greer County.

He was "outside man" with the Z V outfit for 10 years.

I had accumulated a bunch of cattle of my own by the time the Z V outfit was moved to Bailey County, Texas, in 1901, and I remained here.

We lived in a dug-out at the ranch for two years. Then hauled some lumber from Guannah to make a two-room house.

We raised mostly feed for the cattle. We had a good well of water and later made a cistern. We burned coal, which was freighted from Guannah. We got our supplies in large quantities and had a special man to do our freighting for us.

We drove our cattle to Guannah in the spring to ship them and to Woodward in the fall.

We never had merchants of any kind. Every day was just the same with us. Sometimes we would go to Mangum to a fair or something. They never did anything at the fairs much, had a few exhibits of agricultural products and would run a few horses.

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A few of the Cheyenne Indians would come and camp near the fair grounds. Someone would give them a calf and they would kill and eat it on the spot.

I bought a half section of school land in the Ladessa Community, three miles west of Ladessa store. Have been engaged in farming and stock raising and still have a small herd of Jersey and Hereford cattle.

Mr. Racy is 75 years of age, is still vigorous and active and works daily on his farm and with his cattle.