

RAGLENS, JANNIE

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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

RAGAINS, JANNIE

Field Worker's name Valma Hance

This report made on (date) July 12 1937

1. Name Jannie Ragains

2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 800 block

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 29 Year 1865

5. Place of birth Johnson County, Illinois

6. Name of Father Giss Scoot Place of birth Illinois

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

7. Name of Mother Mary Kirby Place of birth Tennessee

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

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and history 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 2

Velma Hance,  
Interviewer  
July 12, 1937.

An Interview with Jannie Ragains,  
Sayre, Oklahoma.

Jannie Ragains was born in Johnson County, Illinois, in 1865. She was married to Mr. Thomas J. Ragains in Pope County, Illinois, and they came to Oklahoma in 1889, settling in Kingfisher County, where they lived eleven years. They then moved in 1900 to Berlin, Roger Mills County, now Beckham County, Oklahoma.

They came to Oklahoma in a covered wagon, just their family. Her first home was a rock house, made out of large rocks from their homestead place; and daubed with clay.

Her first employment was farming in 1901. Raised wheat the first year. They harvested and hauled it to Kingfisher and sold it for thirty-five cents a bushel.

After moving to Roger Mills County, they got their supplies from Granite.

Their general food supply was cornbread, meat, milk and butter, which they usually had at home.

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Although they lived among the Cheyennes, they did not have any dealings with them. The Cheyennes at that time wore blankets and shawls and used herbs from the woods for their medicine. They lived in tepees made of straw and poles. These Indians were not very friendly with the white people.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragains now live in Sayra, and are getting to be very old.