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Field Worker's name Lenna M. Rushing.

This report made on (date) May 20, 1937.

1. Name T. Rainey.

2. Post Office Address Rt. 2, Stroud, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 1 mile north, 1 east of

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Sac and Fox Agency.
Month Day Year 1888.

5. Place of birth Missouri.

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

This is a 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 2

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Lenna M. Rushing,
Field Worker,
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An Interview With T. Rainey,
Rt. 2, Stroud, Oklahoma.

I came to Oklahoma at the opening of the Sac and Fox country, and ran for a homestead from the Creek County line. I didn't know anything about the country, so I took the closest acreage I could find that amounted to anything.

That was near the present town of Pemeta.

After I had gotten settled on the place things were pretty easy for me. The ground was rich; there was a good market even though one did have to take the products a long way over very rough roads. It was "good times"; more so than at any time afterwards for me. There was plenty of money, and neighbors were friendly. If you ran out of anything the closest neighbor was always glad to lend it.

I got along fine with the Indians; they were my friends. I rented some land from To-kwa-ke on his allotment on the Cimarron River. It was very fine land, and was near Turkey Track Ranch.

One time I had some business with the government about some leases. For this I came to the Sac and Fox Agency.

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Mr. Colenburg was agent at that time and seemed to be a very nice gentleman. He was of a medium build, hair weighed around one hundred and seventy pounds.

All the traveling was done chiefly on horseback. Wagons were cumbersome and it took much longer to break through the trails with them than with horses. There were no cow trails and people forded rivers wherever they came to them.

The principal trail led through Turkey Track Ranch to Euche Creek, then towards Shamrock, to Street, Sac and Fox Agency and Leader's Rai.