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Field Worker's name Robert L. SmallThis report made on (date) December 14,1937

1. Name J. L. Randall
 2. Post Office address Blackwell, Oklahoma
 3. Residence address (or location) 700 East Oklahoma Avenue
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 22 Year 1858
 5. Place of birth Missouri
 6. Name of Father Thomas Randall Place of birth Tennessee
 7. Name of Mother Rachel Hedges Randall Place of birth Indiana
- 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 4

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Robert A. Smay,

Investigator

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Tom East-Oklahoma Avenue

Blackwell, Oklahoma

I was born September 11, 1886, on the state of Missouri.

In 1891 I came with my parents to Kansas.

We lived until the opening of the Cherokee Strip.

In the year of 1905 we started on a hunting trip

into the Oklahoma country with three guns and traps.

We traveled in two wagons. We went into the country and

country near the present site of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

At night out we camped at Willow Spring, a six miles from

of the present site of Okemah, Oklahoma.

My companion on this trip, had been engaged in hunting

visions to the Sac and Fox Agency, and was familiar with

the country and its trails and he followed closely the

trail he had been accustomed to traveling in the Agency.

We were out on this hunting trip for six weeks and were

over near the present site of Guthrie and other towns

that are now situated in different sections that we hunted

over.

Hastings, Aug 1861.

The killed off the game should hunt up. On the morning of the same day at 11 A.M. I saw our party

a cooked our meal on an open campfire and slept in tents and wagons. The country was full of wild timber, and many prairie dogs.

In our native tree to the order of which we were sent

Yancey Indian weapon and learned he came from the town of the Indians had recently been at it, though they said he did not see any Indians when they crossed the last time. Despite with the chief of the Indian tribe and the soldiers shot and killed him. By command of the general a shot of

"A bullet hole through it made by the same bullet they hit

killed the Indian Chief before passing through the body.

I also witnessed an Indian bullet or rather the one luminaries, in which an Indian's body was killed by a very large gravel stone being cast upon the body and the body of the Indian and possibly numerous persons belonging.

The first deer I shot was near an Indian reservation.

I shot the deer in the side and it kept running and followed it by traces of blood until I came across an Indian who had killed it with a dead shot. The Indian dressed the deer

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and Charles Miller, who had been up to White Sulphur

Tillson wanted the deer skins he had taken to sell

and the men

I have often heard Tillson talk about his

on fishing trips frequently selected a particular place

obtained in the early days right across, where it was

unlawful to keep a trap.

I have visited the Fox River Indian encampments

few times; the members of the Fox tribe were more

civilized and intelligent than those I have seen on the other

tribes.

At the opening of the Cherokeee strike I made my

and secured the right of section 8, Township 11, Range 10,

the farm was divided by the CALUMET RIVER, the farm

being on the west side of the river and is situated

in the east part of Blackwell, part of the farm lying

within the city limits.

I have made a success of farming and raising stock

on my farm and, in addition to that, I was interested in

the newspaper business in Blackwell for some time in the

early years. I have been a persistent worker for the

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benefit and inhibition of the city of Marceline, I think.

This year I have been a stockholder in many of the most important financial institutions of the city.

I was one of three commissioners appointed by the Government in the early days to assist claimants in proving up on their claims; this position I held for a period of about five years, or until most every claimant had proved up on his homestead.

On my farm near my home are ancient cottonwood trees of immense girth that I put out in the early days when they are constant reminders of my early struggles in the Cherokee Strip.