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Field Worker's name Charles H. Holt

This report made on (date) April 25, 1938 1938

1. Name T. L. McFall

2. Post Office Address Hominy, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1876

5. Place of birth Missouri

6. Name of Father D. C. McFall Place of birth Missouri

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

7. Name of Mother Lucy Powell Place of birth Missouri

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 2 sheets.

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Charles H. Holt  
Investigator  
April 23, 1938

Interview with T. L. McFall  
Hominy, Oklahoma

T. L. McFall was born in Missouri in 1876 and in 1898 came to the Osage country.

He was a single young man and came down to look the Territory over for the purpose of deciding if his family should move here from Missouri.

After working in the Territory for five or six months, McFall was fully convinced that the only thing for his family to do was to move here. So notifying his people they loaded a wagon and prepared to come at once. They brought only a few household goods, camping equipment and food supply for about a thirty day trip.

When the McFalls arrived they leased a place from Nick Cole in the Osage country across the river from Ralston. This land was raw and had to be broken. They broke it with a common turning plow and two mules. On the place was a small log block house, which the Indians had built.

Corn and millet were the principal crops McFall grew. They also raised two and three carloads of hogs a year for the

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market, feeding them corn a few days before market for fattening.

Most of the corn raised was fed to the hogs, but if there was any surplus, it was sold to cattlemen in the vicinity.

The nearest schoolhouse and church were located in Ralston, Pawnee County, which was several miles across the Arkansas River from where the McFall lived.

The mail was received at Grey Horse, that being the only post office within several miles.

Some of the old timers were Westbrooks, Bartletts and Wilsons.

The McFalls were successful in farming from the first year, and T. L. McFall is now a Hominy business man.