

ROACH, DUDLEY (MRS.) INTERVIEW 10346

360

261

BIOGRAPHY FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

ROACH, DUDLEY (MRS) INTERVIEW. 10346.

Field Worker's name Augusta H Custer.

This report made on (date) March 25, 1938. 193

- 1. Name Mrs. Dudley Roach.
- 2. Post Office Address Greenfield, Rural Route.
- 3. Residence address (or location) Six miles west of Greenfield.
- 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 2 Year 1883.
- 5. Place of birth Lincoln, Nebraska.

- 6. Name of Father Alex Crawford. Place of birth _____
- 7. Name of Mother Cody Crawford. Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

Father was a farmer, stockman.

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 _____

ROACH, DUDLEY (MRS)

INTERVIEW.

10346.

Augusta H Guster,
Investigator,
March 25, 1938.

Interview With Mrs. Dudley Roach,
Rural Route, Greenfield, Oklahoma.

I came from Nebraska to Oklahoma with my folks in a covered wagon. We stayed only two weeks at that time. We came again and went back, and the last time we made the trip we stayed. We came the first time in July after the Cheyenne and Arapaho country opened in April.

I remember that we carried water to drink in a barrel on the outside of the wagon. There was no place to get water fit to drink except at the railroad section houses. They were always willing to give us water. It seemed to me that the road ran right along the railroad tracks most of the way. One time we were stopped by a young cowboy who asked for a drink. We noticed that he did not drink as if he were very thirsty. We always drank from a tin can which we had hung on a wire beside the barrel. He kept looking at us over the edge of the can, and did not ask for more water. Several days later we heard of the robbing of a bank at Coffeyville, Kansas, and we recognized the picture of this cowboy as one who was shot.

ROACH, DUDLEY, (MRS)

INTERVIEW.

10346.

-2-

Our home was at Lincoln, Nebraska. When we decided to get a place and stay here, Father bought a relinquishment. We camped in our wagon and a tent near where the Palace Hotel was being built, where Watonga is built today. Father got a rough house built on the claim and we moved out there.

My folks have always made some money from raising cattle and it has always seemed natural for me to ride a horse. I ride some place almost every day now. I don't ride for pleasure, I ride for business.

(Mrs. Roach is supposed to be a grand-daughter of William Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill". She has some cousins, known as the Dalton Brothers).