

ROBBINS, CHARLES S.

INTERVIEW

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

Field Worker's name Naomi L. Garringer

This report made on (date) July 12, 1937

1. Name Charles S. Robbins

2. Post Office Address Medford

3. Residence address (or location) 6 miles west; 3 north of Medford

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month March Day 2 Year 1871

5. Place of birth Illinois

6. Name of Father S. A. Robbins Place of birth New Hampshire

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Ellen Gage Place of birth Massachusetts

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 3.

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Interview with Charles Robbins
Medford, Oklahoma

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Charles Robbins was born March 2, 1871,
in Illinois, and made the race into the Cherokee
Strip when it was opened, September 16, 1893,
but did not get a claim. However, he came back
later and found a claim that a man had staked
but never filed on. He looked the man up and
bought the place from him, giving him \$250.00
for it.

Mr. Robbins taught school that winter and
in the Spring he built a house, half dugout
and half frame.

He was married the following Christmas and
came to stay on his claim in January. He and
his wife brought with them a cow, two dozen
chickens, a hog and a team of horses.

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The first Summer Mr. Robbins went to Kansas and worked in the harvest fields.

Mr. Robbins said it was a hard struggle the first years in this new country and to make it they went without a lot of things. Mr. Robbins still lives on his farm.