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BIOGRAPHY FORM
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Mildred B. McFarland.

This report made on (date) August 19, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Ruth E. Riddle

2. Post Office Address 428 South Fretz.

3. Residence address (or location) Edmond, Oklahoma.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 13 Year 1855

5. Place of Birth Beans Blossom, Indiana.

6. Name of Father Thomas Jerden Coffland Place of birth Ohio-1833

Other information about father:

7. Name of Mother Lorenne Dollsbury Place of birth Brown County, 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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Mildred M. McFarland,
Interviewer.
August 19, 1937.

Interview with Mrs. Ruth E. Riddle

Edmond, Oklahoma.

Born-April 16, 1885

Father-Thomas Jerden Coffland.

Mother-Lorenie Dollsbury

My husband, four children and I lived in
a mission in Kansas. We wanted to take the run
in Oklahoma to provide
a home for our children. Mr. Riddle
had out in a crop in Kansas, so we decided that he
should come on and stake a claim and then come back
long enough to harvest our crops.

That is what he did. We made the run on horse-
back from the east. We ran until late in the after-
noon before he placed his flag. He filed a claim
to a nice place seven miles northwest of Edmond. He
borrowed a plow and ploughed a furrow completely around
the place.

We came on back to Kansas and harvested the crop
we had planted. After it was gathered in we started
out for our new home.

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Mr. Riddle drove wagon with a stove, two chairs and our bedding. The rest of the space was filled with farming implements and feed.

I drove a small covered wagon with the children. I had coos of chickens, geese and geese with the pigs in the back of the wagon I had two cages of canary birds fastened to the sides on the inside. We carried our provisions, too.

Ahead of the wagon, Mr. Riddle drove nine cows. It was so intense, hot that we had to leave them on pasture just before we got to the kitchen line. After the first frost Mr. Riddle went back after them.

We had to sleep under and in the wagon until we could build a shelter. We cooked on our stove out in the open. It rained for so long that our bedding was completely soaked.

We arrived on September 13th and on September 18th we buried our oldest boy, Louis, aged eleven years. The three remaining children and my husband were all seriously ill with typhoid fever. I did not become

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