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Field Worker's name Naomi L. Garringer

This report made on (date) June 2 1937

1. Name Richard Riley

2. Post Office Address Medford, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Medford

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1861

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father William Riley Place of birth Ireland

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Emily Brunfield 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 _____

Naomi L. Garringer
Interviewer.
June 2, 1937

Interview with
Richard Riley
Medford, Oklahoma.

Mr. Riley was born in Missouri in 1861. He made the
race into the Cherokee Strip from Bluff City with a team
and wagon. He staked a claim nine miles west of Medford,
Oklahoma, and built a small frame house, but it leaked so
bad that he had to build a dugout and sod house.

Mrs. Riley came in April to her new home.

Mr. Riley then went back to Kansas and worked as a
plasterer.

Mr. Riley's brother-in-law was responsible for Mr.
Riley's making the "run." He was through the Cherokee Strip
with a bunch of cattle. He thought it looked like good coun-
try and insisted that Mr. Riley should try for a claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley still own their place but have moved
to Medford to live.