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Field Worker's name Ophelia D. Vestal.

This report made on (date) February 4, 1938. 1938

1. Name Mrs. Rose Rigley.

2. Post Office Address Lawton, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 904 C Avenue.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 8 Year 81 years.

5. Place of birth Indiana.

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and history 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 _____

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Ophelia D. Vestal,
Investigator,
February 4, 1938.

An Interview With Mrs. Rose Rigley,
904 C Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma.

We came here from Illinois in 1901, bringing a carload of things with us. We thought we would have a home here; it was a home but in a tent and we didn't have near enough room for our furniture. We had many experiences in this new country. I was very much afraid of the Indians. When we first moved into our tent the wind blew hard, then it started sleeting and broke our tent and the wind blew our fire out of the stove.

Sometime in November we hired lumber hauled to our place to build a one room house, then hired some carpenters and it didn't take long to build it. One of the men, a carpenter, found an old pistol on the way to work one day, and he was examining it and it went off, shooting him in the stomach. He thought he was going to die so he asked someone to rustle him a pencil and paper, so he could write on it, to prove that the shooting was an accident. But he lived, he was just scared. We got another man to help finish the building.

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We had heard a few stories of Indians
 which had never been fully described. I
 imagined it was a very good thing. It was
 very long until we got to the
 stay in bed and had to be taken to the

The first few days it was very

Indian, Paw-waw. There were many
 Many times the sounds of beating war-dances
 by people. The noise made us more afraid of the Indians
 we have heard their war-dances and of their
 medicine.

Our house was the second house on the
 road out of town, and was called the half-way house.

being located between Lawton and ...
 came here in a company of twenty-five men. I was the
 only one who drew a claim. He didn't want to draw
 the claim but I told him I thought it would be the nicest
 place for people to rest and gain health. It was good
 for health sake but we had to keep on the job all the
 time. Real estate men used to come to our house for
 their meals.

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The following is a list of things that I could not do at the time I was in the hospital. I stand on the things that I could not do at the time I was in the hospital. I stand on the things that I could not do at the time I was in the hospital.

not to be in the hospital. I decided I would not go back to the hospital. A few months ago, they started to tell me how the hospital was. I was saying, "We just want to go home." They wait to see how they can help me.

a good house for my wife and I. Lawton where my bus has passed away.