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BIOGRAPHY FORM
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 This report made on (date) June 2, 1937

1. Name John C. Robinson
 2. Post Office Address Route 5, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
 3. Residence address (or location) _____
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 26 Year 1868
 5. Place of birth Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____
 Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Ella F. Coody Place of birth Indian Territory
 Other information about mother Born in 1847.

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 8.

Interview with John C. Robinson
Route 5, Muskogee, Oklahoma
June 2, 1937

Mr. John C. Robinson was born at Fort Gibson,
Indian Territory, January 26, 1868.

MOTHER

My mother's maiden name was Ella F. Coody. She
was born in the Indian Territory in 1847; and is still
living at the age of 90.

Don't remember anything of my father.

SCHOOL

I first attended school at Gooseneck Bend, when
I was eight years of age. The school was about one and
one-half miles from our home. I went to this school
seven or eight years, which was the extent of my school-
ing. Our teacher's name was Dave Nicholson. The desks
were made of long benches; the seats were made the same
way, only not so high. The Cherokee Nation furnished
our school books.

There was lots of wild game in those days such as
deer, turkey, bob cats, panthers and all kinds of fur
bearing animals.

I attended school until 1883. I then started

farming on my mother's place. She had about twenty acres in cultivation and bought about fifty acres from her brother, Dick Vann. That is, she bought the improvements on the place, as you could not buy or sell land in the Indian Territory, but could buy the improvements and take over the land. For instance, if you were a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and wanted to build a home and start farming, you could go out and find a location; build your home; then all the land for a quarter of a mile around your home would automatically become yours, provided no one had been filed longer than you. My principal crop was corn and cotton. Of course, I raised a small amount of small grain and potatoes. I farmed on this place about five years. We then moved to a place one and one-half miles due east of York and Gibson streets, although there was no such a thing as York and Gibson streets at that time. I farmed at this place four years.

In 1892, I moved to town and took up the carpenter trade, which I have followed off and on ever since. What time I was not working at the carpenter trade I was farming.

remember the bridge located on the Fort
 Canadian River between Checotah and Effie. I don't
 remember the name of the bridge. The charge
 was for the bridge for the year 1901. I don't
 remember the name of the charge. I don't
 remember the name of the charge.

Presbyterian church. I don't remember
 the name of the church. I don't remember
 the name of the church. I don't remember
 the name of the church.

George Brown, the first of the
 I have forgotten the name of the
 about ten miles southwest of Muskogee.

branch was about the same size as the one in the [unclear] [unclear]

branch was foreman of this branch. [unclear] [unclear] time he
had eight or nine employees working [unclear]

Blackston owned a [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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marriage license. A license cost him ten dollars. After he was married he would become an adopted citizen and would be allowed the privileges that any other ~~official~~ citizen had; except being an official of the Cherokee Nation.

U. S. MARSHALS

Heck Thomas, a man called Tyson, Bud Ledbetter, Charley Frye, Rutherford, Bob Dalton, Grat Dalton, were marshals. I don't think Emmet was ever a marshal. I have known the above named marshals well. There were several others that I knew well enough to speak to, but was not very well acquainted with them.

TEXAS TRAIL

The trail left Neven's Ferry, and going south it went between the School for the Blind and the hill; then going on south down the line of the Cherokee and Creek Nations. It went on by Honey Springs, on south to the Texas line.

When I was three years old, my parents moved to Texas. We stayed there four years.

When we came back
had been built
of cattle ranch
the best I can remember
thousand head
of the Texas
was

FERRY

There are
of Grand
just above the mouth of the
southerland. Below the
the Roger's
of the bridge on highway
at Gooseneck. It was
the first boat at this
~~named~~ ~~unit~~. About one mile

Ferry was another one owned by Mike
was just below the point of
and operated by Sam Watkins. The Lynch's
and was located at webbers Falls.

I have the... in several... Red Colins...

Red Colins... I have the...

I have the... was a quarter...

My grandfather... I tra ned...

I tra ned... house, hanited...

house, hanited... time. Little Dancer...

time. Little Dancer... by a man named...

by a man named... horse in this...

horse in this... thirty thousand...

thirty thousand... called Buck...

called Buck... horse races...

horse races... crooked like...

crooked like... race horses...

race horses... INITIAL P...

INITIAL P...

John West, the father of Dick West, who is now in the Muskogee Police Department, was an Indian Chief of Police.

ROBINSON

Harry Sixkiller was shot by the posse.

Peter killed baby [unclear] [unclear]

by Dick Vann.

John Brown was the last man shot.

Harry Sixkiller was the only one who was shot.

Police were called to the scene.

Bob Carter was the police officer who was called.

name of Harry Ford.

SECRET

Craig policeman was shot by the posse.

The Chief was shot by the posse.

The Chief and ten policemen who were shot by the posse.

In those days almost every man carried a six shooter.

when we came to Muskegon wearing our hats and night clothes.

men usually ran us out of town. I have had lots of fights

with them. A light horse posse with Bill Peters, Boss

Redmouth and others have forgotten, killed Johnnie Vann.

Vann was an uncle of mine and was killed in a meat market,

which was located at Cherokee and Callahan streets. Another

man, by the name of Carter, was killed by the posse at the

same time. Bill Peters was leading the posse.