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Field worker's name Ophelia D. Vestal

This report made on (date) March 18 1938

1. This legend was secured from (name) Will Robinson

Address Lawton, Okla.

This person is (male or ~~female~~) White, ~~Mexico~~, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story "Pioneer Story"

Early day story of two men who should have been neighbors but were not.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 2

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Ophelia D. Vester
Investigator
March 19, 1936

An Interview with Mr. W. H. Robinson
Lawton, Oklahoma

When I first arrived in the country of Lawton, Oklahoma, I placed a few sales to my cattle to the land. The first place was Bill Nolan's. He had a few lines in this free range country so long that he felt it was his land. There was a wonderful spring of water on the land he had. But when the country opened up, the spring was gone. This wonderful spring was on the other place. It was a fine spring. A man named Hunt, Mr. Nolan left watered his cattle at the spring without asking for anything about it. When the soil was tilled, and there were some things there. This caused Mr. Hunt to stop watering his cattle. His neighbor quit driving over on the other side of a good fence but the watering of cattle was not.

They talked awhile concerning the subject of watering the cattle. Mr. Nolan seemed to be an overbearing man, so he became angry, saying he was there first and he would water his cattle there as long as he pleased. Sometime later Mr. Hunt

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told his neighbor, Mr. Nolan, that he wanted this watering stopped and was going to town to see what he could do about it. Mr. Hunt went in to the nearest town and was standing on the court house steps when Mr. Nolan drove by shooting Mr. Hunt and killing him. Mr. Nolan had gone home for his gun. Then Mr. Nolan drove away, putting the gun in the bottom of his buggy and killing himself. Two men were killed in just a few minutes.