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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Mildred E. McFarland

This report made on (date) July 26, 1937

1. Name William C. Adams
2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
3. Residence address (or location) 1121 N. Central St.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 29 Year 1908
5. Place of birth Blue Field, West Virginia

6. Name of Father Mitchell C. Adams Place of birth 1888
Chectaw
7. Name of Mother Hannie Adams Place of birth ?
Natick

Other information about mother Mother was French & Irish

Born in 1869

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 2 pages.

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Fieldworker
Mildred B. McFarland
July 26, 1937

Interview with William C. Adams
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

My Father was a fullblood Choctaw Indian. He was born in the Choctaw Nation, but I do not remember what town. He went to the oldest Indian school in the Choctaw Nation. It was called Old Spencer Academy. It was rebuilt and renamed the Jones Academy. It was located near Hartsheerne, Oklahoma. My Father was an honor student and was chosen by a Presbyterian Missionary, who was visiting school for the scholarship award, to attend the Emory and Henry College at Meadowview, Virginia. At that time he could'nt speak a word of English.

Father lived with his parents in the Choctaw Nation in a very primitive fashion, until he started to school. After he finished his education at Emory and Henry College, he took a position with the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company. His step-brother was Governor Green McCurtain. He wanted my father to resign his position and join the Tribal Government and represent the Choctaw Tribe in Washington. Father would not resign as he realized that the

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Territory would soon become a State and Tribal Government would be abolished. However my father made three trips in their behalf.

Governor McCurtain became very angry with Father because he wouldn't devote his whole time to this work and he tried to keep him from getting his Indian rights. After my father's death, by an act of Congress, all the children were recognized as citizens of the Choctaw Tribe. Mother and my sister, brother and I lived with the Choctaw Indians until all this was settled.

By this time all the Indian land had been allotted, so the Government allotted us our portion in cash. Mother bought a farm and still lives there. It is in LaFiere, Oklahoma.

When my father died his body was taken back for burial in the College Cemetery at Meadowview, Virginia. He was the only Indian in or around that part of the country. His picture still hangs in the "Hall of Honor" in the College.