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Field Worker's name Jesse S. Ball.

This report made on (date) March 14, 1938. 1938

1. Name Jennie Akins.

2. Post Office Address Wastville, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) Wastville.

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

5. Place of birth Geingsake District.

Indian Territory.

6. Name of Father Ellis Yerman. Place of birth Tennessee.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Margarette Richardson. Place of birth Tennessee.

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 2.

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Jesse S. Bell,
Investigator,
March 14, 1938.

An Interview With Jennie Akins,
Westville, Oklahoma.

Jennie Akins was born in Goingsnake District and is the daughter of Ellis (Coon) Foreman, and Margurette Richardson Foreman. She had the opportunity to obtain a fair education in a common school and a seminary. She has taught school and has always been interested in the politics and has been active in church work. She was the first woman Justice of Peace ever elected in the state of Oklahoma and was active in school affairs.

Her husband, Andy Akins, was elected county sheriff for one term and deputy sheriff for one term and served as an Indian Police for four years, and councilman in Chief Mayes' Administration Model 14 when they tried to bribe the councilman to purchase the Strip-1888-89.

Mr. Akins lived in Goingsnake District all his life except for eighteen months when he lived in Rogers County where he engaged in farming. Mrs. Akins bore eight children, Ellis, Mollie, Watie, William, Thomas, Mable, Louise and Maggiebellie.

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Jennie Akins' great-grandfather, Anthony Foreman, came on the "Mayflower" into this country and was of Scotch descent. He married a full blood Cherokee woman named Susanna Gourd after he had come to this country as an emigrant. Grandfather and grandmother Foreman eloped from their home in Tennessee. They rode one horse one day and one night, then Grandfather bought another horse and saddle to continue on their journey to Indian Territory. Grandfather Foreman is buried on the James Shell place about three miles south of Westville. The family burial ground located at one mile west of Westville is known as Foreman Cemetery.