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LIBERTY, THOMAS B. INTERVIEW

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Field Worker's name Jesse C. Bell

This report made on (date) March 14, 1938

1. Name Thomas B. Liberty

2. Post Office Address estville

3. Residence address (or location) estville, Oklahoma.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 20, Year 1849

5. Place of birth Coingsnake District,

Indian Territory

6. Name of Father Mose Liberty Place of birth Georgia

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Elizabeth Buffington Place of birth Georgia

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Interview with Thomas B. Alberty,  
Westville, Oklahoma.

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Thomas B. Alberty was born in Goingsnake District, now known as Westville, in Adair County, November 30, 1849. He was the youngest child of Mose Alberty, Old Settler from Georgia. Mr. Alberty married Julia Danenberg, June 15, 1904, and to this union were born two boys and one girl.

Mr. Alberty was a census taker in tribal law days under Chief Dennis Bushyhead and served in the Cherokee Nation as their senator under Chief Bill Rogers.

Mose Alberty, father of Thomas, was an old settler, coming over to this country in company with Chief Allen Wright, active Chief of the Old Settlers. They suffered many hardships on their journey, having to provide their own expense money, carried their babies on their backs and their bundles or packs in their hands.

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Mr. Mose Alberty was born in Wills Valley, Georgia, and is a half-blood Cherokee. He married Elizabeth Buffington of Wills Valley, 1822. They had four children. Mr. Alberty joined the Southern Army and was in one battle at Smith Mountain.

Captain Jackson of Texas was detailed to come up into Indian Territory and wipe out the Ketoowah Cherokee clan. The clan got wind of the attack and made preparation for the attack. The defense was so thoroughly prepared that the attackers were completely wiped out by the Ketoowahs.

Mose Alberty was attorney at the time he was killed at Goingsnake District courthouse in the Zeke Proctor gun battle. Proctor killed eleven men at a time. They were having court and were trying Proctor, and Alberty was his defense attorney. Goingsnake District Courthouse was located in what is known now as Strawberry Springs on United States Highway 62, five miles west of Westville.