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Field Worker's name Ida B. LankfordThis report made on (date) March 17, 1938

1. Name Lucy J. (Fleming) Allgood
 2. Post Office Address Tipton, Tillman County, Oklahoma
 3. Residence address (or location) 402 North Broadway
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month August Day 6 Year 1859
 5. Place of birth Yadkin County, North Carolina
 6. Name of Father John Fleming; was a farmer Place of birth Missouri
 7. Name of Mother Mary Henshaw Place of birth N. Carolina
- Other information about mother Housekeeper

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Interview with Lucy Fleming Allgood
402 North Broadway, Tipton, Oklahoma

Investigator - Ida B. Lankford
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I was born on August 6, 1859, in Yadkin County, North Carolina. I well remember when I was three years old how the Yankee soldiers of the Civil War marched by my home, red sleeve ribbons flashing in the sun; how they stopped and ordered water to be drawn for them; how one night fifty Northern soldiers ordered my mother to cook supper for them and how my mother cooked six hens for them. We went to the dugout to get what we had left, we were so happy the soldiers had gone, so we ate what was left, because we had been almost "eaten out of house and home," by the invading soldiers. My aged father wove hats for the Southern soldiers because he was too old to fight.

When I was six years of age I wasn't preparing to enter school because children didn't take up their education in the school-room so early then. Later I entered a small free school in Cherokee County, North Carolina; it was a one room school; there were no window glasses, only dark shutters of wood. We did not have any desks, just seats or rather benches formed of young saplings which had been split

lengthwise. The saplings were fastened together, smooth sides up, to form the seats in the benches. Other sections of saplings were fitted in for bench legs, those benches were hard. In this room I began studying grammar or what is called today English.

I only went to this school for a few months, the term was short and my parents moved away before the next term began. I didn't go to school any more until I was eleven years of age. I was living in Hayesville, North Carolina, when I was privileged to enter an academy, where I had to pay tuition. The school-house was seventy feet long, partitioned with blackboard; I studied the old Blueback Speller and Smith's grammar. I spent three years there. I took six examinations before I completed the work and in the course of six tests I missed only one word. The examinations were recited from the stiff textbooks used in the daily study. I can spell those difficult old words just as I did then.

I was handicapped by weak eyes, but while attending the academy I was allowed to study out on the campus with the grown-up students, as the building was too small to accommodate all the students and the sunlight helped my eyes.

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When I finished the academy I was fifteen years old. I was prepared to teach school in North Carolina but I had to wait until I was eighteen years according to law. When I was eighteen, I began teaching at Brasstown, North Carolina, where I taught for three years.

Many of my schoolmates at the academy are near here; Dr. George Truitt, famous pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas; Dr. Edgar Sanderson, late practitioner of Altus; T. B. Rhea, pioneer Tipton farmer; Dr. Will Briscoe, late dentist of Altus; and Addie Killian, the late Mrs. J. G. Hall who formerly resided here.

I was married August 4, 1885, to J. R. Allgood in Cherokee County, North Carolina; we began our married life together on a farm.

We came to Greer County, December 24, 1899, only thirteen days after the Grim Reaper had taken our little three year old son.

The new country, new experiences, new scenes and the added duties in the pioneer homelife helped to heal the wound and we had other children to think of and work for. The second great sorrow came in 1910 in the death of our daughter.

We came to the Tipton community in 1902, buying a relinquishment to a farm north of Tipton. We bought our home in which we now live on North Broadway a few years before moving to town in 1910. In this community we have reared our family of five children.