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Field Worker's name Junice L. Ayer

This report made on (date) August 27, 1937

Name R. E. Brasher

Post Office Address Langum, Oklahoma

Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth Murray County, Tennessee

Name of Father R. E. Brasher Place of birth Tennessee

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

Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Interview with R. E. Brasher  
Langum, Oklahoma

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R. E. Brasher, of Langum, came to this section in 1894, when he was a small boy, but he still has a vivid recollection of the prairie region with its dugout dwellings and large herds of cattle.

Mr. Brasher was born in Murray County, Tennessee, and later moved to Denton County, Texas, with his father. His mother had died at their home in Tennessee.

The Brashers came to this section with a party including Dr. Allison, a physician and Baptist minister, John Logwell and Henry Laysinger. The new comers settled near Eldorado, where R. E. Brasher taught school.

R. E. Brasher was too young to attend school at Eldorado, although he later enrolled at the Chickasha Chapel school at Marietta.

Mr. Brasher recalls a spell of extremely cold weather in January, 1896, which caused much suffering in the neighborhood.

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Two citizens of the neighborhood came to Langum for fuel, while the Brasher family was obliged to cut up a wooden bedstead for fuel. In 1899, the family located at Lebanon, Marshall County.

In 1900, when Mr. Brasher's father died, he came back to Langum to work for the Snow Grocery Company.

As a child he recalls seeing an Indian funeral in the Chickasaw Nation. Members of the tribe gathered around the council house for the services. The deceased members of the Chieftan's family were interred under the Council house.

Mr. Brasher recalls that the eight covered wagons which brought his father and neighbors to Greer county were eight days arriving in this section. The new section was a bare prairie with dugouts as the only dwellings.

Children of the community learned to identify cowboys by their big hats, and rattlesnake hat bands.

Mr. Brasher served as Justice of the Peace in Langum from 1927 to 1929. He is now employed as caretaker of the Langum cemetery.