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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead.

This report made on (date) February 18, 1938 1938

1. Name Mr. W. A. Bowman.

2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) Chix Rfd.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 5 Year 1886.

5. Place of birth Texas.

6. Name of Father J. E. Bowman. Place of birth North Carolina.

7. Name of Mother Mary A. Fugate place of birth Texas.

Other information about mother Died at the age of 49.

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 1

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Jasper Mead,
Investigator,
Feb. 18, 1938.

Interview With W. A. Bowman,
Route 1, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

I was born April 5, 1885, in Texas, fifty-three years ago.

When I came to the Territory in 1905 the first place I landed was at Hobart which in 1905 had about 3,000 people.

There wasn't any pavement; the streets were dirt and the sidewalks were made out of plank and were about three feet wide except where they went in front of some store.

The main water supply came from dug wells, which were shallow and cased up in the inside with red brick. The water wasn't soft but it was extra good drinking water.

The country was opened up around Hobart in 1902 and they started to breaking out the sod.

There were many sod houses around Hobart for such houses were easy made and lasted a long time.

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The Rock Island Railroad ran east and west through Hobart and the main line of the Frisco ran north and south.

There were a few Kiowa Indians around Hobart, but they never did give any trouble. Chief Lone Wolf who was the chief of the Kiowas was a pretty good-sized Indian. He weighed about two hundred pounds and was good-natured. I knew him well and have talked to him several times.

My father-in-law and Chief Lone Wolf had their picture taken together, and I still have the picture. Chief Lone Wolf was very solemn; he didn't talk much unless he knew you real well. The town of Lone Wolf was named for this chief.

Chief Lone Wolf and Quanah Parker had lots of good grazing land and one time they had quite a fight over their boundary line, but I don't know what was the date of this little scrap.

There was some wild game, such as deer, turkey and worlds of prairie chickens. I have lived around Chickasha for ten years and have followed farming and stock raising for a livelihood.