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Field Worker's name Amelia F. Harris

This report made on (date) October 26 1937

1. Name General Roy Hoffman

2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 1039 First National Bank Building

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 13 Year 1869

5. Place of birth Neosho County, Kansas

6. Name of Father Peter S. Hoffman Place of birth Missouri

7. Name of Mother Julia Hankins Hoffman Place of birth Missouri

Other information about mother Both came to Oklahoma 1869

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 _____

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Amelia Harris
Journalist
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My parents, Peter S. and Julia Hoffman, moved from ~~Neesho County, Kansas, June 20, 1885, into the Sac and Fox~~ country. I stayed here for a short time, then I got a job punching cattle on Buck Markham's ranch at Tahlequah.

I later went to Kansas Normal College at Fort Scott, ~~Kansas, for four years after which I returned to the Sac~~ and Fox country and on October 5, 1889, was married to Estelle Conklin of the Sac and Fox Indian Agency. After our marriage we moved to Guthrie and I founded the Guthrie Daily Leader in the Fall of '89. I published this paper for two years and sold it to J. H. Niblack, son-in-law of ex-Governor Haskell.

I was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar and practiced law at Guthrie until 1903, at which time I was appointed United States Attorney for Oklahoma. I served in this position for four years - from 1903 to 1907, then was District Judge from 1908 to 1912.

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I enlisted in all the wars and in the Spanish-American War I was Captain of Company K 1st Volunteer Infantry. I organized the 93rd Division at the time of the World War and took them over-seas in February, 1918, and we were in continuous front line service under command of the French. I was honorably discharged in March, 1919.

I made all the land Openings and never drew a foot of land. I was in Chandler when the town was platted and was District Attorney at the Cherokee Strip Opening.

My father moved from the Sac and Fox country to Guthrie and established the Palisades, an Indian curio shop, in 1889.

At the first Opening J. C. Roberts of Kingfisher was register at the Kingfisher land office. W. C. Grimes, an '89er, was our United States Marshal and Captain Admire was receiver, and Will Spence was Chief Clerk of the Kingfisher Land Office.

Our only way of getting around was horseback or in a buggy or wagon and it used to take all day to drive from Kingfisher to El Reno, Watonga or to the Capital, Guthrie.

In the early days when I was a cowboy at Tahlequah, I went to Tulsa several times when there were not a half dozen stores there. Tate Brady had the largest trading post, the Palisades.