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Field Worker's name Jas. S. Buchanan

This report made on (date) May 24 1937

1. Name Alfred Barnett

2. Post Office Address Porter, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Route 1, Box 70

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month October Day 10 Year 1875

5. Place of birth Creek Nation

6. Name of Father Monday Barnett Place of birth _____

Other information about father Freedman

7. Name of Mother Mandy Marshall Place of birth _____

Other information about mother Part Creek

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 Three.

ALFRED BARNETT, (Creek freedman) Informant
Route 1, Box 70
Porter, Oklahoma.
Indian-Pioneer History S-149
May 24, 1937

By Jas. S. Buchanan

I was born October 10, 1875 near the old Fountain Church, in the McIntosh settlement, Creek Nation.

My father was Monday Barnett, the son of Ketch Barnett.

My mother was Mandy (Marshall) Barnett (Part Creek), the daughter of John and Louisa Marshall.

I was reared and spent my past life in the immediate vicinity of my birth place. My first schooling was in the old Fountain Baptist Church which was a log structure then located on the high ground just west of the McIntosh or Jamison cemetery. I was always informed by my parents and grandparents that the Fountain Baptist Church was the first church organized and the old log structure the first church built in the Indian territory. In later years when the condition of the old log church would not permit its farther use, there was another church building constructed three miles west and one mile south of the original location.

In 1901 I was married to Pinky Merrey. Nine

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ALFRED BARNETT

children were born to us which are all living at the time of this writing.

KETCH BARNETT

Ketch Barnett, my grandfather, was a Baptist minister. For many years he was the pastor of the old Fountain Church. He was also active in the administrative affairs of the Creek Nation in the interest of the freedmen.

After the civil war and the freedmen were granted their citizenship in the Creek Nation, the Creek Indians refused to recognize the rights of the freedmen. Ketch Barnett, with Harry Island and Cow Tom went to Washington, D. C. as a representative committee of freedmen from the three districts of the Creek Nation. They pleaded the cause of the freedmen before the secretary of the interior and the fruit of the mission was the making of the "Dunn" Creek roll and the freedmen having equal rights in tribal payments and allotments with the fullblood Creeks.

I do not know when Ketch Barnett was born, but he

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ALFRED BARNETT

came to the Indian territory in 1832 with Ben Marshall as one of Ben Marshall's slaves. He died in 1875.