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Field Worker's name Velma HanceThis report made on (date) May 31, 19371. Name John P. Brothers2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma3. Residence address (or location) South Fourth Street4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 2 Year 18745. Place of birth Montague County, Texas6. Name of Father R. H. Brothers Place of birth Cook County, Texas

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Dolly McCool Place of birth Grocon County Texas

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 _____.

Field Worker
Velma Hance
May 31, 1937

Interview with John P. Brothers
South Fourth Street
Sayre, Oklahoma

Mr. Brothers came to Oklahoma Territory in 1890, before the Run of April 19, 1892. He came through on horseback. Fifteen were in one group. They drove 700 cattle through from Montague County, Texas, and eventually settled in old Greer County at a place now Jester, Oklahoma.

Mr. Brothers worked on the old Bar Ranch nine years. This is called Doxey, Oklahoma.

They had outlaws at that time. They didn't have any headquarters but just hung out on the creeks. The reason the outlaws started they had been beaten out of their money.

The old dugout where Redbuck, the chief outlaw, was killed was on Oak Creek. This was north of where Elk City now stands.

Mr. Brothers lived among the Shawnee Tribe. They lived in teepees made of poles with canvas covers. He furnished the Indians with meat from what they called range camps.