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BRISCO, B. E. INTERVIEW #10283

Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

This report made on (date) March 19 1938

1. Name B. E. Brisco

2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 409 N. 2nd Street

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 14 Year 1899

5. Place of birth Missouri

6. Name of Father J. E. Brisco Place of birth Missouri

Other information about father died at the age of 67

7. Name of Mother Catherine Rodgers Place of birth Missouri

Other information about mother died at the age of 68

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 2.

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Jasper H. Mead
Investigator
March 19, 1938.

Interview with B. S. Brisco
409 North 2nd Street
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

I was born November 14, 1869, in Missouri, forty-eight years ago. I came to the Indian Territory thirty-three years ago and the first place I landed was at Ego. This place which was a very small place of one store, post office, blacksmith shop and a doctor's office; the doctor's name was Doctor Morgan.

The town of Ego, used to be a stage depot or relay station; there were no roads around Ego except trails which some people called Indian trails.

The main water supply around Ego came from dug wells and springs and Blue River was used mostly for stock water as there were lots of cattle around there.

There were many full blood Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians around Ego but they never did cause any trouble. I have seen them many times dressed in their native clothes with their paint and feathers on.*

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There were deer, turkeys and a few prairie chickens around Ego; there was also lots of wild hogs and a few wild horses on what they called Twelve Mile Prairie.

The country around Ego was rough, sandy, timbered country much ^{of} which was in ranch lands. I once worked on a ranch for J. W. Jackson and J. D. Dunbar. I got \$45.00 per month with board and room, but most of this room was on the back of a spotted pony that I always rode.

There was very little farming around Ego as the land was only good for grass land.

The kind of officers we had before statehood were United States Marshals; the only one I knew was Abbet LaFlore. After statehood in 1907, Bud Maytubby was the first Chief of Police at Chickasha.

Tishomingo was the closest big town then and it was very small.

The Missouri-Kansas and Texas Railroad was the closest railroad to Ego and it ran through Tishomingo, which place was eighteen miles east of Ego.

I have lived in and around Chickasha since 1914 and have been a Stationary engineer for the Trader's and Chickasha Compress.

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It is suggested the Indians donning war paint and feathers seen by Mr. Brisco were of the western tribes as the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians were even in that early day civilized tribes and not given to war paint and feathers- Editor.