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BIOGRAPHY FORM
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Field Worker's name Ruby Wolfenbarger
This report made on (date) July 19 1937

1. Name Tissie Jane Bannister
2. Post Office Address Sentinel
3. Residence address (or location) Sentinel, Oklahoma.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 11 Year 1878
5. Place of birth Cedar Town, Georgia

6. Name of Father George Fennel Place of birth Alabama
Other information about father Farmer
7. Name of Mother Nannie Mobley Place of birth Georgia
Other information about mother Housewife.

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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Ruby Wolfenbarger
Interviewer
July 19, 1937

Interview with Tissie Jane Bannister
Sentinel, Oklahoma.

I came to Oklahoma in 1912, from Arkansas. We drove through in a covered wagon. We were on the road about six days. It was in December and was very cold and bad. The first two nights we made camp in Arkansas, then the next night we camped in Oklahoma. We had a very bad sand storm which turned into a blizzard and snow before morning. We had to go to a near-by house to spend the night.

We located at Port, which is about ten miles from Sentinel. We rented one hundred and sixty acres from an old man who had been here for several years. We had a very poor place to live, our house was very small; it had been used to keep feed in. We had three small rooms.

I didn't have much furniture, just enough to get by on. I didn't have any rugs or any dishes to speak of.

We had a cistern, where we got our drinking water

but we had to haul our water for our stock from the creek.

We had just enough stock to farm with. We had two cows. I had lots of chickens and turkeys. I sold eggs at Sentinel. Sometimes I got a good price for them and then sometimes I didn't get anything for them.

There wasn't much wild game in this country then; it was well settled at that time. There were lots of houses and the country was on the road to prosperity.

We made good crops the first years that we were in Oklahoma. We planted cotton and wheat, also food stuffs. I always raised a garden and canned enough vegetables for winter. I brought enough fruit, such as apples, peaches, to last me two years. I also brought a quantity of jelly.

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I sent my children to a small country school at Port. It was a small school; only had three rooms and two teachers.

We had some picnics then, not very many; these were held at Lucas Grove. We didn't have any picture shows in that day. Cars were just beginning to come out.

We went to church at Port; we had to go in the wagon or buggy.

I lived on the farm for years until my husband passed away, then I sold my stock and farm implements and moved to Sentinel where I bought a home and am still living there.