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Nettie Cain,
Field Worker,
June 14, 1937.

Interview With H. T. Barlow,
Holdenville, Oklahoma.

H. T. Barlow (white) was born November 2, 1851, in the state of Colorado in a covered wagon on a creek called Santa Clara. The family were traveling west from the state of Missouri. He came to the Indian Territory in 1881 driving a herd of steers which he was taking to the T.V. Ranch on the Eagle Chief Creek about where it empties into the Cimarron River.

Afterwards he made a run near Kansas and secured a homestead a half mile below the old T. V. Ranch, then it was called Big Timber. His claim, however, wasn't very valuable so he just left it. He then went to Ardmore, living there about two years; then moved to Coalgate.

Mr. Barlow and Bud Wallace in 1895 owned a building there which burned and he moved to Holdenville. Later he went back to Kansas but stayed there only thirty days, returning to Enid where he worked in a shop, repairing the wagons, buggies, and doing other carpentry work. At

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Sasakwa he built the second story on Governor John F. Brown's home.

Mr. Barlow made the run to the Cherokee Strip. In the run, Mr. Hanna was driving a team of young horses, full of pep and ready to go, and when he got to where he wanted to stop, the line was hung under the tongue of the wagon and he could not stop the team. So he jumped out and when he jumped, his foot hung, throwing him and he did not get the stake driven just where he aimed to, but his claim proved to be a very valuable one. He received about \$2200.00 for his claim. Mr. Barlow, too, secured a claim but gave it up to a soldier as they got their choice of all claims.

Mr. Barlow owns the first drug store building ever built in Holdenville, using it as a plumbing shop. The building was built in 1897 but has been moved from where it was first located.

Mr. Barlow is now eighty-five years old, and is now living at 324 South Echo, Holdenville.