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Interview with James Daniel Brown
Route 2, Porum, Oklahoma.

I was born August, 1871, in Baxter County, Arkansas, and came to the Indian Territory in 1875 with my parents and located near Poteau, Choctaw Nation. My father was Daniel Brown, born in 1822, in Central Tennessee. My mother was Janie E. Gaskel, born in 1826, in Tennessee. There were eleven of us children.

My father was a farmer and stock raiser. He lived and farmed at the foot of the Sugar Loaf Mountain.

During the Civil War my father ran a grist mill in Mississippi, which was run by water power and furnished corn meal to the Government during the Civil War.

As a boy I would attend the Indian ball games.

During the winter months my father always had plenty of wild turkey to eat and venison hanging in the smoke house.

In 1896 I was married to Miss Emma Cox of Poteau and five children were born to us as follows: Clarence G., Arthur W., Grace P., Roxie Ann and Benjamin Franklin. I worked on the farm with my parents as long as they lived. In 1903 I

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moved to Red Oak, which was about thirteen miles west of Wilburton and farmed until 1912, then moved my family to Porum where I opened a blacksmith shop near Vann's school, which I operated for seven years at which time I sold my shop to Frank Vann of Hebbers Falls.

During the past few years I have worked at odd jobs among the farmers and in small towns.