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INTERVIEW

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LEGEND & STORY FORM
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Indian-Pioneer History Project for OklahomaField worker's name Jimmie BirdwellThis report made on (date) October 12, 19371. This legend was
secured from (name) Bob Caldwell.Address Seminole, Oklahoma.This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

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2. Origin and history of legend or story A story of Ghosttowns northwest of Tulsa.3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
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Jimmie Birdwell,
Interviewer.
October 12, 1937.

Interview with Bob Caldwell.
Seminole, Oklahoma

"A GHOST TOWN"

About 1904 I was around Tulsa just picking up work at odd times and doing a little trading of horses and sometimes a little raw land.

Between the years 1904 and 1906 a bunch of "slicker men" came in to town and looked the country over. They finally bought or leased some land where the town of Keystone is now. The best I can remember now it was just a little north of Keystone. The town site was laid out and maps made of the site. They also made some pictures of the Arkansas River and the Cimarron River. The pictures showed steamboats on the rivers and great piles of freight stacked up on the bank ready to load. Of course, all this stuff was forged.

They named the town Appalachia. I think that was the way it was spelled, and a post office was put there but the only folk who got mail there were the promoters.

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They went back in the eastern states to sell most of the lots and I think they sold quite a bunch of them but the town lasted only about a year. There was not anything to support it.