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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead

This report made on (date) January 25 1938

1. Name Mr. L. T. Canary

2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Chix R.#1

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 13 Year 1887

5. Place of birth State of Indiana

6. Name of Father Jacob Canary Place of birth Indiana  
died at the age of 65

7. Name of Mother Bary Hembree Place of birth Indiana

Other information about mother died at the age of 78

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,  
January 25, 1938.

An interview with Mr. L.T. Canary,  
Chix R #1, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

I was born January 13, 1887, in Indiana. I came to the Indian Territory in 1904, thirty-four years ago. The first place I landed was at Davis, a small place of three or four stores and a blacksmith shop, located in the foothills of the Arbuckle Mountains. When I first went there in 1904, Davis didn't have any pavement, only dirt streets and plank sidewalks. These sidewalks were about three or four feet wide and made out of 1" x 12" planks.

South and east of Davis in the mountain is a little mining town called Dougherty, where they mine asphalt. The four or five business houses that are there are built out of native stone; this stone is white and sandy looking.

Six or seven miles southeast of Dougherty are two small hills that are almost solid shells, and tourists have almost moved the two hills, carrying the shell away for souvenirs.

The main water supply around Davis come from dug wells,

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springs and the Washita River.

The Santa Fe Railroad runs through Davis, and where it passes through the Arbuckle Mountains southeast of Davis, it has two large rock crushers, and here they get ballast for the tracks for many miles each way.

There were a few Indians around Davis but they never did cause any trouble.

The country around Davis is very rough; thirty-four years ago there was little farming, ten or twenty acres was counted as a big field. The principal crops were corn and feed crops.

I have lived in and around Chickasha for twenty years and have been a farmer practically all my life.