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Field Worker's name Charles M. Holt,

This report made on (date) November 15, 1937. 1937

1. Name Earl (Rock) Bartlett.

2. Post Office Address Hominy, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 19 Year 1885.

5. Place of birth Kansas.

6. Name of Father A. B. Bartlett Place of birth Kentucky.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Mattie Musick Place of birth Missouri.

Other information about mother _____

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 3

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Charles H. Holt,
Investigator,
Nov., 15, 1937.

An Interview With Earl Bartlett,
Hominy, Oklahoma.

Earl (Rock) Bartlett was born in Kansas, in 1885, and his parents moved to the Indian Territory the same year, settling east of Pawhuska on Bird Creek on Judge Pettit's farm. They made the trip from Kansas in a covered wagon bringing with them only household goods and a few farming tools, which consisted of an old cultivator, a small turning plow and a Georgia stock or two.

The land was most all raw land, only a very small amount had been broken or cultivated before, so it was not very profitable farming on all raw land. After staying two years on the place on Bird Creek, they found a farm which had more land that had been cultivated, or had been broken, four miles north of Hominy near what is now Mound Valley school on Big Hominy Creek; so the family moved onto it and farmed there for several years.

The farm was on, or adjoining, the site of the original Hominy post. It had been moved at that time, but its location was very plain. A man named Phillips had operated it. The exact location is four miles straight north of

Hominy on the north bank of Big Hominy Creek.

After farming north of Hominy for a few years Earl
father
Bartlett's/homesteaded in Pawnee County on the eighty
acres east of the present site of Cleveland, but disposed
of the land and moved about three miles up the Arkansas
River from Cleveland on a farm.

It was good land for corn so they raised lots of corn
and raised many hogs, as the price of corn was so little
there could not be much made in selling it, so the corn was
mostly fed to hogs.

By this time the boys were large enough to help with
the farming so the family prospered,
country

They moved back into the Osage/and continued farming.
They found the Osage Indians very friendly and honest.

Earl recalls an old Osage "Nick Ausha" who was sick, and
an old treatment or custom when one of them was sick was to
bleed the patient so this old Indians's wife took an old
razor and cut small gashes in his back below his shoulder
blades over an area of about two inches and took a horn,
which they had for that purpose and sucked the blood out.

When farming near Cleveland, Earl recalls that there
were panthers up and down the banks of the Arkansas River,

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and a family named Jordan lived a short distance from Cleveland on the banks of the river. One night Mrs. Jordan went to milk, taking her two year old child along and setting the child on the outside of the cow pen while she milked, and a panther came and grabbed the child and took it away. They at once formed a hunting party of men with guns and dogs and killed the panther, but it had already killed the child.

Earl has quit farming and is tractor operator in the road service of Osage County.