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BAXTER, ED.

INTERVIEW

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Lenna M. Rushing

This report made on (date) June 16, 1937

1. Name Ed Baxter

2. Post Office Address Streud, Oklahoma,

3. Residence address (or location) Indefinite

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1874

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____

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 _____.

An Interview with Mr. Ed Baxter, Stroud, Oklahoma.
By - Lenna M. Rushing, Field Worker.
July 16, 1937.

While I was still a young boy, in the late '80's, I came to Oklahoma. I lived with a Sac and Fox Indian, named Wa - Be - Ki - Shi - Kwa. He and his family lived seven miles southeast of Shawnee on the Canadian River.

Wa - Be - Ki - Shi - Kwa was a fairly good farmer, and would have been prosperous if he hadn't had so many dependents. His wife's relatives were continually visiting him and it took all he made to support them and his large family.

There were many dances and ceremonies to attend also. These occurred frequently, as often as every week or every other week. It would take a day or so to go, one to four days for the dance, and two days for the return trip. Once we went as far as the Indian village near Cushing to attend a ceremony.

All traveling was done on horseback or in some horse drawn vehicle. It was too dangerous to walk, because of the roaming herds of cattle and horses. Bulls and stallion were exceptionally vicious, and it paid

to keep away from them.

The Indians lived where they pleased until the allotment of land. They were then brought together and told to select the one-hundred and sixty acres which they desired. Most of them selected land close to a river or creek. That is the reason there is much Indian land in the bottoms. The allotments were filed at the old Sac and Fox Agency.

Prague was established after the railroad had been built through there. At first it was only a coal station, and later people settled there. Before it was built there was nothing for miles and miles around. I can remember riding through the present site of Prague when its population consisted of squirrels, rabbits, and snakes.

I went to Kansas for a while and then returned in two years. I lived among the Kiowas, Comanches, and Caddos for several years, finally returning to the Sac and Fox land.

I knew many great Indians of the Sac and Fox tribe. Among them were Cherokee Mack, Ma-Ca-The-De, Mes-ka-cha-ga, Wa-ce-ne, and Chief Greyeyes.