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BEAVERS, SAM INTERVIEW.

Field Worker's name Grace Kelley

This report made on (date) January 24, 1937

1. Name Sam Beavers, who is also known as Sam Davis.

2. Post Office Address Henryetta, Route 2.

3. Residence address (or location) 1/2 mile west of Tulwa Thocco.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1861

5. Place of birth Polk County, Texas.

6. Name of Father Dick Davis Place of birth Texas

Other information about father A full-blood Creek.

7. Name of Mother Don't know Place of birth Texas.

Other information about mother _____

Don't know anything about her as she died when I was young.

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.

An Interview with Mr. Sam Beavers, Henryetta.

By - Grace Kelley - Investigator.

January 24, 1938.

When the Indians drifted from Alabama some of them would make a camp and the white people would tell them that the place where they were camped, was not their country and keep making them move on. The Indians scattered like bees. Some of them got to Arkansas, some to Kansas and my people got to Texas. When they got there nobody made them move and they liked the country so they stayed.

My father and mother were both Texas born Greeks but I do not know much about my mother, as she died at my birth, and my older sister, Lizzie, reared me. My people settled in Polk County, Texas.

I was married to a Texas Creek woman but we separated and she brought our two daughters up into this country.

I have no land nor any schooling because I was in Texas. My daughters both have their allotments of land and went to the Indian schools.

In 1919 I came here to visit them and my family and

I liked this country so well that we stayed here. I got acquainted with other Indian men and they knew that I was a Creek but I had no right as I was not a citizen of any town. They told me that I ought to pick out the town that I liked best and join it and be one of them. I joined Arbeca town with my four boys but we didn't have to pay anything for the privilege. Now we can stand to vote with the rest of them.

Talwa Talocco is about a half mile east of our home and we can visit them if we want to but we do not belong there.

We do not take medicine at any place because we are Christians.