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Field Worker's name Etta D. Mason

This report made on (date) February 15, 1938

1. Name Tabitha Faudree

2. Post Office Address Atoka, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

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

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father Bartlett S. Dukes Place of birth Mississippi

7. Name of Mother Mary Susan Jones Place of birth Mississippi

Other information about mother Mississippi Choctaw.

Father, Mississippi Choctaw, cousin to Governor Dukes

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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Interview with Tabitha Faudree,
Atoka, Oklahoma.

My father was Bartlett S. Dukes, a Mississippi mixed breed Choctaw. My mother was Mary Susan Jones. She also had Indian blood in her veins. My father was a cousin to Governor Dukes of the Choctaw Nation. Although we knew we were of Indian extraction we failed to get our names on the Indian rolls, due, my father claimed, to the conniving of a shyster lawyer.

We lived in the Chickasaw Nation near what is now Durant, during the first years of my life. Later we moved to the Choctaw Nation near Caney.

I attended the first fair held in Atoka County. We called our fairs Corn Carnivals and I believe corn was the principal product shown at the fairs. Livestock had not been developed to any great extent at that time. The whole county came though, and most everyone brought something.

There were Merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels and games of all kinds for entertainment. It proved to be a great

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get together meeting and fostered a spirit of co-operation and comradeship among neighbors and friends.

Many old Indian relics were exhibited. Also a number of old quilts and homemade counterpanes and coverlets were at the fair and many of these were awarded prizes.