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Field Worker's name Ethel E. Palmer

This report made on (date) June 2, 1937

1. Name Willie I. Fine

2. Post Office Address Aledo, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 1 Year 1864

5. Place of birth Washington County, Arkansas.

6. Name of Father Henry Fine Place of birth Arkansas

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Cyntha Barclay Fine Place of birth Arkansas

Other information about mother Father was a soldier in R. war.

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 six (6).

Ethel E. Palmer,
Field Worker
June 2, 1937.

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Interview with Willie I. Fine,
Aledo, Oklahoma.
Born November 1, 1864.
Father-Henry Fine.
Mother-Cyntha Barclay Fine.

I was born in Washington Co., Arkansas, in 1864, and came from Texas to Oklahoma, in 1899. I moved my family here in a covered wagon, and filed on the place that I am now living.

The first thing that I did was to build me a half dugout. Our furniture was one wooden bedstead that I made of old rough lumber, a hand-made table, and a long bench. I sawed blocks of trees for our chairs.

We would have left Oklahoma that winter, but one of our horses died, and we couldn't. However this little ^{and} eighty acres of land has kept me going/I had a large family. I made a living for them on this eighty acres.

We did our trading at Osceola, our first post office. We had to go eight miles to Osceola. We had to go forty miles to Weatherford, our nearest railroad town.

We have an old trunk that we brought to Oklahoma with us, some knives and forks also. We have two teacups that belonged to our first set of dishes given to us when we were married. I have two mattresses that we picked the cotton and Mrs. Fine made them when we were first married. This was made in Texas. All these things we brought to Oklahoma with us.