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Field Worker's name Ruby Wolfenbarger

This report made on (date) December 24, 1937. 1937

1. Name Jim M. Jetton

2. Post Office Address Sentinel, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Sentinel.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month August Day 14 Year 1866

5. Place of birth Georgia

6. Name of Father Will Jetton Place of birth Georgia

Other information about father farmer

7. Name of Mother Lizzy Barin Place of birth Georgia

Other information about mother Housewife.

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.

An Interview with Mr. Jim M. Jetton, Sentinel.  
By - Ruby Wolfenbarger, Investigator.  
December 24, 1937.

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I came to the Indian territory about thirty-two years ago from Texas. We came through in a covered wagon.

The climate in Texas didn't agree with us, so we thought that it would be better for us up here.

The weather was very hot and dry. We got lost as we couldn't find any road, just a few cow trails.

We camped at night near water and plenty of wood and we had lots of fun cooking our meals. We cooked in a Dutch oven; we could cook a whole meal in one of these ovens.

The men and boys watched the wagon and stock at night; there were lots of Indians and all kinds of people on the road at that time. We didn't have any trouble with any one on our trip. We were about nine days on the road.

We located in the Kiowa country which was just opened for settlement. I bought out a man, got one

hundred and sixty acres twelve miles south of Hobart.

We lived in a tent the first two years that we were up here; the tent was very small but warm. We had lots of cold weather in the early day, also lots of sandstorms and blizzards.

Part of our land was in cultivation, the other we left for pasture. I had planned to buy up cattle but I did not have the money after I bought my land. We had one cow, a few chickens and two hogs and did not need much pasture for these.

The first year I planted cotton, corn and feed. I did not plant any wheat for several years.

We didn't spend very much money in the early day; almost everyone raised everything to eat, such as meat, lard, sorghum molasses, and we had our butter, eggs and milk.

We didn't have many sweets in the early days but we did have some wild grapes and plums.

We sent our children to school at a little country school near Hobart which had two rooms and sometimes we

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had two teachers. I had to have my children to help me with my crops and to work out when they could so as to help buy their clothes.

About the only entertainments that we had were parties, picnics, box suppers and dances; we had more dances than anything else. We had to go in wagons and buggies but we didn't mind that.

We always went to church; we had our church in the school house until we got our own church built. We had a community church.

I have lived around this community for the past thirty-two years. I am too old to farm now and have my farm rented out to my son.