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Field Worker's name Nora Lorrin, El Reno, Oklahoma

This report made on (date) December 17, 1937

1. Name Mr. James W. Fitzgerald

2. Post Office Address Yukon, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 716 West Maple Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 17 Year 1860

5. Place of birth Wayne County, Iowa.

6. Name of Father Edward F. Fitzgerald Place of birth Ohio, about 1832

Other information about father Died July, 1901

7. Name of Mother Margeret(Zentz) Fitzgerald Place of birth Penn. about 1838.

Other information about mother Does not remember the date of her death but she died after his father died.

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 _____.

Nora Lorrin,
Investigator.
12-17-37

An Interview with
James W. Fitzgerald,
Yukon, Oklahoma.

James W. Fitzgerald was born in Wayne County, Iowa, on April 17, 1860. His father, Edward F. Fitzgerald, was born near Columbus, Ohio, about 1832, and died in July, 1901. His mother, Margaret (Zentz) Fitzgerald, was born in Pennsylvania, about 1836. There were seven of the children, three boys and four girls; the boys are all still living and the girls are dead.

He was fourteen years of age when the family moved from Iowa to Cloud County, Kansas, in a covered wagon. That was the year of the grasshoppers and the old settlers remember it as the year the grasshoppers took everything. They bought a farm close to Scottsville, about half way between Concordia and Beloit. He lived there with his parents until he was grown. He was married to Miss Hattie M. Parch in 1883. One child, a girl, was born to them while they were living in Kansas. In 1889 they were anxious to get a start in life and so put their bedding and clothing into a prairie schooner and came to Oklahoma, coming through Caldwell. They stopped at Pond Creek and camped. It was after dark and after they had got