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Field Worker's name Margaret McGuire

This report made on (date) June 18, 1937.

1. Name Mr., C. E. Foley

2. Post Office Address Ada, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

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

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____

Other information about mother _____

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.

THE STORY OF EARLY DAYS IN OKLAHOMA

Given by Mr. C. E. Foley

By

Margaret McGuire, Field Worker

I came from Iowa to Muskogee, Oklahoma, in the year 1891, with my father, when I was a young boy, leaving my mother in Iowa until we got settled. Mother died and is buried in the Eufaula, Oklahoma cemetery.

When I grew up I worked in a store in Muskogee, as clerk, but after a few years I came to Eufaula. There were very few trading places here at that time; only one drug store; and about three dry goods and grocery stores. The Katy railroad was here then and main street was next to the Katy track, so that all the business houses faced the railroad. I was the first licensed white man trader in Eufaula. The first trading post here was this side of Rocky Ford at Old Town, on the Kansas and Texas trail, which ran from Ft. Smith, through Stigler and across the North Canadian River, about two miles east of Eufaula; and on across the South Canadian River about three miles south of Eufaula then turning west on the Wetumka, to the Seminole Nation and through Skullyville to the Choctaw Nation and so on to White Field.

The old trail is not used now, but it is a part

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of Highway No. 9, that part of Highway No. 9 that goes through Stigler.

The first telephone line was built from Tufaula to San Bois, Choctaw Nation, extending on to McAlester, Atoka and Durant, and Sherman, Texas. From McAlester to Ft. Smith, this line was built on the Old Kansas and Texas trail.

The Younger brothers were around here at that time, and had a hiding place on the bluff on the South Canadian River. Belle Starr also lived in the Younger Bend.