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Wild horses

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BIOGRAPHY OF Mr. J. H. Freeman (White).
 Duncan, Oklahoma

Born 1879
 Talapoosa, Georgia

We moved to Texas in 1881 and to Oklahoma Indian Territory 1887.

We crossed at Byers crossing at Durant. There was a spring above Red river with a fence around it, you could tie a horse to this fence, and he could fill up in that one spot.

Dad, John Baxter got a place from Charlie Hopkins, an Indian preacher. He farmed at this place until one day Charlie started to baptise some Indian babies, Dad whispered to an Indian that the babies would take cold when one sneezed. The next day the preacher told dad he would have to move. He moved to Ramsey Betts place and stayed there 3 years.

I left home with a pal Tom West and stayed 6 months. ~~Came back and~~ dad was on Joe Bryant's place. I left home when I was sixteen, kid like because they changed teams on me.

I went to work herding cattle for Joe. I left him when I was about 20 years old and went to Atoka county, and worked for Will Dunn until I married then moved over on Johnnie Ward's place one year then on Owen's two years. Then moved eight miles west of Marlow on Wesley Mock's place.

A funny thing happened while I worked for Joe Bryant. He was a kind of deputy sheriff and while he was walking down the street in Caddo he dropped his gun, it went off and shot his heel--made a cripple of him.

Old Tom Manning used to have a herd of horses, that would run with the wild ones. I came near getting killed trying to herd them one time.