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Field Worker's name Warren D. MorseThis report made on (date) June 22, 19371. Name J. B. freeman2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 18575. Place of birth Dallas, TexasI came by myself. folks left in Texas.

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 _____.

Field Worker
Warren D. Morse
June 22, 1937

Interview with James B. Freeman
Sayre, Oklahoma

I came from Dallas to what is now Greer County in 1879 and settled near the mouth of Timber Creek. There were no houses there then, just mere cowboy camps. I lived in these camps for a number of years. I got tired of living like this in camp so I went to Mobeetie, Texas, in January, 1881, and married the only single girl in the town. I received my license free and the marriage ceremony was free. There were two feet of snow on the ground.

I came to Sayre or that part of the country in 1882 and filed on land out northeast of Sayre and for a number of years we were the only family living around there. Until the railroad came through there there were no settlements but after the railroad came the people came. They built the first schoolhouse on my land.

They had several skirmishes with these Indians here. One skirmish started nine miles west of Clinton and was extended up beyond Cheyenne.

There was a small town started west of Clinton. It was called Parkerburg. It is a ghost city now - nothing there.

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The land where Clinton was started belonged to three Cheyennes, Garvin Mays, Shoe Boy and Nowolry. Clinton received its name from Judge Clinton Irvin.

I hauled the lumber to build the school building at or near Sayre; it was selected for the site of a school because of the other railroad.