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Field Worker's name Lula Austin

This report made on (date) December 28, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Josephine Baxter Freney

2. Post Office Address Caddo, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Six miles Northeast.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 28 Year 1868

5. Place of birth Texas

6. Name of Father William Baxter Place of birth Georgia

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Linda Brown Place of birth Texas

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.

An Interview with Mrs. Josephine Baxter Freney.  
By - Lula Austin - Investigator.  
December 28, 1937.

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I came with my parents from Texas when I was three years old. We lived near Boggy Depot. My father peddled goods through the country; he would be gone six weeks at a time.

When six years old I could spell every word in the Blue Back Speller.

One day at school they were having a spelling match. Among those in line were the Hester girls. The word "sterterous" was given out and no one in line could spell the word. I was sitting in the back of the room. I was so thrilled because I could spell the word that

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I was jumping up and down. The teacher, Allen Wright, noticed me and said, "Can you spell the word?" I said, "Yes". One of the boys in the line said, "That little dirty faced brat can't spell". The teacher called me to the front; I spelled the word - the teacher seemed surprised and said, "I will investigate you between now and

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Monday morning."

The first time I met this boy who called me "dirty face" he knocked me down, hitting me in the eye. He said that was his vengeance.

My father tanned the leather and made our shoes. He would put brass toes on them and he made the laces from squirrel hide.