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BIOGRAPHY FORM  
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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field Worker's name Ethel E. PalmerReport made on (date) June 8 1937Name Charles Chester Culver GoffPost Office Address LeedeyResidence address (or location) Rural RouteDATE OF BIRTH: Month March Day 1 Year 1880Place of birth Throckmorton County, Texas.Name of Father James M. Goff Place of birth GeorgiaOther information about father Buried at Hobart, Oklahoma  
Fought in Civil War.Name of Mother Susan G. Goff Place of birth GeorgiaOther information about mother Buried at Hobart, Oklahoma.

is or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life and  
 y of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects  
 questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly to  
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My father filed on a place two and one-half miles southeast of Carter, Oklahoma. He sent me here from Texas in 1894, to dig a dugout. I was fourteen years old when I came here, and I drove 150 horses here.

For three months I never saw a single person, there weren't very many people in that locality. The reason we filed there, father raised horses only and he thought this country would never settle up. Also there was a large spring to furnish all the water we needed. This spring is where the officers trailed Redbuck and Miller from, when they were captured.

We had to go to Quanah, Texas, 125 miles, <sup>or</sup> to El Reno, 110 miles, to do our buying when we first came to Oklahoma, going about twice a year. We would buy our coffee, but have to grind it ourselves. We would buy our foods by large amounts. There were wild turkey and deer there, and I saw lots of bear tracks, but I never saw a bear.

The Indians and the cowboys had a battle on our place before we moved there. By an old dugout on our place were large piles of shells.

There were lots of outlaws in this country.

I helped drive 2600 head of calves and cows to the Kansas line. We first camped right in the

center of what is now Elk City, there wasn't even a house there then. We moved on up to the Canadian River. The river was down <sup>(?)</sup> and we couldn't cross for seven days. We ran out of provisions and nearly starved to death. There was no way to get provisions, so we killed a calf. Now, this is all that we had to eat.

We used to go for miles to a dance. There was a dance 182 miles away and there were 82 couples at that dance. We danced all night and until 12:00 O'Clock the next day. We had to cross a river, and when we got to the river, it was frozen across, so we drove over it on the ice. We were in covered wagons.

Cattle froze to death by the hundreds. There was a long creek by our house and we could walk clear up the creek on dead cows.

One man came through the country with 7,000 head of cattle, taking them to the plains and when he got there, he had only 300 left, so many had frozen to death.

I remember the first car I ever saw. It had a real high wheel, the engine was in the back of the car behind the driver and it surely was a funny looking thing. My team got scared.

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There was a money panic that hit this country in 1904. People who had money in the bank were allowed to draw only \$5.00 at a time.

I have two Buffalo horns I brought here from Texas, that are 43 years old.