

GLASS, W. W.

INTERVIEW

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Field Worker's name Jasper H. MeadThis report made on (date) July 16 th 193 71. Name W. W. Glass2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma.3. Residence address (or location) 822 Dakota4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 12 Year 18915. Place of birth State of Texas.6. Name of Father Q. P. Glass Place of birth MissouriOther information about father Age 64.7. Name of Mother Sara O'Conner Place of birth Illinois.Other information about mother Age 67.

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 3

Joseph H Mead
Field Worker,
7-16-37.

An interview with
W. W. Glass,
Chickasha, Okla.

My name is W. W. Glass. I was born in Texas forty-seven years ago. I came to Oklahoma when I was three years old, and the first place I landed was at Woodville, in Marshall County. The closest town to Marshall at that time was Madill. There were seven or eight wooden buildings in Woodville. These buildings were built out of cottonwood lumber; there were wooden sidewalks which ran from one building to another.

There was no depot in Woodville because no railroad came through there at that time. There was a wooden school house at Woodville built out of cottonwood lumber; it had three windows and one door and the roof was covered with cottonwood shingles, the desks were made out of split cottonwood logs and it took nearly every rock in Marshall County to level these desks up so that we could use them to write on and to lay our books on.

Our books consisted of a speller, arithmetic and we each had a slate and pencil; the water around there came from dug wells.

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The Tolliver ranch at Madill was the largest ranch around there; Morris Carden owned a large ranch close to Woodville and I worked for him for seven years.

I got anywhere from \$1.50 per day up to \$3.00 a day and during the war he paid me straight time \$2.50 per day.

My work consisted of branding and shipping cattle and in looking after the young calves.

I have lived on ranches and helped farm the land where Madill is now. The first store that was ever in Madill was built and owned by the Colby Brothers, in 1901.

All the people had to do in those days to live was to raise a little bread stuff, then you could go out in the woods and hills and kill a wild hog or a steer.

A person who had his mark on the stock did not care if you killed a wild hog or a steer just so you did not kill a milk cow or steal a saddle horse but any time you did either of those two things and were caught, you would likely get hanged to a tree.

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There ~~were~~ only a few "laws" in those days but
they were very strict.