

JONES PORTER

INTERVIEW
BIOGRAPHY FORM

Form A-(S-149) 8759 249

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Ruth Kerbo

This report made on (date) September 21 1937

1. Name Mr. Porter Jones

2. Post Office Address Mangum, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 527 South Pennsylvania

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

5. Place of birth _____

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 _____.

JONES, PORTER

INTERVIEW

8759

Interview with Porter Jones
Mangum, Oklahoma.

Porter Jones, of Mangum, is one of the earlier residents who recall vividly the great flood at old Frazier, a settlement west of Altus, in 1891.

The Salt Fork, swollen with heavy rains, overflowed its banks, and swept down upon the little frontier community, carrying away houses, buildings and cattle.

Mr. Jones settled at a ranch, called Buttermilk station, two miles south of old Frazier. Here he engaged in stock raising for the next several years.

Cotton farming was something new in those days. Most farmers were unacquainted with this new kind of crop, and preferred to stick to corn growing and cattle raising.

Mr. Jones arrived in Old Greer county in 1887, coming here from Vernon, Texas. His original home was in Missouri. For the past thirty-nine years, he has lived in Mangum where he has held a number of positions.

JONES, PORTER

INTERVIEW

8759

2

For many years he operated a farm at Ladessa, trading cattle. After moving to the city of Mangum, he was employed for five years in the office of the Registrar of Deeds.

At present, he is connected with a business firm and still maintains his cattle interests.

Mr. Jones is an active horseman. He is one of the few old time cattlemen who are still active.

He rides his horses daily, and still has his old boots and spurs.

Mr. Jones formerly led an active life, sometimes being in the saddle ten and twelve hours at a stretch. Range riders never knew when a blizzard might blow up, or when an epidemic of black-leg would break out among their horses.

Riding the range, in those days when ranches were measured in sections instead of acres, was no light chore.

The range rider had quite a different job from that of the modern stock farmers who usually makes the rounds of the farm in a few hours in his automobile.