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BIOGRAPHY FORM
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Field Worker's name Jimmie Birdwell.This report made on (date) November 17, 1937.1. Name Noel Horton2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.3. Residence address (or location) 1623 East Reno4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month October Day 18 Year 1881.5. Place of birth Texas.6. Name of Father Joe Horton. Place of birth New Jersey.

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 2.

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Jimmie Birdwell,
Investigator.
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An Interview With Joe Horton,
A Story of the cow country east
of Ryan.

My father moved onto a place about twenty miles east of Ryan in 1895 with a small herd of cattle; he leased forty acres of land to farm but the land was raw and we had to clear it up.

Father got all he made for five years for clearing up the land, building a small frame house and digging a well.

There was lots of open range and my job was to look after the cattle. At first I only had about eighty-five head to look after but in three years this number had been built up to about three hundred.

We lived something like ten miles from Red River and our cattle would range from the river north about twenty miles.

This was a big job for a boy fifteen years old and it would take me a week to go around the whole herd and after three years my father hired a man to help me and we took our food with us on a pack mule.

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We would go home on Saturday night and stay until Monday morning when we would load our mule and start out for the week.

Keeping the cattle out of Red River was the worst job that we had; it was not any fun having to wade in ice water knee-deep or tail an old cow up out of the quicksand.

I did not get any schooling as I had to help my father but the man he hired to help me knew quite a bit about school books and on a trip to Bowie , Texas, my father bought some school books and the hired man taught me to read and write at nights in camp.