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Field Worker's name Ida B. Lankford

This report made on (date) April 19 1938

1. Name Leander Smith Jones

2. Post Office Address Cordell, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 502 North Grant Street

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month July Day 19 Year 1852

5. Place of birth Indiana

Scott County

6. Name of Father William Jones Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about father Farmer

7. Name of Mother Shabata Smith Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about mother Housewife.

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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Ida B. Lankford,
Investigator,
April 19, 1938.

An Interview with Mr. Leander Smith Jones,
502 North Grant Street, Cordell, Oklahoma.

I came from Scottsburg, Scott County, Indiana, December 25, 1899. We came on the train; chartered a car and brought everything we had. My son-in-law had a farm here; he had come back to Indiana and married my daughter and nothing would do but he would have us come, too; so we moved onto his farm and I built a house, then went to work in the spring of 1900.

I raised corn, cotton and wheat, and I made good crops of cotton, but when my corn got in silks and tassels, the hot wind struck it and it burned up, so I didn't make a bit. I got 7 cents a pound for cotton. For our fuel, we cut wood off the banks of the creek that ran through our farm and we had plenty of wood. I made a few crops on my son-in-law's farm then, taking one horse, I moved to Cordell. I went to work plowing lots for the town people. I was plowing one day and Doctor Bungardt came to me and wanted me to go to work in his hospital where I had the job of firing the boilers.

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I worked there twenty-seven years through the winter and during the summer months I would stay with my daughter at Sand Springs. My wife has been dead for twenty years and I have lived with my daughters and worked at anything.