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Field Worker's name Charles Henry Holt

This report made on (date) April 29, 193 8

1. Name Guy G. Bennett

2. Post Office Address Honiny

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year 1877

5. Place of birth Indiana

6. Name of Father W. C. Bennett Place of birth Pennsylvania

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Manda Grable Place of birth Pennsylvania

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 _____

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Charles Henry Holt
Investigator
April 29, 1938

Interview with Guy G. Bennett
Hominy, Oklahoma.

Guy G. Bennett was born in Indiana in 1877. His father being a blacksmith in Indiana had come to the Territory in 1894 and opened up a shop in Osage City. The next year Guy came out to work with his father in the blacksmith shop. Having worked some in his father's shop in Indiana he had become quite skillful in blacksmithing and was a great help to his father in Osage City. His father had more work than he could do, such as horse shoeing, plow sharpening and miscellaneous small jobs.

Prices in those days were very reasonable compared to the present date. The Bennett's shop charged only one dollar for shoeing a horse all around, also furnishing the shoes. For sharpening plow points they got ten to fifteen cents. Other work was in comparison to these prices. They were busy all the time in the shop, and prospered although their prices were so reasonable.

Osage City was in Pawnee County, northwest of Cleveland about twenty miles on the Arkansas River. It drew a great deal of trade from Osage County across the

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river. The people on the Osage County side forded the river coming to Osage City at first. But a man by the name of Vandruff built a small ferry which was used in crossing later.

After blacksmithing with his father a year or two Guy Bennett quit blacksmithing and went to near Shidler and managed a combination ranch and farm for Adams and Shaver. Having many cattle, they raised much corn and kaffir corn and other stock feed. He herded cattle from early in the day till dark, eating from a chuck wagon which went with the herd of cattle. When marketing the cattle they drove them to Elgin, Kansas. There were many buyers there who shipped them on farther. High prices were paid for the cattle for Eastern markets. Guy quit his job and came to Hominy where he now is employed in a local hardware store.