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Interview with J. R. Kay
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Field Worker, Dawes Fife
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Mr. Kay was born in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, on February 3, 1883.

He came with his father, J. R. Kay, and his mother in a covered wagon to the Porter ranch, near Wealaka Mission, in the fall of 1893.

His father worked for R. C. Kelly, owner of the ranch, and took a ten year lease on Enos Bunger's allotment. They then moved to William Bunger's allotment.

His father, J. R. Kay, raised William Bunger, Creek Indian, from a child to manhood. Mr. Kay also filed for William Bunger's allotment. They farmed together until Mr. Kay was twenty-one years old.

After he was married he started farming for himself on Bighead's allotment, near Bixby. At that time there was no town of Bixby. While

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farming near Bixby Mr. and Mrs. Kay bought groceries at Tulsa twice a year, transporting them by wagon.

They raised corn and oats and sold them to the people at Porter's ranch.

They also raised a few hogs.

Mr. Kay later moved to a farm near Bristow. He farmed near Bristow for three years, then came to Sapulpa three years ago.

They traded at times at a little store on Posey Creek, three miles west and one mile north of where Bixby is now. This little store was owned by a man named Turner.

During those days they had open range here. Deer and turkey were plentiful. They hunted turkeys in the Concharty Mountains.

Mr. Kay lives at 722 West Bryan Street in Sapulpa.