

HOLMES, ARTIE MISADELINE

INTERVIEW

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BIOGRAPHY FORM
 WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Ethel Palmer

This report made on (date) July 17 1937

1. Name Artie Misadeline Holmes

2. Post Office Address Leedey, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 1/2 mile west of Leedey

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 3 Year 1880

5. Place of birth Boone County, Arkansas

6. Name of Father Robert Holmes Place of birth Arkansas

Other information about father _____

~~7. Name of Mother Elizabeth Holmes Place of birth Arkansas~~

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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I came to Oklahoma in 1891, to the Cherokee Nation, near Pryor Creek. I came from Arkansas in a covered wagon. We brought our chairs with us; they were home-made. They were made from hickory sticks. Pryor was our post office; it ^{was} a small town with two or three stores, all made of log. This was a timber country. We scarcely knew what roads were; we only had trails across the prairie. There were not any bridges, either.

When we first came to Oklahoma, we lived in a log house. Our furniture was home-made; that is, what we had. We ^{and} only had our chairs, bed-steads and these were made from timber.

We lived on an Indian lease. We leased the land for eight years and it only cost us the up-keep of the land and what it cost to build a log house.

My father killed a deer on the place on which we were living. This was the only deer I have seen but there were lots of wild ducks there and we made lots of feather beds from their feathers.

There also were a good many quail, rabbits, prairie chickens, apples the year around, some peaches,

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wild cherries, plums, pecans, walnuts and all kinds of wild berries.

We raised some wheat, but our main crop was corn. We would cut our wheat and tie the bundles with our hands. We also raised lots of vegetables. This was alkali land, We didn't know how to can up our vegetables as we do nowadays.

We would take our cabbage and put it down in salt in a large barrel. We would do our cucumbers the same way and that is all of our vegetables that we knew how to can.

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