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~~LAMBRIGHT, T. M., INTERVIEW. BIOGRAPHY FORM~~~~WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION~~~~Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma~~Field Worker's name Maurice R. AndersonThis report made on (date) July 13, 1937

1. Name Mr. T. M. Lambright.
2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) _____
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month x Day x Year 1881.
5. Place of birth Texas.

6. Name of Father Will Lambright. Place of birth Texas.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Julia Elledge Place of birth Texas.

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.

Maurice Anderson,
Interviewer.

From an Interview with T. M. Lambright,
Sayre, Oklahoma.

I came to the Indian Territory in 1898. I was only about eighteen years old and my wife was about seventeen. We left Texas in a wagon working two mules. I was looking for a place to settle, and I camped on Cache Creek, east of Fort Sill in the Comanche Indian country, for a few days. There were about two thousand Indians camped at this place, and they were living in tepees, that was what they called them. These tepees were three poles fixed together at the top, and the Indians had sacks and rags fixed around these poles to keep the rain out. They would build a fire in the center of these tepees, and at the top they would leave a hole for the smoke to go out. During the three days I was camped there, I never saw them cook anything. They would have beef meat hanging on the outside of their tepees drying. I remember one evening my wife was cooking supper, and several of the Indian women came to our camp and watched her cook. They couldn't speak English so they would shake their heads when we would try to talk to them. I could hardly tell the men from the women as they all wore their hair braided, and would

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have red thread braided into their hair. They wore moccasins on their feet, and blankets wrapped around them. The three days I stayed there I never saw any of them wear a hat or a cap, as they all went bare headed.

I made the Cheyenne Run and staked a place, and built a dug-out in about five days. My wife and I moved in, but we had a hard time the first year trying to make a living. We were the same as two kids, although I knew how to farm. I cut wood and sold it the first winter we lived there, and also hunted. By selling wood and fur we managed to keep enough to live on. By the third year I managed to have several acres in cultivation, and a start of cows. Our first year was the hardest year which we spent in the Indian Territory. My home is now in Sayre.