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Field Worker's name Lillian GassawayThis report made on (date) March 10, 1938 19381. Name Mrs. Mount Law2. Post Office Address Anadarko, Oklahoma3. Residence address (or location) 101 East Kentucky Street4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month March Day 12 Year 1859

5. Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Father Charles Young Place of birth Indiana

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Mary Brown Young Place of birth Vermont

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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Investigator, Lillian Gassaway,  
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Interview with Mrs. Mount Law,  
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We came to El Reno for the drawing but didn't get anything. After the drawing was over. Mr. Law wanted to go back to Ponca City but I said no. I didn't ever want to go back there. So we came on to Anadarko on the second day of August, 1901. There were five men coming over at the same time from El Reno and some of them were going into business. As we were in a wagon they asked Mr. Law to bring over a load of gravel, they wanted to start building right away.

We pitched our tent where the Catholic Church now stands at 501 West Oklahoma Avenue. We lived there until some time in October when it got so cold that we moved down on the river in the timber, west of town, where Randlett Park is now.

On Thanksgiving one of the teachers brought us a basket of things for our thanksgiving dinner. We told

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her that we didn't need it. The night before a goose had lit in a tree over our tent and one of the boys had killed it. So we had goose for dinner.

The smallpox broke out in town that year so the city built a pest house near where we camped and had Mr. Law to care for the sick. The first patient was a boy from Ponca City who was sick when he came but didn't know it. When the epidemic was over we were given the house for our services. The house was moved to the west end of Broadway, where it still stands. I white-washed it and used the tent that was first used as a pest house for canvas then papered it. We lived in this house for some time. It was the first house we lived in, in Anadarko.

Mr. Law hauled the first load of lumber from Chickasha to Anadarko. He also hauled the contents of the old mess house at the Agency to Chickasha. Mr. Law did draying in Anadarko for a good many years before his death.