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Carl Sherwood,
Investigator,
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Interview With Hiram Lorenzo Lamb,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

I was born in 1867 in Vernon County, Missouri. I came to the Territory in 1894 and located at Canadian Switch, south of Eufaula.

In 1891 I was married to Miss Samantha Stubblefield in Barry County, Missouri, and we are the parents of four children; Lennie, Effie, Samuel and John.

I farmed in the Canadian River bottom for twenty-three years, and during this time I don't remember of a crop failure. We raised from one to two bales of cotton per acre, for which we received \$2.50 per hundred pounds in the seed. Provisions were very cheap then and we made a good living. We had our cotton ginned at Canadian Switch, where the Belt Trading Company had a general merchandise store and a cotton gin. The farmers were financed by the above company, which issued coupon books for convenience. All purchases would be paid for out of the coupon books. During the winter months men came to

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the Territory from Missouri and Kansas and bought the surplus corn from the farmers, This would be shipped north in car lots.

Times were much better then than they are today.

In 1919 I moved my family to Muskogee and since that time have worked here as a carpenter.