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Field Worker's name Augusta H. Custer.

This report made on (date) September 29, 1937.

1. Name Mrs. Eldorus Law Sr.
2. Post Office Address Geary, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) North Blaine.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day _____ Year 1881
5. Place of birth Missouri.

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth Ohio.
 Other information about father Living.
7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____
 Other information about mother Has been dead many years.

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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Augusta H. Custer,
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Interview with Mrs. Eldorus Law, Sr.
Geary, Oklahoma.
Born-January 1881.

Mrs. Eldorus Law is a pioneer and has lived in and near Geary for over forty years. She knows the people around Geary and vicinity; this is the story of an interesting bowl told by Mrs. Law:



This bowl belongs now to my daughter, Alma Petticrew; it was given to her by her uncle, Henry Law, after the death of his wife, Mrs. Fannie Barclay Law. This bowl was given to Mrs. Law by Buffalo Fat, wife of Cut Finger. Cut Finger and the Law family had land which lay across

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the road from each other for many years; these two families were neighbors, and friends, helping each other when possible.

Cut Finger was Chief of the Arapahos at the time of the St. Louis World's Fair and he went to represent his tribe.

He was a prominent Indian and an influential man, not only among his own but among other Indian tribes.

This bowl is made of very heavy china. The quality is not good, and the glazing is cracked. It was given to Cut Finger by a missionary or issued to him when the Government was issuing rations at one of the Missions.

Cut Finger did not lie sick very long and after his death about 1920 his daughter took the bowl to Mrs. Law and presented it to her in memory of the friendship of the two families.

Mrs. Law was pleased to receive the souvenir and as the bowl was so large and plain white she wanted some painting put on the bowl as a decoration. The quality of the china would not stand firing, so it was decided to

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have an artist, living in the town of Geary, put some decorations on the bowl with paint that did not need firing.

* Mrs. A. H. Custer went out to the Cut Finger place and drew a picture of the old house and trees, and the road approaching the house, and these are the decorations on the bowl today. It is painted in a scene that extends around the center of the bowl in red, brown and black.