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1. Name Marion Lambert
2. Post Office Address Morrison, Oklahoma
3. Residence address (or location) In town.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 29 Year 1865
5. Place of birth Lawrence County, Ohio

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6. Name of Father Bennett Lambert Place of birth Unknown
Other information about father Buried at Perry, Oklahoma
7. Name of Mother Vina (Branner) Lambert Place of birth Unknown
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 8.

Interview with Marion Lambert
Morrison, Oklahoma

Investigator - Ida A. Merwin
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Marion Lambert, son of Bennett and Vina Branner Lambert, was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, November 29, 1865.

In February, 1895, I came to Oklahoma from Washington County, Kansas.

My brother made the run in the race at the opening of the Cherokee Strip and secured a farm in Noble County. I was anxious to secure a home and came to see if I could buy one.

I bought rights on land about five and one-half miles northeast of Perry, for which I paid \$450.00. After purchasing this land I returned to Kansas to move my family.

The trip was made from Kansas in wagons. My brother-in-law came with me; we brought two teams and wagons, bringing necessary furniture and some implements. My wife and baby came on the train.

The first house was a one room box house with a shed on one side; this was used for a kitchen and I partitioned^a space on one end to use as a granary, to keep feed, etc.

The house was roofed with corrugated tin and was not finished on the inside. It was about three years later when I built a two room frame house and finished the inside with plastered walls. This cost about \$100.00.

The barn was made of shiplap boards and a chicken house was made from goods boxes.

A well had been drilled which supplied the water.

For fuel I got wood from the blackjack timber southeast of Perry. I had to pay 25 cents a load for the pole wood and could cut and haul a load a day.

Our supplies were bought at Perry.

My first crops were kaffir, cane, and corn. About seven acres of sod had been broken out when I bought this land. I continued to break sod and after a year or so I put in wheat, which was the main crop; I also raised some cotton.

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In 1895, after the crop had been planted and cared for, we returned to Kansas where I husked corn to provide funds to carry us through the Winter.

My wife canned some fruit while we were there.

On our return to Oklahoma I brought some implements.

While making this trip to Kansas, which was made with wagon and team, we took some provisions which we had raised and my wife had prepared bread sufficient for the trip and our expenses for the trip were not more than \$1.00.

When I first came to Oklahoma I bought a cow, also a pig, which my brother kept for me while I was working in Kansas.

After returning home I butchered this pig, which provided meat and lard for us and with what I had earned while husking corn we had our Winter's provisions.

During the Fall of 1896 a school-house was built in our district and we boarded the two men who were doing the work. With this board money we bought a cow.

There were some pretty hard times in those days but people were always ready to help one another.

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In visiting in other homes one never went for a meal unless invited, as often one did not have sufficient food to care for others than the family, but if an invitation was given then one felt free to go as provision had been made for them.

After a few years I sold this farm and bought one southwest of Morrison, where we lived until the Fall of 1936, when I moved to Morrison, where I now reside.