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Field worker's name Louise S. Barnes,

This report made on (date) March 1, 1958

1. This legend was  
secured from (name) Mr. Jason Little,

Address Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story \_\_\_\_\_

Discouraged pioneer.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank  
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Louise S. Barnes,  
Investigator,  
March 1, 1938.

An Interview with Jason Little,  
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

DISCOURAGED PIONEER .

I was born in Montgomery, Alabama, and then moved to Mississippi where I farmed until I came to Oklahoma on April 22, 1889. I came to Hennessey on the train, and as that was as far as the railroad ran I stayed there and made the Run from the north line into Kingfisher.

I was unsuccessful in getting a homestead. I don't know if it was my luck or religion but something seemed to hold me back. I wanted to locate on a farm as that is all I had ever done and it was my desire to have a home of my own. I homesteaded on a farm in the Territorial Opening but I was contested out of it so I moved back to Kingfisher. In the Cheyenne and Arapaho Opening, I homesteaded west of Kingfisher, and was contested out of my farm again. Then I made the Cherokee Strip Opening on the train, and filed on a lot in the courthouse square and was contested and sold my right for \$200. Then I

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filed in the southeast part of Enid on a lot and sold it for \$50.00. I remained in Enid three days and then returned to Kingfisher.

I remember well while I was trying to get on the farm my family was almost starving and I guess they would have starved if my wife had not picked up old buffalo heads and boiled them for soup, on an open campfire, using cow and buffalo chips to burn. I then went to work and worked by day labor the rest of the years as I have continued to live in Kingfisher.