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Indian- Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

HORTON, EDWIN C.

INTERVIEW.

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Field Worker's name Raymond G. Jantz.

Report made on (date) February 23, 1938. 1938

Name Edwin C. Horton.

Post Office Address Fort Cobb, Oklahoma Route #2.

Residence address (or location) 7 south, 3 east, from Carnegie.

DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 5 Year 1859.

Place of birth New York City, New York.

Name of Father Tomas Horton. Place of birth New York.

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

Name of Mother Mary Osburn. Place of birth New York.

Other information about mother \_\_\_\_\_

For complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life history 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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Raymond G. Jantz,  
Investigator,  
Feb. 23, 1938.

An Interview With Edwin Horton,  
Route #2, Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

I came from McPherson County, Kansas, in 1901. I came for the sole purpose of settling in the new territory. I drew a number in the drawing at El Reno but the number was so high that I just discarded it and bought the quarter that I now live on. We settled on this place March 2, 1902.

We came through to Carnegie on the train; we had plenty of supplies on our train that was to bring our horses, cows, implements and furniture. We thought that Carnegie was a town and brought only enough supplies to last on the road. There we were without anything to eat and without a place to sleep, so the man who ran the depot sent us a half dozen biscuits and we took hay to make a bed in a box car. But finally our things came along and we moved out to our place.

I tell you it certainly looked discouraging because everything was so bare as a floor. All the grass had

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burned off before we came and there wasn't anything living in sight except some stray cattle, that had not been taken off the range. The first year while my wife's brother's hired man was plowing he had to carry a shot gun on the plow to keep the wild cattle from getting him. If the cattle crowded him too close then he would sprinkle them with bird shot and scare them away.

Our first house was a two room 14 x 28 box style house. There were six in our family and my wife's brother and his hired man. We didn't have any room to spare. We had six months in which to get settled and after we were settled people began to flock in pretty quick. One of our amusements was to count the new houses put up every day. In the mornings we would count those west of us. In the evening we could count those east of us.

When we dug our well there were plenty of neighbors who came to see how deep we had to go to get water and what kind of dirt we had to go through. We were a long time getting our sense of directions correctly.

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When we moved into this country the store at Alden was already in business and had been for some time. A man of the name of Jack Carpenter was the first man to own this store. There was also a post office at Alden. There was also a country store and post office one mile north of our home. These was run by a man of the name of R. N. Schooling. This place was called Neola. We named our first school Neola after this place and it is still named Neola. Miss Ina Schooling was our first school teacher and the first term was three months. The school was built by subscription because there was nothing taxable in this country. The school house was a 14 x 28 boxed affair. For several years we only had four or five months of school.