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Field worker's name Jimmie Birdwell

This report made on (date) December 13, 1937

1. This legend was secured from (name) James J. Maxwell

Address 3400 South Douglas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

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

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

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 1

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An Interview with James J. Maxwell, Oklahoma City.  
By - Jimmie Birdwell - Investigator.  
December 13, 1937.

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In the year of the Run here, 1889, my mother, then a child eleven years old, was in the wagon belonging to her father.

There were several of the wagons, she does not remember how many, but anyhow they were crossing the South Canadian River where the Newcastle Bridge is now, about fifteen miles south of Oklahoma City. In one wagon was a deaf and dumb woman who had never before made any noise or a sound of any kind. The wagons were almost across when the deaf and dumb woman let out a scream and pointed up the river.

Looking up the river they saw just a short ways a head-rise coming and they whipped the teams and pulled up the bank just in time to miss the flood.

The deaf and dumb woman had never made a sound before this time and never made a sound after.