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Maurice N. Anderson

August 16,

1937

Mr. P. G. Tolbert

Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

1855

Ohio

P. G. Tolbert

Ohio

Deceased

Louisa Smith

Ohio

Deceased

Note: If any of the persons named in this report are deceased, the informant should be notified by mail for an interview, if possible, and if necessary, should be referred to this office for further information.

An Interview with Mr. E. M. Fourth, Pauls Valley,
by Maurice E. Anderson, Field Worker,
August 10, 1937.

I was born in 1892 at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.
In the Oklahoma Territory. We lived there
until 1907 when we moved to Pauls Valley,
Oklahoma. I was in school there until
1910 when I graduated from high school.
I then went to work for the
railroad. I worked for the railroad
for several years. I then went to
work for the government. I worked
for the government for several years.
I then went to work for the
oil company. I worked for the
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Local people built a one school house and that winter
we held a three months school.

There was a small town where I bought groceries
named Prisco. At that time there were around two
hundred people living at Prisco but after the railroad
was built it missed Prisco by about four miles and a
town was started named Yukon and the stores and the peo-
ple moved from Prisco to Yukon.

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We did not buy much in those days; we tried to raise our own products. homesteaders would settle here and sometimes not stay but a few months; they would trade their one hundred and sixty acres of land for a span of mules or anything they could get.

There was a cattle trail that went through Canadian County. I do not remember where it crossed the Canadian River but it crossed the Cimarron River south of Dodge City. There were not many cattle driven over this trail after I moved there but there had been lots driven over it in the early days for this trail was beaten down in places two feet deep. I have helped take a few small herds of cattle over this trail to Dodge City, Kansas; this trail was called the Santa Fe trail.

Our only transportation in that day and time were horse-drawn buggies and wagons.

Our clothes were mostly overalls, hickory shirts and ten gallon hats.

When I came to old Oklahoma, there was lots of wild game, not many deer, but the prairie was covered

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with prairie chicken, and there were plenty of fish

in all of the creeks around where I lived.

I now live on South Cherry Street in Pauls
valley, Oklahoma.
