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 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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This report made on (date) November 2, 1937.

1. Name Joe Underwood (Chickasaw)

2. Post Office Address Mead, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) In town.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 15 Year 1870

5. Place of birth Near Tishomingo

6. Name of Father Allen Underwood Place of birth _____

Other information about father Fullblood Chickasaw

7. Name of Mother Jamima Hecutubby Place of birth _____

Other information about mother Fullblood Chickasaw.

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 1

An interview with Mr. Joe Underwood, Mead, Oklahoma.

By - Lula Austin, Field Worker, S-149.

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I married a white woman when I was twenty-three years old. I built a log house with a dirt and stick flue. There was no floor; we lived in this house with one room added until our family of three was ready for school, we then moved to Mead and bought the house where I now live. I have never been out of Oklahoma.

All I know is Indian used to kill Indian when he get mad at him - that is why we are all about killed out. I don't know why I didn't get killed.

One day my wife's sister, Beekie Riley, and her little boy were riding horseback to church at Rock Creek when Tom Billy and Malbert Nelson, both fullbloods, called for Beekie to dismount; they wanted her horse.

She wouldn't get off and they began to shoot around her until she jumped off. She ran to George Yarborough's house and told him and he took the horse away from these two fullbloods.

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