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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field Worker's name Miss. Eunice M. MayerThis report made on (date) April 23, 19371. Name W. W. Wade2. Post Office Address Wagon, Okla.

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 12 Year 18745. Place of birth Collins County, Texas6. Name of Father W. W. Wade Place of birth Mississippi

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

7. Name of Mother Martha Jane White Place of birth Mississippi

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

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 3.

An interview with W. W. Wade,  
Mangum, Oklahoma

Eunice J. Wayer, field worker,  
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W. W. Wade of Mangum came to Greer County in the fashion familiar to so many old timers--the wagon train. The convoy of eight wagons left Collins County, Texas in the spring of 1896, and arrived in Greer County nearly four weeks later.

The newcomers found the growing of crops hard to undertake because of recurrent droughts and the difficulty of securing seeds and agricultural implements. As a consequence, the immigrants turned to stock raising, and working about the range as the chief source of livelihood. Mangum had not yet received the influx of settlers it was to receive five or six years later. The settlers had to content themselves with living close to the soil; making a good living thereby. Game was easily available, and a spirit of hospitality and friendliness, peculiar to a open range country prevailed everywhere.

Most of the immigrants who stayed in old Greer County anytime at all liked the new land so well that they decided on a permanent residence. Probably, a fourth of the newcomers here saw this County with no intention of staying. However, with coming of the railroad and the opening of a land office here, settlers begin coming thick and fast. Mangum began a phenomenal growth, and became the metropolis of the new empire.