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Field Worker's name Ida B. Lankford,

This report made on (date) January 19, 1938

1. Name John Andrew Walker,
2. Post Office Address Cordell, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) 5 miles north of Cordell. No. 14 Highway.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month August Day 27, Year 1857.
5. Place of birth Mississippi.

6. Name of Father Frank Walker, Place of birth Alabama.

Other information about father Preacher.

7. Name of Mother Mary Simson, Place of birth Alabama.

Other information about mother School teacher.

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 2.

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Ida B. Lankford,  
Investigator,  
January 19, 1938.

"An Early-Day History".

I came from Hunt County, Texas, December 17, 1892,  
in covered wagons and driving oxen.

I have worked in a hardware store and also ran a  
tin shop. Then I moved to a farm, I walked and plowed,  
putting in a crop. We lived on corn bread and sometimes we  
would have a hog to butcher and make our meat and lard.

We had sorghum molasses and after we made a batch of  
molasses, a group of people would come to our house and  
we would have an old-time candy pulling and dance, and  
what a time we had!

We used to make cider and let it set in kegs so  
that it would get so strong we could hardly drink it.  
We have had the Indians steal barrels of our cider. They  
loved it.

We went to church for miles around, a large group  
going together. Our schools weren't very large. Our  
teachers had only a seventh or eighth grade education.

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I have worked from sunup until sundown many days .  
only getting from forty to fifty cents a day. I would  
go in from the field, milk several cows, and cut wood to  
do the folks all the next day.

I drove big oxen to this country and an old-time  
covered wagon. It makes me shiver to think back of what  
we had to eat, what hard times we went through, and what a  
lot of hard work we did to help build up Oklahoma. I  
now am very old and am ready to go to another country.  
I am waiting for His coming.