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Field Worker's name Jimmie Birdwell.This report made on (date) March 23, 1938

1. Name Leonard Ward.
2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) 725 West Reno,
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
5. Place of birth _____
6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____
7. Name of Mother _____ Place of birth _____
- 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 _____

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Jimmie Birdwell,
Investigator,
March 23, 1938.

Interview With Leonard Ward,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

I came into this country from Kansas in 1895 in a wagon. I had rented a farm and was about ten miles west of McAlester. Our houses were not very good and we did not have any farming tools. I had a breaking plow, and a Georgia stock. There was only one other breaking plow in our neighborhood. There were about a half dozen of us men who swapped tools around so we could farm. We did not raise anything for the market. We did not have any market so we just tried to raise a living, which was not always easy. Three things we always had plenty of was milk, meat, and corn bread, and I want to tell you that those three things were the food of almost every farmer.

Of course we had some fruit and berries. There were plenty of berries and wild plums, growing wild, and there were a good many Indian peaches.