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Field Worker's name Velna Hance,

This report made on (date) July 26, 1937

1. Name Mary A. Webb,

2. Post Office Address Sayre, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 507 North 5th Street,

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 14 Year 1864

5. Place of birth Appanoose County, Iowa.

6. Name of Father Briggs H. Wright, Place of birth Illionis.

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

7. Name of Mother Mary M. Crow, Place of birth Ohio.

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 2

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Velma Hance,  
Interviewer.  
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Interview with Mary A. Webb,  
507 North 5th Street,  
Sayre, Oklahoma.

I was born in Appanoose County, Iowa, and was married to Mr. Frank P. Webb, in Bates County, Missouri, in 1896 and lived among the Chickasaw Tribe two years at a small settlement called James, then went back to Missouri and stayed one year, after which we came to Roger Mills County in what is now Beckham County, four and one-half miles northwest of Sayre.

We came to Oklahoma Territory in covered wagons and brought what furniture we used with us. My first home, in the Territory, was a half-dugout where we lived until we could get the lumber from Vernon, Texas, to build a new home. We hauled the lumber in wagons as there were no railroads through Sayre at that time. However, they were grading the roadbed so they could lay the track.

There was only one store in Sayre at that time which was located in a tent owned by Mr. A. D. Jones of Sayre.

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We got most of the supplies we had to buy from Sayre, however we raised lots of garden stuff and had it laid away. We farmed and raised mostly cotton and corn. There was some wild game, such as prairie chickens.

There was no doctor here at that time. We used mid-wives mostly. They would come from miles away.

We lived near an Indian family who wore blankets and shawls for clothing. They couldn't talk our language, just grunted and pointed. They cooked on campfires and lived in tepees, all in a large camp together. Their food was, mostly what they called Tom Fuller, made of meats, beans and corn meal, rolled in shucks.

I now live in Sayre. My husband died in 1927 at James and was buried there.