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1. Name C. H. White

2. Post Office Address Hominy, Oklahoma

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

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1859

5. Place of birth Kentucky

6. Name of Father Wm. R. White Place of birth Virginia

Other information about father Served in Civil War

7. Name of Mother Julia Ann Wilkinson Place of birth So. Carolina

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Charles H. Holt  
Investigator  
January 10, 1938

Interview with  
C. H. White  
Hominy, Oklahoma.

C. H. White was born in Kentucky in 1859. When he was a small boy, just after the Civil War, his parents moved to Kansas where he grew to manhood.

He had heard much of the Indian country, which is now Oklahoma, but did not make the decision to move to the new country until early in 1892.

His old home in Kansas was near Fort Scott so he loaded onto his wagon a few household goods, some provisions, a twelve inch left-hand turning plow and the family, consisting of the wife and several children, and headed south for the Territory.

He stopped first twelve miles south of Checotah and began hauling coal to the market at Checotah. He did this for two months and he then heard of the farming opportunities in the Osage country, so he gave the coal hauling job up and headed for the Osage Nation,

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settling near what was then known as Hominy Trading Post on land owned by O-lo-hah-wal-la, a full-blood Osage Indian, about four miles northeast and on the north side of Big Hominy Creek.

When Mr. White arrived at Hominy Trading Post there were two stores located just south of where Grahams filling station now stands and east of Bert Pattison's present home. One of these stores was occupied by Sam Bopst and his brother, Douglas Bopst, and the other by Prentiss Price.

There was no land broken on the O-lo-hah-wal-la place so the turning plow, of the left turn make, was started to breaking the land and Mr. White broke a considerable amount of land for the Indians near the White home, getting \$1.50 to \$2.00 per acre for the breaking and this extra money was very much needed as when landing in the Osage Nation he had only 40 cents and a few weeks provisions for the family, but he saw nothing except hard work ahead. He got ready credit to tide him.

over until his first crop, which was mostly corn which the new rich bottom land was adapted to, and where it grew in great quantities.

The second year he was said to have had the largest farm in cultivation in the vicinity, and having added more farming tools and stock he prospered from the start. The White family raised and cured meat for their own use and there was also an abundance of garden produce grown and put up. There was considerable wild game, too, which was used for food and all these things cut the family food bill to a very small amount.

There was a log house already built on the place, which was one of many houses built by the United States Government for the Osages in the Territory. A few of the old houses still stand today.

There were no schools or churches nearer than Hominy and Hominy had not had a school much before 1892.

Mr. White farmed continually in the vicinity of Hominy until the past few years, when his advanced age caused him to retire from farming.