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Field Worker's name Robert H. Boatman.

This report made on (date) November 19, 1937

1. Name David W. White.

2. Post Office Address Blanchard, Oklahoma, Route #2.

3. Residence address (or location) Seven miles southeast of
Blanchard, Oklahoma.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month August Day 10 Year 1866.

5. Place of birth Texas.

6. Name of Father William White. Place of birth Mo.

7. Name of Mother Sarah Huckabee. Place of birth Missouri.

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 two sheets.

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Robert H. Boatman,
Investigator,
November 19, 1937.

Interview with David W. White,
Blanchard, Oklahoma.

I was born in Texas, August 10, 1866 and came from that state to the Territory in 1891.

I first settled near Hugo, where Terral was later built, and helped build the Rock Island Railroad Bridge over Red River. While working on that project, I narrowly escaped death when a rock fell from a pillar above on to my head.

In the Chickasaw Nation at this time, all the land a man fenced in was his, providing he was Chickasaw. Mr. Fleetwood, for whom Fleetwood Valley was named, had 25,000 acres fenced in when Trout, a land smuggler, came there. Trout fenced some land but had trouble in keeping his fences up so accused Fleetwood of cutting his fences and later killed him.

Later, I moved to the Blue Grove country and began to farm. Land rented from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per acre and a permit of \$5.00 per year was paid to the Indian Agency for

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range rights.

The Indians were all very friendly except the Comanches, who lived in small huts and tried to raise annual crops. The Comanches refused to accept the ways and modes of the white men and would raid and steal all livestock, horses especially, and kill whole families.

They killed my brother-in-law, McElroy, and stole his children and kept them until we took it up with the Government. The Government bought back the children in payment for provisions and returned them to their folks.

I am part Cherokee, but as my ancestors never signed me up for land I never received an allotment.

In 1888 I was married to Miss Martha Sullivan, daughter of a farmer, Bill Sullivan.

I have lived in McClain county for the past twenty-two years and have observed the growth of the state and county.