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Field Worker's name Catherine H. Thompson.

This report made on (date) July 16, 1937. 193

1. Name isaac L. white.

2. Post Office Address Walters, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 225 E. Indiana.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 30 Year 1867.

5. Place of birth Illinois.

6. Name of Father James. Place of birth Missouri.

Other information about father Died at age of 92.

7. Name of Mother Phoebe. Place of birth Ohio.

Other information about mother Age 66.

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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Catherine Thompson,  
Field Worker.  
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An Interview with Isaac White,  
East Indiana Street, Walters, Okla.

I was born in Effingham County, Illinois, January 30, 1867, and lived there and in Missouri until 1899.

We then decided we would like to bring our children up in a new country.

We sold our land and on May 1, 1899, started for Oklahoma in a covered wagon. We were on the road forty-nine days, finally landing at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Our first year here was lived in our wagon. We then moved into a small 10 x 12 log hut, rented some land and began farming.

I heard from my brother-in-law of the possibility of mining prospects in the Wichita Mountains. I had had quite a bit of mining experience, so decided to move out there. Times were extremely hard. A lot of the time we had nothing to eat except bread made out of just flour and water.

There were more than five thousand men prospecting in the Wichita Mountains at that time. There wasn't enough mineral to pay us for prospecting, so when we had used all

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of our funds, we moved to Lawton where we put in a wagon yard, and got three government wells and sold water. We stayed there three years; then moved south of Lawton and farmed until a few years ago, when we moved to Walters where I am living at the present time. I have been chairman of the Democratic Party of this county ever since coming here.