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Field Worker's name Lillian Gassaway.

This report made on (date) November 30, 1937. 1937

1. Name J. J. Methvin.

2. Post Office Address 709 West Alabama,

3. Residence address (or location) Anadarko, Oklahoma.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 17 Year 1846.

5. Place of birth Jeffersonville, Georgia.

6. Name of Father John Methvin. Place of birth Georgia.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Mourning Glover Methvin. Place of birth Georgia.

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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Lillian Gassaway,
Investigator,
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An Interview With J. J. Methvin,
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Old Indian Days and
The Sherrin Girls.

In 1872 Lone Wolf made a raid into Texas and near Whitesboro had attacked and murdered the Sherrin family, except two girls who were just entering into womanhood. These he captured and brought to the Indian country, and made them subservient to his purposes.

A council was called to meet at Fort Cobb. About three thousand Kiowa and Cheyenne Indians came. There were a number of officials from Washington as well as the agency force present. After the council was well organized a demand was made on the Indians for the delivery of these two girls. The demand was persisted in for several days before the Indians would agree to release the girls. Then they would not give them over to the military or government but agreed to give them over to Black Beaver. This was agreed to and the girls were brought in. They were a pitiful

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sight-dressed in rags that scarcely covered their bruised bodies, and both were in a delicate condition .

They were taken to Black Beaver's home and his daughter, Mrs. Osborne, cared for them. After a few days Black Beaver and Mr. Pruner took the girls to Fort Sill and turned them over to the Military, who in a short time sent them back to their home in Texas.

Note: This was told to Mr. Methvin by Mr. Pruner. There is no official record of this incident anywhere. Mr. Pruner became the son-in-law of Black Beaver sometime after this incident.