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BIOGRAPHY FORM

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Louise S. Barnes

This report made on (date) February 25, 1938

1. Name Mary Jane Wilson

2. Post Office Address Kingfisher, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location)

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 23 Year 1868

5. Place of birth Lincoln, Nebraska.

6. Name of Father Place of birth

Other information about father

7. Name of Mother Place of birth

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 1.

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Louise S. Barnes
Investigator
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Interview with Mary Jane Wilson.
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

I was born January 23, 1868, at Lincoln, Nebraska. Father was one of the first colored preachers to come to Oklahoma. He came with the rest of the family to Oklahoma from Kansas, for the opening on April 22, 1889. They located near Kingfisher; I stayed in Kansas and worked so the family who had made the trip to the new country could have something to eat until they could get a start in the community surrounding Kingfisher.

I spent the happiest days of my life, the first years after I arrived in Kingfisher. I came on the Rock Island train from Kansas in the month of July, 1889. It was one of the hottest days I ever remember, but I did not mind that, I was going to get to join my parents and family and help share the happiness of the family in the new country. They were still having a very hard time so I went to work for some of the first white settlers, and this day I still do some of their work.

We have one of the nicest towns in the state and it took co-operation to build a town like Kingfisher, but in those days everyone stuck together in everything that was started for the benefit of the community.