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Field Worker's name Don Moon, Jr.,

This report made on (date) April 19, 1938

1. Name Luther Young,

2. Post Office Address Guthrie, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 510 West Harrison,

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month - Day - Year 1872

5. Place of birth Indiana.

6. Name of Father C. R. Young, Place of birth Indiana.

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Jenny Vest, Place of birth Indiana.

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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Don Moon, Jr.,  
Investigator,  
April 19, 1938.

Interview with Luther Young,  
510 West Harrison,  
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Although I was born in Indiana, I was raised in Texas, where my father worked for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, building station houses and water tanks.

I was about seventeen when we came up into this part of the country, because my father thought there would be lots of work here. He did not intend to take any land, so came in before the time of the Run. We got acquainted with some of the Iowa Indians, especially White Cloud, the Chief.

As the date approached, Father decided to go up to the line and come in with the crowd. He left one team with White Cloud until he got back.

As we went through what is now Guthrie on our way up to the line, there were, at least, three hundred and fifty people already there.

After we got back, we found a place, the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of

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Sec. 24, Guthrie township, that had a Sooner on it, but he had never filed, and couldn't hold it, so Father filed on that.

I got a contract to furnish stove wood for the first term of school in Guthrie. I was acquainted with two members of the first school board, Jerry Scott and Billie Merriweather, manager of the Tontz Hardware, and they helped me to get the contract. My price was \$4.75 a cord, but I donated \$1.00 the cord for the benefit of the schools.

My father was an ex-soldier and only had to live on his claim two years to prove up. He later sold it and moved to Bear Creek Township. When the first election was held, my father was elected constable.

George Billingsley, (Flynn's nephew), and another fellow wanted to go on a trip back to Kansas, so I took them in a wagon. We camped out and had a lot of fun along the way.

I have farmed most of my life.