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Field Worker's name Etta C. MasonThis report made on (date) October 23, 1937 193 71. Name A.E. Fulsom2. Post Office Address Durant, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Other information about mother \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on 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 4

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FIELD WORKERS NOTE: "I copied this letter exactly as it is written, misspelling and all."

Letter from A.E. Fulsom to Mrs. Norwood in regard to incidents during the Civil War. Date of letter 1921.

A.E. Fulsom at the time the letter was written lived at Durant, Oklahoma. Mrs. Norwood passed away several years ago. Her home was in Atoka.

A short sketch of A.E. Fulsom, Lieutenant, Company E. 2nd Choctaw Regiment Col. Simpson Fulsom.

I did not explain where I belong, only the first year of the war I belong to the 3rd Arkansas Infantry, Co. E. Captain Pleas Bohannon, Col. Grapheth as Col.

We was under, Pierce who was under Gen. Ben McCullough, until we was mustered out of service.

We went into the war for 12 months as State Troops, but I did not join the Confederate Troops. I came home from Missouri. I was in the battle of Oak Hills. General Lyons was killed in front of our regiment Crain

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Creek, Yorktown. I was the first Choctaw in the Army.

Father started with me and brother to Tennessee to enter school but he left us in Cain Mill Ark. where I join the Army.

After arriving home Col. Cooper had raised a regiment of Choctaws and Chickasaws. Was then in camp on the Arkansas river. Col. Cooper wrote Peter Fitchlen Chief if he wanted to send a scout of men to be his escort. 17 of the boys went, I was along. We followed the Creek Chief and had a battle at Bird Creek. I killed the first man that was killed that morning. I got his horse and saddle. A hole regiment saw me kill him. I got two scalps that day and came near losing my own. We came home then. In the spring I went back and Joined Captain Thompson's Company for the War.

Under Col. Sampson Fulson's Regiment 2nd Choctaw I was made regimental office of amunition. We was signed to General D.H. Cooper, Regiment of the 1st and 2nd Choctaw's Regiments with the Creeks and Cherokees was his command.

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Col. Simpson Fulsom also was in command of a Battalion. All of the troops was under General Cooper. I served my time out under Col. Sampson Fulsom and was discharged. Most of the men went home. The Company I belonged to re-organized under Col. Simpson Fulsom. I was elected Lieutenant. Our regiment was ordered to Little Rock to keep the Federals out of Texas. We fought several battles, until we reached Camden, where we met Gen. Kirby Smith; we then turned them back. Our forces had nothing but Cavalry. The amount was said to be 20,000 with no infantry. We met General Kirby Smith with his Infantry. We was under General Fierce as Major General.

The Brigade I belonged to was under General Gasy of Texas. Our regiment was ordered to Fort Gibson. I was ordered to the Wichataw Mountains. Was out there when the surrender came. I was on the go from the Creek, Cherokee, Arkansas and Missouri part of the Kansas. The number of fights I was in I can't tell, I mean small fights. I knew Lee, I can call several of his men's names, while it has been a long time.

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I think Gen. D.H. Cooper's grave should be attended to as he was our General. He lies at Old Fort Washita with nothing over his grave. Something should be done. We only met at Atoka. Our camp was at Waitey Sheste Towne (?). Our Headquarters was at Camp Davis, where Muscogee.