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Biography notes collected from  
Settlers of 1889 in Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Captain J. V. Admire was born in Johnson County, Indiana, October 15, 1842. He was of German ancestry.

At the close of his second term as a member of the Kansas Legislature, Captain Admire accepted a position as Receiver of the United States Land Office at Kingfisher Stage Station. He drove over from Guthrie on Sunday April 21, 1889, and found Kingfisher a town with only one building, a small structure used for the Land Office. He entered upon his duties of his office at noon April 22, 1889, and held the position until October 15, 1893, when a change in the national administration caused a change in the office.

He then turned his attention to journalistic work, having formerly bought the World and Journal and consolidated them into the Free Press. This paper has been published every week since. In addition to his work as editor he was also interested in farming, owning a farm on Kingfisher Creek, five miles west of Kingfisher. In September, 1897, he was again appointed

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Receiver of the Land Office. Local movements received his encouragement both personally and through the columns of his paper. The city had no one more devoted than he to welfare and progress. He served as a member of the council and as acting mayor.

The first child born in Kingfisher bears the name Admire Lewis and was born a day or two after the opening of the Territory. The parents were poor and like so many others had come to Oklahoma empty handed. The suggestion was made that the privilege of naming the child should be auctioned off to the highest bidder. This plan was immediately carried out. Captain Admire was the highest bidder and the boy accordingly received his name. Captain Admire took a great interest in the progress of this child.

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Captain Admire passed away a few years back but in his memory one of the most important streets in Kingfisher was named for him - Admire Street.

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This report made on (date) April 27, 1938

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Post Office Address Westville, 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_