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Interview With H. S. Carr,  
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I was born in Arkansas in 1886 and in 1889 my parents, L. L. Carr and Belzona Lallie, both of whom were born in Alabama, moved to the Territory, settling in the Choctaw Nation south of Checotah, where they began farming. A covered wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen was used to move to the Territory and we brought with us household goods, a few plow tools and two or three months' provisions. It took much longer to make the move from Arkansas than was expected and upon our arrival it was late spring and too late to plant a full crop, so one yoke of oxen was traded for a crop that had already been started. We traded for a horse and the small crop was cultivated mostly with the horse, using a Georgia stock (for most of the cultivation) that was brought from Arkansas. The small crop consisted of corn and cotton and a good yield was gotten from the small acreage.

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More land was rented the second year from Wilson Girty and most of the land had to be broke, which was done with oxen and what they called a grub plow.

Our market point was Checotah and it took two days to make the round trip. Cotton and corn were very cheap in those days, but our family got ahead just the same, by raising most everything for the table on the farm. There was <sup>an</sup> abundance of wild berries, and grapes which were gathered to can and preserve and wild game was plentiful such as turkey, prairie chicken and quail which helped out the food supply. The cotton sales provided the clothing and paid for more stock and farming tools.

There was a little box school house a couple of miles from the farm which the children went to, which was also used as a church.

Our family farmed in that country a number of years. Then we moved to the Osage country where we have farmed up to the present time.