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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Naomi L. Garringer

This report made on (date) July 19, 1937

1. Name Frank Ciskowski

2. Post Office Address Medford

3. Residence address (or location) 3 miles west; 2 north of Medford

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 9 Year 1875

5. Place of birth Illinois

6. Name of Father John Ciskowski Place of birth Germany

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Joan Gore Place of birth Germany

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 3.

Interview with Frank Ciskowski
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Frank Ciskowski was born in Illinois, May 9, 1875, and came to the Cherokee Strip with his parents. He lacked a few days of being old enough to stake a claim but as his father had such poor health, Frank drove the horse for his father when the Cherokee Strip was opened September 16, 1893. He built a dugout in three weeks after the family came and they had a hard time that first Winter to keep enough fuel to keep warm. Frank, being the oldest, went back into Kansas to work and sent his money to his folks in Oklahoma.

They brought twelve horses, one cow and two dozen chickens with them.

Frank came back from Kansas to help with the first wheat crop and they got 30¢ a bushel

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for it. Then he went back to Kansas and worked in the harvest. He did this for several years till they got a start.