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Field Worker's name Jasper H. Mead,

This report made on (date) January 13, 1938

1. Name Charles T. Cloud,

2. Post Office Address Ninnekah, Oklahoma. Route 3.

3. Residence address (or location) Route No. 3.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month March Day 27 Year 1876

5. Place of birth Texas.

6. Name of Father Isaac Cloud Place of birth Alabama

Other information about father Died at the age of 69.

7. Name of Mother Lockie Jane Davidson- Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about mother Died at the age of 47.

Notes or complete narrative by the field worker dealing with the life story of the person interviewed. Refer to Manual for suggested subjects and questions. Continue on blank sheets if necessary and attach firmly this form. Number of sheets attached 3.

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Jasper H. Mead,  
January 13, 1938.  
Investigator.

An Interview with Charles T. Cloud,  
Route No. 3,  
Minnehah, Oklahoma.

I was born March 27, 1876, in Texas, sixty-two years ago and came to the Indian Territory March 13, 1892. I lived around Chickasha about thirty days, then moved to a place called Duncan.

Duncan was named after an old man of the name of Duncan who ran a small store close to Wild Horse Creek. Mr. Duncan also owned a pretty good ranch, and he had the only water well in the country. It was an extra large well and he supplied the little town of Duncan with water; he sold this water. We even had to buy water for our horses and cows.

There was plenty of wild game around Duncan, such as deer, turkeys and prairie chickens. I have seen droves of prairie chickens like crows that would hide the sun from view.

There were plenty of Indians around Duncan. They would come to town to do their trading and buy their

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whiskey. They never did cause any trouble except when they got drunk.

Everybody in those days wore their big hats, boots, and pistols. If you told a man that something was a certain way, it had to be that way.

There were also plenty of wild horses around Duncan. My brother and I would buy them from the Indians for almost nothing and then break them to ride and get a pretty good price for them.

The Rock Island Railroad runs north and south through Duncan, and this is the road that put an end to the old Chisholm Trail. Lots of old timers say that the Chisholm Trail ran several ways through the state, but the old original Chisholm Trail crossed Red River just a little below Terral and ran practically straight north into Kansas. It will vary anywhere from a mile to ten miles east and west but outside of that it goes straight north.

The country around Duncan is real sandy and has lots of blackjack and post oak timber. There was very little farming around there when I went there; five acres was

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considered a big field and it had to be fenced because most of the country was open range. The big ranches had lots of cattle on them. The old saying is true that when Oklahoma was plowed up it ruined one of the finest cattle countries in the world.

I have lived in a radius of forty miles around Chickasha all these years and have been a farmer all my life.