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Field Worker's name Nora Lorrin.

This report made on (date) April 25, 1938. 1938

1. Name Blanche El Reno Moore.

2. Post Office Address El Reno, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 904 West Woodson, Street.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 8 Year 1892.

5. Place of birth El Reno, Oklahoma.

6. Name of Father Frank David Hodgkinson. Place of birth August 24, 1852.
New York State.

Other information about father Died June 4, 1918.

7. Name of Mother Mary Ellen Smelser Hodgkins Place of birth Iowa, Jan.
7, 1857.

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 _____.

Nora Lorrin,
Investigator,
April 25, 1938.

Interview with Blanche El Reno Moore,
904 West Woodson Street, El Reno.

I was born in El Reno, 1892. My father, Frank David Hodgkinson, was born in Livingston County, New York, August 24, 1852, and died June 4, 1918. My mother, Mary Ellen Smelser Hodgkinson, was born January 7, 1857, in Marshalltown, Iowa. She and Father were married in Polk County, Nebraska, in 1874; they farmed in Nebraska until they got the Oklahoma fever, then they loaded up their belongings in a covered wagon and headed for the land of promise. They hoped, as everybody else did at that time, to obtain a new home in a new country, thinking that there would be better opportunities for getting ahead than there were where they were then located.

Their one wagon held, besides the bedding, cooking utensils and other things, six children; quite a load to bring to a new and strange place. Father was not entitled to a claim as he had used his right, so my mother made the Run. She made the run from up about Enid, and then let a

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man talk her out of her claim. After she had planted her stake a man came up and said, "Lady, you are on my claim". Mother had not seen him when she staked her claim but he insisted that she set her ^{stake} over a little and she gave up to him and did it and after the run was over, she found that this man had merely talked her into putting her stake over just far enough to be on another man's claim, who was definitely there before she was and she was "just slicked out of her claim".

My parents came on down to El Reno, and I was born there, and was named for the fair city of El Reno. We moved to Enid, to Anadarko, and to Lawton, each time coming back to El Reno and finally settling here for keeps.