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CRITTENDENT, HARRY CICERO

INTERVIEW

13610

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This report made on (date) April 15 1938

1. Name Harry Cicero Crittendent

2. Post Office Address Westville, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 12 Year 1857

5. Place of birth Goingsnake District

Indian Territory, Cherokee Nation

6. Name of Father Harry Crittendent Place of birth Indian Territory

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Sookie Sanders Place of birth Indian Territory

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 2.

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Jesse S. Bell,
Investigator,
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An Interview with Mr. Cicero Crittendent,
Westville, Oklahoma.

Henry Crittendent was born April 12, 1857 at Going-snake District, Cherokee Nation, a Cherokee full blood, son of Harry Crittendent and a full blood Cherokee Mother, Sookie Sanders. There were four boys in this family, Charley, John R., George, and Henry C. being the youngest son. They were of a prominent family. John R. (Dull Hoe) a brother being a District Judge during Tribal times. They were large land holders. Henry C. Crittendent and Mary Susan, a sixteenth part Cherokee Indian, were united in marriage about 1879 and to that union were born four boys.

Farming

They were general farmers owning almost a section of land, raised wheat mostly and livestock and their land extended to the state line of Arkansas.

Education

Henry C. Crittendent received his education in the Tribal schools of the Cherokee Nation. He has taught

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several terms of school in the Cherokee Nation and completed his education in the seminary at Tahlequah.

Secret Society

He was a Charter Member of the Westville Masonic Lodge.

Political Affairs

He has been active in political affairs of the Cherokee Nation. He was elected for several terms as Councilman from Goingsnake District, on the National Party ticket. After Statehood, he retired from active political affairs and settled down to general farming and livestock raising until his death July 29, 1923, when he was laid to rest in the private family cemetery.