

MONOHUN, MARY F.

INTERVIEW

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Field Worker's name Pearl E. Parker

This report made on (date) July 20, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Mary E. Monohun

2. Post Office Address Cherokee, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 418 South Kansas Street

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 11 Year 1864

5. Place of birth Schulyer, Missouri

6. Name of Father Daniel B. Harrison Place of birth Pennsylvania

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Sara A. Holt Place of birth Missouri

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.

An Interview with Mrs. Mary F. Monohun, Cherokee, Okla
By - Pearl E. Parker, Field Worker.

July 20, 1937.

CHEROKEE STRIP AND LATER SETTLEMENT.

I was born in the State of Pennsylvania. I came to Oklahoma at the opening of the Cherokee Strip, September 16, 1893.

We started from Kiowa, with a team and what they called a buckboard and five gallons of water. We stopped and ate our lunch on the way but we didn't get a place at the opening but finally came back and filed on a claim two miles east and three miles south of Cherokee, known as the Hob Jay farm.

When filing for claims I saw a woman with a gun carrying a flag above her head and walking up and down the road; she finally got her a claim.

The Pond Creek Trail that runs through Pond Creek was about six or seven miles from Caldwell and we had to haul our wood from Caldwell.

Our first home was moved down from Kansas. It was a frame house.

We drove a horse that was twenty-three years old.

My husband who is dead now, built the first brick building here in Cherokee and the first sidewalks also.

Our first school-house was a sod house and we also held church in it.

My husband helped settle the dispute about the division of Woods and Alfalfa counties and also helped with the first railroad, the Santa Fe.

We raised fine wheat, and had a large fruit orchard. Raised many peaches.

We shipped most of our belongings, among them an organ which was several years old.
