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1. Name Mrs. Dan Cullins

2. Post Office Address Mangum, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location)

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 25 Year 1875

5. Place of birth Arkansas

6. Name of Father W. S. Pierson Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about father

7. Name of Mother Azilee Koln Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about mother

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

Interview with Mrs. Dan Cullins
Mangum, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Dan Cullins came to old Greer County with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierson, when she was only ten years old.

Mrs. Cullins, then Miss Coantha Pierson, and her parents located on a farm on the old Crozier Bend, northeast of Mangum where her father raised stock.

Mrs. Cullins recalls the trip from Hamilton County, Texas, to Greer County was made in three covered wagons. The cows and hogs were carried in two other vehicles.

Later, the family moved to Granite, then located on a farm north of Mangum in June 1891. Miss Coantha Pierson was married to Dan Cullins, well known cowman who came to this country from Milam County, Texas, in 1885.

Mrs. Cullins said that pioneer women knew how to use a gun and plenty of them were good shots. One spring a group of Kiowa Indians visited her father's farm on Crozier Bend and demanded that the women folks prepare them a good meal. Mrs. Cullin's mother refused,

took a rifle from a wagon in the yard. Meanwhile, the two children were carried to the cow camp where the men folks were. When Mr. Pierson returned from the cow camp with his son, the Indians became very polite.

Mrs. Cullins recalls when the Indians were unable to obtain any fresh "Wachaw" (beef) in the neighborhood. The Indian squaws would all strike out for Elm River to secure large aprons full of terrapins. A bed of hot coals were made and the terrapins were roasted alive.

Mrs. Cullins has also seen the Indian squaws pick the lice from their children's heads and eat them.

Mrs. Cullins says the first sermon preached in Mangum was at the home of her mother in 1887. Reverend Duncan, a Baptist minister, rode to Mangum on horseback to conduct the services.

Later, the settlement was able to afford Reverend Hasmer, a Methodist circuit rider, who made this territory once a month from Vernon.

She also recalls that her father hauled the printing equipment of Major A. M. Dawson to Mangum, from Vernon. The Major called his little newspaper the "Mangum Star." The office was located a block south of the present Daily Star Office.