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Lula Austin,
Field Worker,
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An Interview With James Culberson,
Woodward, Oklahoma.

I came to Oklahoma from Texas in 1893 but did not make the race. I stopped in the Cheyenne country and ran a bunch of cattle there for awhile and then came on to Woodward County and located about fifteen miles south and a little west of Woodward. I came for more grass land. Here I bought four hundred and eighty acres of land from the settlers and then I leased a lot of this land. This was on a creek bottom and I used creek water for both house and stock until I could dig a well. I bought a red cedar log house, one room, from one of my neighbors and moved it to my ranch for my first house. I raised nothing but cattle until several years later but cattle thieves were bad. In 1894 I went to New Mexico and bought about a thousand head of cattle and drove them to my Woodward County ranch. It took me ninety days to make the trip.

We had a log school house to which about twelve or fifteen children went, coming as far as distances of five or six miles. We usually had a long term of school as

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there were sufficient taxes paid to do so. I moved to Woodward in 1924 and still live there; still own my farm but hire a man to run it and care for my cattle.