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Field Worker's name Ruby Wolfenbarger

This report made on (date) December 23, 1937

1. Name Molly Cross

2. Post Office Address Sentinel, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month June Day 12 Year 1888

5. Place of birth Texas

6. Name of Father John Dean Place of birth Georgia

Other information about father Farmer

7. Name of Mother Molly Dean Place of birth Georgia

Other information about mother Housewife.

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 3.

An Interview with Mrs. Molly Cross, Sentinel.
By - Ruby Wolfenbarger, Investigator.
December 23, 1937.

I was born in Texas in 1888. I lived there with my parents until I was married. My uncle and aunt had moved up here a few years before and my husband and I wanted to come also. My parents didn't want us to come because we were so young. I was just fifteen years old and they knew that we had very little money.

We brought our wagon and a little bedding which was about all that we had. We came with a party of people.

I enjoyed the trip very much; we camped at night, cooked our meals around the camp fire and this was something new for me. We were on the road about ten days and we did not have any trouble at all.

We located near my uncle and aunt at Marietta. We lived in a one roomed log house. It was very small and I did not have anything in it except just the bare necessities.

We had to haul our drinking water about two miles from the spring. We had plenty of wood to burn so did

not have to worry about that.

We bought several head of cattle, and chickens; we didn't have enough money to buy very many.

The men and boys picked cotton in the fall to help buy our winter supply of food and clothes.

I did not get to go to town but about twice a year. We did our trading at Ardmore most of the time. At that time Ardmore was a very nice little city. There were lots of Indians around there. Lots of the white boys were married to the Indian girls.

I went to lots of Indian celebrations around Ardmore. My husband was a great hand to go to dances. The Indian dances were very interesting. They didn't dance as we did. I have also attended their stomp dances. We had just as much fun watching the Indians as they did in dancing.

My husband and I went around lots to parties and dances; the older people liked for us to go with the young people. We always went in wagons and buggies and took lots of wraps and quilts in the winter to keep warm.

Our school houses were just log cabins with split logs for seats. We didn't have any desks. The boys had to cut wood for the fire; they liked this very much but it was a big job on a real cold day.

The boys spent part of their time hunting in the winter time and fishing in the summer time.

We worked hard and had very little in the early days.

I lived there until about 1928 when we sold out and moved to a place near Sentinel to farm. I like the part of the country near Marietta better than I do this part.