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Field Worker's name Ida A. Merwin.

This report made on (date) August 25, 1937.

1. Name James B. Dailey. Otoe Indian.

2. Post office Address Rt. 3. Perry, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) Four miles north; 3 miles east; three-fourths north of Perry.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February, Day 10 Year 1870.

5. Place of birth Gage County, Nebraska.

6. Name of Father (Ar-hoo-hur-J) Big Wing Place of birth

Other information about father Otoe Indian.

7. Name of Mother Ne-ar-scar-J-me. Place of birth

Other information about mother Otoe Indian. Her name

means playing on water.

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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Ida A. Merwin,  
Field Worker,  
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An Interview With James Dailey,  
Rt. 3, Perry, Oklahoma.  
full blood Otoe Indian.

I am a full blood Otoe Indian, the son of Red Wing and Ne-ar-scar-J-me, and I was born in Gage County, Nebraska, February 10, 1870.

In 1880 people of Nebraska talked of allotment; Indian not know what meant by it; afraid and run away.

Several familiar Otoe and Iowas came to Indian Territory in wagons, ponies, horseback.

I went to school in agency in Nebraska, also Otoe Agency Mission School Chilocco, not much education.

Did lots of hunting and fishing, wild game main food.

Indian hash a great dish. Played ball, but not like they play ball today.

A gathering of five Tribes in Creek Nation near Wellston; each tribe had cow bells of different sounds tied to pony to indicate tribe. We had no lanterns, no lights like today; bonfire for Stomp Dance, we dance all night - have give away in morning. This "give-away" consisted of races for horses and blankets.

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On way to gathering lots of blackjacks - we cut trail through blackjacks. My father always said "hurry", and by this trail we could hurry home when dance was over.

Land allotment in Noble County, leased for grazing.