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Field Worker's name Selfridge, Jennie

This report made on (date) June 21 1937

1. Name Lottie Durham

2. Post Office Address Woodville, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 2 miles west of Woodville

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month May Day 31 Year 1854.

5. Place of birth Woodville, I. T. Chickasaw Nation

6. Name of Father McLaughlin Place of birth Mississippi.

Other information about father Came to Woodville in 1844 from Mississippi.

7. Name of Mother Burney Place of birth _____

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 3.

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Jennie Selfridge,
Interviewer.
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Interview with Eottie Durham.
Woodville, Oklahoma.
Born May 31, 1854.
Father-McLaughlin
Mother-Burney.

I was born two miles west of the present town of Woodville in the Chickasaw Nation, May 31, 1854, and have lived at this location ever since. My father came here in 1844 from Mississippi

My grandfather, David Burney, first settled at Fort Towson, but later moved to Lyle on the bank of the Washita River.

My cousin, Ben Burney, was born on the Mississippi River on a boat during the Chickasaw removal. He was named from the Captain of the boat. Ben Burney later settled near Cumberland.

We always kept ten or more slaves before the war and had good negro quarters for them. I was born with slaves to wait on me. We had two old granddaddy negroes. They had been in the family for years. Reesie

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and Russie McLaughlin were our slaves. They later moved to Tussy. We were not molested much during the Civil War. A good many soldiers came by our house. Nobody but Indians lived in our settlement.

Woodville was named for my uncle, Judge L. Lipscomb Wood. When I was about twelve or fourteen years old I began attending school at the Chickasaw Orphan's Home one mile east of Lebanon. This school was controlled by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Miss Sallie Sylvester was my teacher. The Reverend Mr. R. S. Bell was Superintendent of the school at the time. The Reverend Mr. Bell was a good man and all of the scholars liked him.

Joe Si Brown was our nearest neighbor. When I was sixteen years old I rode horseback to Burneyville to visit relatives there. I later attended school at the Fort Smith Episcopal Church.

My daughter attended school at Old Bloomfield Academy and my boys attended Harley Institute.

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I attended all of the Confederate Conventions for years. I have visited in every state in the South. I attended two Indian Conventions in Washington D. C. The last convention I attended was in Biloxi, Mississippi, five years ago.