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Field Worker's name Lula Austin

This report made on (date) January 25 1938

1. Name Edwin Dwight (Choctaw)

2. Post Office Address Boswell, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month January Day 7 Year 1872

5. Place of birth Pigeon Roost

6. Name of Father Timothy Dwight Place of birth near Boswell

7. Name of Mother Minerva Wakaya Place of birth Doaksville

Other information about mother Choctaw

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 _____

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Interview with Edwin Dwight,
Boswell, Oklahoma.

I was born at Pigeon Roost and attended the neighborhood school there, then went two years to Spencer Academy. I was anxious for an education but stopped school and worked on the farm so my brother, Simon, could go to school. Simon finished with honors at Center College, Danville, Kentucky.

I was elected deputy sheriff of Jackson County, serving two years, and also served two years as county judge of Jackson County. I held court at Pigeon Roost, five miles southwest of Boswell in a little box house 14x20 ft. About the only duties I had were to issue permits to non-citizens and to sell stray stock. I would advertise stray cattle and horses for six months and then if not claimed, sell them.

Times were good. There were always plenty of cattle to sell when we needed groceries and there was nothing much to spend money for.

The old jail built at Mayhew in Territorial days has been moved to Bokchito and is being used there for a jail.