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Field Worker's name Loudolphus D. Maybee.

This report made on (date) March 21, 1938

1. Name Red Cloud Duncan.

2. Post Office Address Rose, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) _____

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

5. Place of birth _____

6. Name of Father _____ Place of birth _____

7. Name of Mother _____ 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 2.

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Loudolphus D. Maybee.
Investigator,
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An Interview with Red Cloud Duncan.
Rose, Oklahoma.

He is known as Red Cloud but his real name is John Duncan. He lives just south of Rose in the old house built by the Rows in the early days, who were said to be slave owners. It is a large house built of logs, hewn with axes. There are four fireplaces, one of which was used to cook on in the early day. The kettles and skillets of iron in which they cooked food for a large number of people at a time are still there.

He refused to tell his life story saying he was educated and could write history himself if he wanted to. He told stories of an old Whipping Tree located near his farm which had been cut down last year and sent away to a sawmill. He said the top of the tree was still there.

The other Whipping Tree used while he was sheriff of the Cherokee was on the creek bank and had washed away several years ago. He said when anyone was convicted of a crime, for example, if anyone stole a hog worth five dollars they would tie him to the tree by his hands and feet, while the sheriff

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cut five hickory whips. He would then give him one lick with each whip across the bare back. If the hog happened to be worth fifty dollars he would receive fifty licks.

Mr. Duncan has an old walking stick made by himself of wood he found on his farm. It has inset designs made of seven different kinds of wood. On one side is the picture of a snake made of buckeye wood set in linden wood. He also has a hound horn made of the horn of a steer on which he engraved, with his pocket knife, the picture of a deer nibbling at a twig and the picture of a hound chasing a wolf.

His father, Watt Duncan, was founder of the Indian Orphan home at Salina in 1872. He has an old tin-type picture of the pupils and teachers the year the Home was founded.