

MOORE, JIM (MRS.) INTERVIEW #9131

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BIOGRAPHY FORM  
 WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Thad Smith, Jr.

This report made on (date) November 4, 1937

1. Name Mrs. Jim Moore. (negro)  
 2. Post Office Address Chickasha, Oklahoma  
 3. Residence address (or location) General Delivery  
 4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month December Day 25 Year 1885  
 5. Place of birth Wynnewood, Indian Territory

6. Name of Father Ed Blue Place of birth Unknown  
 Other information about father Buried in Oklahoma  
 7. Name of Mother Virginia Kemp Place of birth Unknown  
 Other information about mother Buried in Oklahoma

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.

Interview with Mrs. Jim Moore  
Chickasha, Oklahoma

Investigator - Thad Smith, Jr  
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I was born near Wynnewood, in 1885.

My father was a farmer who farmed mostly cotton and corn. The cotton made one and one-half bales to the acre and was ginned and sold at Wynnewood. The corn made between fifty and sixty bushels to the acre.

My father always kept a great many hogs to which he fed his corn. If there was any surplus corn he sold it to some of the cattlemen near there.

My father always butchered ten or twelve big hogs every year for our own use. He first salted the meat down and then after it had taken the salt he washed the meat off and hung it up in the smokehouse to be smoked. He always smoked the meat with corn cobs.

I went to school in a little box school-house in Wynnewood. My teacher's name was Professor Hilbert, a negro.

There were lots of colored people in and near Wynnewood. We all went to the Hopewell Baptist Church.

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Our parson's name was Hall.

Some of the storekeepers there were named:

Kincaid, Andy Goff, Smith, Scott and Woods.

There were lots of big cattle ranches near Wynnewood; the one I remember best belonged to a white man named O'Neal.

We used to raise some of the most wonderful gardens there that I ever saw. We raised peas, beans, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, tomatoes, watermelons, etc.

There were lots of Indians near Wynnewood. They raised small patches of corn and vegetables. The women did most of the gardening while the men hunted and fished.

There was lots of wild game in the country such as quail, prairie chickens, squirrels, rabbits, a few deer, possums and coons.

The Indians used to dry lots of beef by cutting it into strips and hanging it on a wire or rope in the sunshine. They used this meat mostly to make pashofa.