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Owen, Robert L.

Field Worker: Warren D. Morse
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BIOGRAPHY OF Mrs. J. J. Morrison
1/16 Choctaw Indian- French
219 Oak Street
Duncan, Oklahoma

BORN Hazel Hurst, Mississippi
1870

PARENTS Father, Burton, Hazel Hurst, Mississippi
Mother, Stewart, Hazel Hurst, Mississippi

We enrolled 32 years ago. On my mother's side, five generations back, a Frenchman, Le Flore Graham, married a full blood Choctaw woman, in Louisiana. I am enrolled as 1/16 Choctaw.

We moved from Louisiana to Mississippi when I was hardly five years old.

My mother was a Stewart. My father a Burton. They were wealthy and would not think of coming to Oklahoma. A Lawyer hunted my mother up and begged her to come out. He promised to pay all expenses and do all enrolling, for so much. He begged Mother to sign a contract.

Joe Plummer and my mother came out first but something was wrong, they had to return.

My cousin, husband J. J. Morrison and I moved from Beaumont to Durant. when they went to see about us getting on the rolls the polls were closed. There were 32 of us at that time. The polls were reopened for us.

I, with my children went to Muskogee Mr. McCarty was supposed to get us on and receive \$500.00. My case came up first

and Mr. Wright was instrumental in getting us on. Mr. McCarty did not do any thing but he received the \$500.00 anyway.

After all was settled or we thought settled we came here. A Lawyer came from Dennison and wanted to collect the fee for helping Mother. Mother could not remember and he was just about to persuade her when my brother, came in and told the lawyer not to let the sun go down with him in town, Neil and I also talked with this lawyer.

Bob Heafner and Parker, lawyers, helped to move us from Beaumont, Texas.

Owens had held last payments from the Mississippi Choctaws to pay on the contract which was made early and I did not know why the contract was made.

We did not sign any kind of contract.

At that time they painted every thing rosy, anything to get money and land from the Indians.

Note: This is all I can get from Mrs. Morrison.

Horse.
