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MURPHEY, MARGARET KAY.

INTERVIEW.

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Field Worker's name Ruby Wolfenbarger,This report made on (date) June 9, 1937

1. Name Margaret Kay Murphey,
2. Post Office Address Sentinel, Oklahoma.
3. Residence address (or location) Sentinel, Oklahoma.
4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month April Day 19 Year 1856.
5. Place of birth Carlisle, England.

6. Name of Father Samuel Patric Place of birth Scotland.

Other information about father Woolen manufacturer

7. Name of Mother Margaret McDonald Place of birth Scotland.

Other information about mother Not much known 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 Three.

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Interview with Margaret Kay Murphey,  
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I was born in Carlisle, England, April 19, 1856. My parents were Samuel Patric and Margaret McDonald Patric.

My father was a woolen manufacturer in Carlisle, England, and we were considered quite wealthy for those days.

I went to Toronto, Canada, from Edinburgh, Scotland, for a visit with my uncle and aunt. I stayed with them for about one year; then I went back to my home in Scotland and stayed there for about five years. Then I came back to Canada and there I met Dr. G. W. Murphey; we were married shortly afterwards.

Dr. Murphey's home was at Memphis, Missouri, where we lived and he practiced medicine for twenty-five years.

We left Memphis, Missouri, in the year of 1903 and came to Thomas. We stayed there for about two years, then moved to Hobart. The water in Hobart was very bad and did not agree with Dr. Murphey and his health began failing him so badly that we had to leave there. We only stayed there one year.

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The people in this community wanted Dr. Murphey to move to Retrop as there was no doctor any place around there so we decided to move out there. I had five loads of furniture to move. As we didn't have any place to put it, we had to store it in an old barn until we could get a house built for us.

Dr. Murphey made calls, night and day, going in an old buggy. I would go with him on some of his calls, and then in the winter when it was cold I would stay at home and keep a good fire burning for him. He would hardly get home until he would have to go again.

The country was very rough and had lots of hills and canons in the early days. The horse would have to go very slowly and pick its way. We stayed in the Retrop Community for about six years. Then we moved to Carter which was about nine miles from Retrop. Dr. Murphey never charged widows for his services or medicine, or asked them if they had any money with which to pay him. Sometimes I would let the women folks quilt for me in exchange for the Doctor's services.

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We had two adopted twin daughters, both of whom are accomplished musicians. One of them now lives in Canada and the other in Chicago.

I have lived here in the same building for the past sixteen years. I have the authority to keep records of all deaths and births in Sentinel and Rocky. I am now getting the old age pension.