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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Lula Austin

This report made on (date) October 19 193 7

1. Name Meigs Murray

2. Post Office Address Colbert, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) (in town)

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 17 Year 1870

5. Place of birth On Sugar Creek, in Choctaw Nation

6. Name of Father H. F. Murray (white) Place of birth Tennessee

Other information about father \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name of Mother Margaret Hinton James Place of birth South Carolina

Other information about mother Chickasaw

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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Lula Austin,  
Interviewer,  
October 19, 1937.

An Interview with Mr. Meigs Murray,  
Colbert, Oklahoma.

I, Meigs Murray, am the only living son of H. F. Murray, who moved to Red River County, Choctaw Nation from Clarksville, Texas, and from there to Bloomfield, Panola County, in 1870. Later he moved to Colbert where he practiced medicine for thirty years, and abandoned the profession for that of law, which he took up in 1880. He served as Judge of Panola County for five years and later was appointed District Judge and in 1883 was elected District Attorney.

In 1886, Dr. Murray went to Washington as delegate in company with Colonel George Harkins; he represented his constituency in the protest against district courts, Territorial form of government and new railroad charters.

His wife, Margaret Hinton James, who became my mother, was a Chickasaw Indian. After she moved to Bloomfield she was Superintendent of Bloomfield Academy and while there bought the first piano in Panola County. She

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also taught the first neighborhood school in Colbert. This school was maintained by the Chickasaw Government.

My parents raised seven boys and one girl-- my sister and myself are the only ones now living.

I was county clerk of Panola County for two years and I served in the Chickasaw Senate and House and was serving in the House when the Chickasaw government became extinct.

I have a good picture of the representatives of the last Chickasaw Legislature in Tishomingo- 1905 - 1906, and I have also a picture of the members of the Chickasaw House and Senate.