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Field Worker's name Zaidee B. Bland

This report made on (date) April 26, 1938

1. Name James T. Nance

2. Post Office Address Altus, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) Route 2. 6 miles north & two east of Altus.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month September Day 1 Year 1871

5. Place of birth Mississippi

6. Name of Father Dr. Hardin Nance Place of birth Tennessee.

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Maragret Passeur Place of birth Mississippi

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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Born September 1, 1871

Father-Dr. Hardin Nance.

Mother-Maragret Passeur

No matter about the depression or recession in pioneer days we got along; we thrived on three cent cotton and hauled it forty-five miles to the gin.

We did our part and trusted in the Lord and got along; we had the best prayer meetings in each other's homes I ever attended.

I believe we have one of the best improved places in the country, we never fail to sell several hundred dollars worth of fruit off our orchard. We have seventy-five apple trees, twelve plum trees, two cherry trees, four pear trees and four pecan trees.

My father was a doctor but never would practice regularly after coming to this country, he preferred to make his living farming and cattle raising. I now live on the place my father homesteaded.

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"Cement Tank On J. Q. Wiginton's Place"

In the early days when the only way to travel was in a wagon, horseback or a foot the question of baptising by immersion was a serious one on account of the distance to any water deep enough to submerge an adult in. There was a cement tank on the J. Q. Wiginton's place 20 x 60 x 9 feet, built so that it would not only hold enough water for all stock drinking purposes but also could be used to baptize in for years and is still used occasionally.

The water is furnished by a well about fifteen feet from the tank and water is drawn to the surface by a windmill. This yard where the tank is has trees near now but when built it was on the bald prairie. A nice modern house with a wide ell-shaped cement porch stands near the old dugout that was once living quarters for the elder Wiginton who homesteaded the land.