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Field Worker's name Ruth Lee GamblinThis report made on (date) April 26, 19371. Name J. L. Newland2. Post Office Address Frederick, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) \_\_\_\_\_

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

5. Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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 3.

Note: Mr. Newland has been in this country a great many years and has kept up with the history of the State.

STORY OF CHIEF QUANNAH PARKER BEING OPPOSED TO SALE OF LAND

There was an Indian Agent, John P. Blackman, in Lawton, Oklahoma, in the year of 1906. He spent several days visiting the Indian schools and sub-agency at the Red Store. While there arrangements were made to begin the Grass Payment to the Comanche Indians. On this occasion the Indian children at the schools were given a holiday in order to visit with their parents. All the Indians who had reached their majority were given the liberty at this payment, of casting their votes as to the method they desired for the disposal of the Kiowa-Comanche pasture reserves. Chief Quannah Parker was opposed to the opening of this land to settlement, stating that the Indians would get a better income by holding it than by disposing of it.

Quannah had very little influence with his tribe and consequently the vote was watched with much interest.

On June 6, 1906, the Interior Department awarded the leases on the pasture if the bill did not pass opening the land to settlement. Agent Blackman stated that a large bunch of mail had been received daily by him from all portions of the United States making inquiries regarding the leasing proposition. During the last few days several bids were received at his office upon this

land. It was not the expectation of the Department that this land would all be taken up at that time, as there were many bids upon the same quarter, but it was their intention to advertise from time to time until it all was disposed of, and every quarter section presided over by a tent.