



BIOGRAPHY FORM  
 WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field Worker's name Ophelia D. Vestal

This report made on (date) October 19, 1937

1. Name County Judge G. W. Horne

2. Post Office Address Lawton, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) H Avenue

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1873

5. Place of birth Dallas County, Texas

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

An Interview with G. W. Horne, Lawton.  
By Ophelia D. Vestal, Field Worker.  
October 19, 1937.

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Many years ago in the early part of 1800 a group of Mexican people came from Mexico to Oklahoma. They settled on a strip of land running northward between Red River and the Wichita Mountains.

This group of Mexicans came here in search of gold that they had heard had been buried in these mountains in large quantities. These people lived in caves and were hard working people. They had been warned to watch for Indians at all times, but they were not afraid.

The time had arrived when there was a lot of excitement in the camp. The gold diggers had just about reached the depth where they thought the gold had been buried. As their news was so great and they were so sure that gold was to be found in a few feet, the leader of this group sent two boys to their trading post toward the river for a few supplies and to send word back of their "nearly found" gold.

As the two boys caught their horses and started to

ride away they heard a loud noise and turned to see a band of Indians approaching the camp from the opposite direction. They could not go back and warn their cave people. They decided perhaps the Indians might think they were the only ones at the camp so they rode on in the direction of their trading place.

In a few weeks the boys returned to their camping grounds and found the remainder of their crew had been killed or taken as prisoners to someplace, they did not know where.

In the year 1893, this story was told to me by one of the two boys who had escaped from these Indians. As he was so very young he could not remember very well.

After hearing the story, a friend and I decided perhaps gold could be found in the mountains yet. We tried to find this hidden gold, but we did not have any luck, though we did find some caves that were covered with grass and some were sinking. Sometimes we found old knives or earthen ware that these cave dwellers must have used while there.