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**INTERVIEW.**

Field Worker's name Jimmie Birdwell

This report made on (date) September 9, 1937

1. Name T. G. Netherton

2. Post Office Address Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

3. Residence address (or location) 3209 Southwestern.

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

5. Place of birth Missouri.

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 T. G. Netherton, Pioneer Minister.

By - Jimmie Birdwell - Interviewer.

September 9, 1937.

I came from Missouri to Woodward in 1905 and was pastor of the Baptist Church there for eight and a half years. Woodward was a good town when I went there; there were fifteen hundred people in Woodward then.

There were nine saloons in town and the way we got rid of most of the saloons was that when a permit would run out for a saloon the people would not let it be renewed. The water around Woodward was awfully bad; it was "gyp" water. There were two men who hauled water from a farm about five miles out of town and charged five cents for a tub of water. My church members were scattered out into the country and I used a horse and buggy. It was a hard life to be a preacher in 1907.

I homesteaded fourteen miles southwest of Woodward and proved up on my home and held my pastorage in the church. Many a time I have driven a horse twenty miles to one of the church members and I have gotten out of bed all times of the night and faced storms to see someone who had been badly wounded in a fight. Almost all the streams had

to be forded as there were not many bridges and many times in rainy weather I would leave my buggy at home and go on horseback, swimming small streams.