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Field Worker's name R. B. Thomas

This report made on (date) October 29, 1957

1. Name Ida Newton

2. Post Office Address uskogee

3. Residence address (or location) West South side Boulevard.

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month November Day 14 Year 1877

5. Place of birth Cherokee Nation; near New Hope.

6. Name of Father Philip Jackson Place of birth North Carolina.

Other information about father He was a white man.

7. Name of Mother Penelope Adair Place of birth Cherokee Nation

Other information about mother She as one-fourth Cherokee.

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 5

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Interviewer.
October 29, 1937.

Interview with Ida Newton
Muskogee, Oklahoma
West Southside Boulevard.
Born November 14, 1877
Father-Philip Jackson
Mother-Penelope Adair.

I was born November 14, 1877, in Cherokee Nation near
Tahlequah; I am one-eighth Cherokee. My father's name was
Philip Jackson, born in North Carolina in 1836, he was a
white man. My mother's name was Penelope Adair, born at
Stilwell. It was then called New Hope instead of Stilwell.
She was one-fourth Cherokee Indian. My mother grew up in
Cherokee Nation and her father was prominent in affairs of the
Nation.

My cousin, John H. Adair, was treasurer of the Cherokee
Nation many years and took active interest in the affairs of
the Nation.

My father came to Indian Territory as a boy and was
married to my mother and returned to North Carolina. His
people made light of him marrying an Indian. This made him
mad and he came back to Indian Territory, never returning to

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his birthplace afterwards.

The country was a rendezvous for outlaws and Henry Stephens' place was a hideout for criminals and outlaws such as Buck Davis, Henry Starr, Frank James, Bill Brady. Buck Davis had several relatives in my immediate neighborhood and they were always protecting him and hiding him out with the outlaw friends. But today his people are very respected people and Christians and his relatives did not approve of his life of crime. We are not proud we are related to the Starrs, I knew all the Starrs, Belle, Tom and Henry who was killed while robbing a bank. I knew Buck Davis and a lot of his outlaw friends because he visited in our neighborhood often. The hideout was not far from our home, therefore, I came in contact with them.

My mother wove carpets and made our clothing, knit our socks and sweaters. My mother's grandmother came over The Trail of Tears from Georgia and went through lots of hardships. Lula Starr was my cousin and married Congressman Bill Hastings. My father took active part in all affairs of Cherokee Nation and was interested in good government and always voted. He

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sympathized with the Confederate army and thought General Stand Watie was a great general.

I now live in Muskogee, own a grocery store and try to live a Christian life and treat my fellow man with respect and love. I am proud of my Cherokee blood because Robert L. Owen, Bill Hastings, and hundreds of other Cherokees have helped to build Oklahoma what it is today and the Cherokee race has done ^a great deal to advance the State of Oklahoma into the greatest state in the union.