

NETHERTON, T. G.

INTERVIEW

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Field worker's name Jimmie Birdwell

This report made on (date) November 27, 1937

1. This legend was
secured from (name) T. G. Netherton

Address 3200 Block Southwestern, Oklahoma City.

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe _____

2. Origin and history of legend or story _____

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank
sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets
attached 1

An Interview with T. G. Netherton, Oklahoma City.

By - Jimmie Birdwell - Investigator.

November 27, 1937.

When I lived in Western Oklahoma I was as I am now, a Minister. I used to be invited out to the homes of my friends who lived on farms and ranches and in the dead of winter I have eaten watermelon just like they were when they had been pulled off of the vine, fresh.

The early settlers would take a large melon and melt paraffin and put a coat of it on the melon. Most all of these farms had big straw stacks on them and after the melons had been prepared they would dig out a hole a way back into the straw and a thick bedding of straw was fixed under the melons and each one was packed around with straw. These melons would stay good and fresh all through the fall and winter.

I have eaten them as late as March and they were still good.