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Field worker's name Louise S. Barnes,

This report made on (date) March 17, 1938

1. This legend was secured from (name) Don Northup,

Address Dover, Oklahoma.

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 sheet and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 2

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Louise S. Barnes,
Investigator,
March 17, 1938.

Interview with Don Northup,
Dover, Oklahoma.

RED FORK RANCH.

I was born August 6, 1881, and came to Oklahoma Territory at the time of the original Opening. We lived on the banks of Uncle John's Creek for several years. Father was a doctor and now I run a drug store at Dover.

The dust storms were terrible then just as they are now, only then we lived in tents and when we ate we had to have a plate turned over the other to keep the dust out, then the top plate was raised and we would secure a bite then replace the lid.

The old Red Fork Ranch used to be where Dover now is located and I have an old photograph of the old original registration book at the ranch. I do not know much about the history of it but each person would register when he entered and tell how many cattle or horses he

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had and what the brand was on them. The old Indian trading post that was also located at this point was burned the day the Indians killed Pat Hennessey but it can still be distinguished where it stood. There are also marks where the Chisholm Trail and the Fort Sill Wagon Trail ran through Dover. The Chisholm Trail looks to be about two blocks wide while the Wagon Trail was not nearly so wide. There are still some rocks from the old ranch house well that are disturbed once in a while.

I remember one of the cowboys got so tough that he taught his saddle horse to drink whiskey from a glass and they would drink together.

I remember when they would haul hay from the wide open prairie to Kansas in wagons, because there was too much hay here the first few years for the use of the new settlers.