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INDIAN-PIONEER HISTORY PROJECT FOR OKLAHOMA

Field Worker's name Pearl E. Parker

This report made on (date) June 18, 1937.

1. Name Mr. Sam Norris

2. Post Office Address Cherokee, Oklahoma

3. Residence address (or location) 414 S. Kansas

4. DATE OF BIRTH: Month February Day 13 Year 1865.

5. Place of birth. Nelson Co., Kentucky

6. Name of Father Sam Norris Place of birth _____

Other information about father _____

7. Name of Mother Peggy Vititoew Place of birth Kentucky

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 2.

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Pearl E. Parker,
Interviewer.
June 18, 1937.

Interview with Mr. Sam Norris.
Cherokee, Oklahoma
Born February 13, 1865
Father-Sam Norris
Mother-Peggy Vititoew.

I was born in the state of Kentucky. I came to Kiowa, Kansas, in 1891, and lived there for one year.

My family, wife and one child, also one brother and a friend, Frank Bright, and I started in a covered wagon, with two mares, stopped at noon under a big shade tree and ate our lunch so we were ready to run when the gun was fired; we staked our place five miles south of Cherokee, on what is now the old Campbell place.

My brother and I did lots of hunting after we were settled; quail were plentiful as were wild geese and prairie chickens.

Our first home was a sod house; it had two half windows and one large room. We used our wagon sheet

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for a carpet; we had to put a prop in the center of the house.

Our furniture was a wooden bed, a large wooden box for a cupboard, and I made our table out of wood.

We would go by wagon about two and one half miles to a little country store called the Erwin place which was our trading place; it is now occupied by a farmer.

We brought back an old rifle with us which we hunted with. This rifle is about fifty years old. We had a buffalo hole pretty near the house that held water; I would often wash things out in it. We homesteaded for several years, then sold our rights and went back to Kentucky.

School was held in the house of an old Mexican who had built this house and would let the children use the basement room for a school.