

[Ada Case]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Bessie Jollensten ADDRESS Ogallala, Nebr.

DATE Nov. [1?], 1938 SUBJECT James H. Armstrong

1. Name and address of informant Ada Case a (Daughter)
2. Date and time of interview Nov. 14, 1938 at 2:30 o'clock
3. Place of interview In the home of Mrs. Case.
4. Name and address of person, if any, [who?] put you in touch with informant She told me she had lived here during the pioneer days and I had known of her and known her for many years.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you No one
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Kitchen with built in [cupboard?] and sink. Old fashioned cook stove, kitchen was square or about and in the north side of house. [??]

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER Bessie Jollensten ADDRESS Ogallala, Nebr.

DATE Nov. 1, 1938 SUBJECT James H. Armstrong

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Ada Case . A daughter

1. Ancestry Her grandparents born and raised in Ohio of Irish descent.
2. Place and date of birth Vermillion County at Milford Illinois.
3. Family No family
4. Place lived in, with dates Raised in Richardson County from [6?] to 10 yr old.
5. Education, with dates Keith County school out be Martin bridge on the North Platte River 8 miles north of Ogallala in a sod school house with dirt floor.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates House wife.
7. Special skills and interests Keeping her home and is a great lover of children although she has none of her own.
8. Community and religious activities Belongs to the Pentecost Church
9. Description of informant 5 feet 5 inches tall, dark complected, but getting quite gray.
10. Other points gained in interview Her husband, Harry Case and Frank Case are twin brothers. She and Harry have been married for a no. of years but Frank just got married last summer.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

NAME OF WORKER Bessie Jollensten ADDRESS Ogallala, Nebr.

DATE Nov. 17, 1938 SUBJECT James H. Armstrong

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Ada Case, Ogallala, Nebraska

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James H. Armstrong was born June [3?], 1828, at Cincinnati Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1846 he went to Milford Illinois and next located in [?] where he lived for 7 years, coming to Nebraska in 1881 following his trade as Blacksmith at Deroin Nebraska, on the bank of the Missouri River.

However he was married in Iowa before coming to Nebraska

In 1887 they came to Keith County and lived in a little two story two roomed house, which stood on the place now owned by the Aaron N. Jollensten family one and one half miles west of Ogallala. On the 8th day of November Mr. Armstrong and his son James went to North Platte by way of muleback, a distance of 54 miles, and of course they did not get back for two or three days, they had no more than got half way down there when it began to snow and get cold. Our mother had to go out and tear of the snowfence to keep we children warm until father got hom, they went to North Platte to file on a homestead, with was about 6 miles North Of Ogallala, here he erected a sod house, and broke out some land and [farmed?], and raised a few cattle, and hogs. We always had plenty to eat, beans, bread, potatoes, milk, tter and plenty of sorghum as father run a sorghum mill. Mother raised an [emence?] garden every year also, and we put up our own meat. But in 1887 we had beautiful prospects for a crop when there came a hail storm and took everything. Father being thoroughly disgusted, loaded his family and all his belongings into two covered wagons and went back to [?] County where we lived until 1907, at which time we moved back to Ogallala, mother having died in the meantime, father had remarried.

One day when the folks went to town for supplies we children were home alone, some cowboys came alone and pitched their tent out [in?] front of our house, of course we children were scared to pieces, went up stairs and hid for awhile, as we had been warned against those Texas cowboys and especially these Long horned cattle, but finally brother Jim went out to see whey they were there, they asked for father, not knowing what those

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wild cowboys were up to he did not like to tell where he was, but when they came home that cowboy turned out to be an old friend of fathers.

On another occasion the folks sent we children to town for the mail and we had not got father than the Methodist church, when some cowboys began to shoot up in the air, of course we children were nearly frightened to death, as we thought they were shooting at us, we ran as fast as we could, crying, and [w en?] they caught up with us they just made fun and laughed at us, so we got home alright, [?] the folks would not let us go to town alone any more, for a long time.

We got our schooling in a little sod school house south of the Martin bridge, the school house had a dirt floor.

Mrs. Case says she remembers well when the first grave was put in the graveyard at Ogallala.