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Tape # 8

Mr. J.T. Fleming & Wife Jessie Mae (English)
Fleming

Length: 45 min.

"Homesteading, Roosevelt County"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
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- 004 Parents: George Washington Fleming & Nancy L. Fleming -
married in 1873 in Tenn.; mother died in Tenn. when he was
5 years old.
- 013 1916: came from Okls. and homesteaded in Lingo Community;
he was 18.
- 019 has 2 brothers and 3 sisters
- 027 returned to Stratford, Okla. after proving up on claim
- 037 Came to Lingo in two covered wagons in Jan.; snow and cold.
- 051 Had plenty of supplies - included 30 gallons of homemade
sorghum syrup.
- 070 Had coal oil stoves to heat the wagons and hot plate to cook on
- 088 Built three half-dugouts with pick and shovel
- 105 Went to Elida to get lumber
- 114 Had to haul water 2 mi. from Six Shooter & Rogers Wells every
other day.
- 131 Kept an extra fire barrel of water at home.
- 143 Lingo and Drewett? communities had singing together every
Sunday night.
- 169 Finally drilled own well-cost \$140; went down 128 ft.
- 204 Often people wouldn't find water and would go back East
- 213 Water was shared by neighbors in this part of the country.
- 241 1918; had good rain-making good crops; made \$500 off of corn.
- 257 1918-1926: moved back to Okla.
- 260 1926-35: moved somewhere?
- 261 1936: came back to Roosevelt Co.; moved to Dora
- 285 He and wife had 5 children; only 2 still living
- 308 Mentions Estelle Johnson was teacher at Lingo
- 313 Had community gatherings at school house-pie suppers, playing

- 313 (cont) basketball, and Christmas programs
- 368 Would decorate mesquite bush for Christmas tree.
- 388 Store and Post Office at Redland run by J.G. Cox and Carl Turner
- 409 1917-18: received 2 newspapers: Oklahoma Farm and Stockman and Capper Farmer (Kansas)
- 458 Bootlegging mentioned; 1919
- 479 He farmed around Dora from 1936 until he retired 6 yrs. ago (1966)
- 483 His first wife died in June, 1936
- 485 1938: he married school teacher, Jessie Mae English.
- 499 She has one brother and two sisters of which Mrs. A.C. Stanford and Mr. Floyd English live in Portales.
- 507 1928: Her sister and she came from Alabama to teach here
- 573 A.E. Hunt was county superintendent; taught at Oklahoma School near Dora
- 539 1934: she was transferred to Richland
- 570 She started with salary of \$90 a month , next yr. \$60, and next \$40
- 645 Had two school buses
- 685 Discuss Senior Citizen Center
 city brought buulding and they made many improvements
 themselves have Thur. dinners, quilting, art, knitting, etc.
- 840 Name some of friends that come