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E. Jean Foote

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THE AMERICAN GUIDE - Unwritten History
Hutchinson, KansasFORMER SLAVE, James Ellis Pope
by: E. Jean Foote

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Just before the old master, Richard Pope, died, he gave James' grandmother, Tilda Pope, one hundred and sixty acres of land, but after the Master's death, his wife demanded that Tilda return the land to them, or give up her baby boy. Material may not be placed in any repository or on a website. It is the intent of the interviewer that they freed her son, who was James Pope's father, any other use.

James' grandmother on his mother's side was Nancy Ray. When her master died, he gave her one hundred acres of land and at her death, her daughter, Eliza Ray, James' mother, inherited the land. This was at the close of the war. So Nancy Ray Pope, her husband, Richard Pope, and family moved on the one hundred acres and his mother lived there until her death in 1919. James Pope came to Hutchinson at the age of forty-five years.

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Source: Interview by E. Jean Foote

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Personal interview by E. Jean Foote