

Program of the monthly meeting of the Pioneer Daughters Association of Timpson Chapel, Craig County, Oklahoma.

At confluence of Thompson Creek, Pawpaw Creek, and White Creek, Cherokees have lived since the 1840s in this area in west central Craig County. Evidence of ancient villages, artifacts uncovered by rains and erosion, and stone implements plowed up tell of Indian habitation in this area long before there was an Indian Territory. In later years what became to be known as Timpson Chapel Community in the 1870s, is still preserved in tradition, history, and love of its people by the active organization of the Pioneer Daughters Association of Timpson Chapel.

A brief on its history is worthy of note here. Before the Civil War the Cherokee families of Smith, Buzzard, Walker, Woodall, Rogers, Armstrong, Horsefly, Hilderbrand, Fallin, Corntassel, Doublehead, Downing, Duck, and many others lived here. Many of the men served in the Civil War and some were killed. Yo-nah Smith was fortunate and he returned from the war, but while in service he adopted the surname of Timpson. A patriarch of his community the first little log school was named in his honor. The school also served as the church and became known as Timpson Chapel. Its various activities have continued with the changing times for nearly 100 years. Perhaps in 1971 or 1972 there will be a 100th anniversary observance at the Chapel.

On the second Tuesday of each month 40 to 50 descendants of the early pioneers here gather at the Chapel. Members of the association are those, for the most part, born before statehood. Morning activity is taken up with the women's quilting bee, while the men visit, or weather permitting, do maintenance in the cemetery. Home-cooked food is brought and