

T-292-2 (Second of Two Interviews)
JOHN ARMSTRONG, CHEROKEE
INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER
INTERVIEW DATE: JULY 7, 1968
TRANSCRIBED BY: LISA GARDENHIRE
PROOFREAD BY: NONA KERR

GENERAL SUBJECT: LAND SURVEYS; SLAVERY; MOVEMENT OF INDIANS; INDIAN
ALLOTMENTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION
LOCATION OF OLD SALINE COURTHOUSE
CHEROKEES DRIVEN FROM EAST COAST TO THIS COUNTRY - TRAIL
OF TEARS
A SLAVE NAMED REECE AND HIS WIFE BETSY
REECE ACCUSES THE ENGLISH PEOPLE FOR BRINGING SLAVES TO
THIS COUNTRY
THINKS U.S. GOVERNMENT MISTREATS INDIANS
INDIAN ALLOTMENTS
CHEATING INDIANS ON LAND DEALS
WHERE DID THE IRONSIDE FACTION ORIGINATE
SHAWNEES ALLOT LAND FROM CHEROKEES AND HAVE NEVER PAID

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

John Armstrong was born in 1885. He lived in the Timpson Chapel Community in Craig County, Oklahoma and was reared by Granny Buzzard, and later sent to Cherokee Orphans Home in Salina. His education was received at the orphanage and completed work equivalent to the fifth grade. Mr. Armstrong is an expert wood craftsman and also a student of the Bible. He is attempting to trace the origin of the American Indian. He was also an interpreter for many years for Indians at court trials as well as for Indian Agents. He now lives in Pryor, Oklahoma.

Note: The other interview on this tape is Joanna Nave Parris, Cherokee