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INFORMANT: JOHN ARMSTRONG, CHEROKEE
PRYOR, OKLAHOMA
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(...Visiting with Mr. John Armstrong of Pryor, Oklahoma. Mr. Armstrong is 80-years old and Cherokee, and has had many exciting experiences in times - in his life time.)

WEIRD STORY ABOUT POLLY DUCK AS WITNESSED BY GRANNY BUZZARD

(Now you say she was a full-blood Cherokee and married in Timpson Chapel?)

Yes. Married just before the Civil War.

(Now, would she have been one of the first ones?)

She's the first person buried there. That was a local - post/oak grove at one time.

That was before they even granted land in that time. That was Rachel Tanner.

(Yeah, Rachel Tanner.)

That was her maiden name. Her - I guess your grandfather might have been her brother, maybe. She was related to them up there. I know she was because I've heard them tell that. They used to come down and visit her.

(What would be the Indian woman's name, the first one that was buried there? Do you remember her name?)

Her name was Polly Duck.

(Polly Duck.)

Uh-huh. Now her name, she has been married twice, the first husband name was Leaf, but now I know what his first name was. She married Leaf first. Ugalopa. And then she married this John Duck. And she lived just across, south of the Chapel, then south and west. Then she took sick and she died and they laid her out for dead. They washed her, got her ready, and she come to. And she talked for about two hours. And then she did die. She told them that she wanted to be buried where that post oak grove is. And she's going to be the overseer of that place. Someday