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Index side A. Recording time 45 minutes.

Informant: John Armstrong, Cherokee, 80 years.
Pryor, Oklahoma

Subject: Mr. Armstrong recalls many events of historical interest taking place in Indian Territory days. He was raised as an orphan by Betsy Buzzard in the Timpson Chapel Community in Craig County.

Mr. Armstrong attended school at the Cherokee Orphans Home at Salina. He quit school to go to work when he was 16 years old in the livery yard at Vinita around 1900.

He has spent most of his life among the Cherokees, and served for many years as interpreter for Indians at court trials, as well as for Indian Agents.

Mr. Armstrong tells of early days in Timpson Chapel Community and also of the Timpson Chapel Cemetery, Cherokee Orphans Home, and of early days in Craig County.

Mr. Armstrong begins by telling about Polly Duck, the first person to be buried in Timpson Chapel Cemetery.

For its historical value there is attached a story of Timpson Chapel Cemetery written by Mr. Armstrong some 20 years ago. Some events on tape are not included in the attached story.