

T-268-3 (Third of Three Interviews)
JOHN ARMSTRONG, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS: INDIAN LEADER; INDIAN SETTLEMENTS;
TOWNS; RELIGION; COMMUNITIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

CHEROKEES ARE ORDERED TO ACCEPT THE SHAWNEES AND DELAWARES
SAM BREAD COULD SPEAK SEVEN LANGUAGES

LOCATION OF THE OLD WOLFE MISSION

GRANDMOTHER RAISED FIVE SETS OF ORPHAN CHILDREN

THE NAME "NOWATA" MEANS "WELCOME"

SMALL INDIAN SETTLEMENTS - COODY'S BLUFF AND ALLUWEE AND
CHELSEA

INDIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN EARLY DAYS

CATTLE BRANDS IN EARLY DAYS - LONG HORN CATTLE BROUGHT IN
TOWN OF CHELSEA AND DAW'S ELEVATOR

RELIGION TO LIVE BY

VERY FEW MEAN PEOPLE IN EARLY DAYS

PREPARATION FOR BURIAL

THE OLD CHAPEL IS REPLACED

COMMUNITY OF ESTELLA WAS ESTABLISHED WITH HELP OF BEAR
TIMPSON

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 interviews on this tape are: Hogan Markham, Cherokee
Lucinda Sanders Wilhite, Cherokee