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JOHN ARMSTRONG, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: BARE TIMPSON CEMETERY; EARLY HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INFORMANT CONFIRMS THE NAMES ON VARIOUS GRAVES IN BARE  
TIMPSON CEMETERY

SHAWNEE PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE IN BURIAL IN A COFFIN

CHARLEY HENSLEY - STAKING CLAIMS

SHAWNEES COME FROM KANSAS

THE DICK FAMILY - GEORGE DICK KILLED FAYE BEARD - ACQUITTED

JAKE LONGTAIL WAS A PROMINENT FIGURE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

John Armstrong was born in 1885. He lived in 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: Bunch Payne, Cherokee  
Bennie Whiteday, Shawnee  
Randle Carpenter, Shawnee  
Gilbert Fallin, Cherokee

(A plat of Bare Timpson Cemetery is included with this manuscript)