

T-382-3 (Third of Six Interviews)
JOHN ARMSTRONG, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY INDIAN HISTORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

WOODALL CEMETERY - 1850

ATTEMPTS TO TRACE ORIGIN OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

HIS BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

BELIEVES GOD PROTECTED AND FED THEM AS THEY CAME TO
AMERICA

HAS UNKIND FEELING FOR ENGLAND

STORY ABOUT SWINDLE AND DISHONESTY OF THE ENGLISH

MORE ABOUT DISHONESTY AND TRICKERY OF OUR GOVERNMENT

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: Vinnie Jones, Non-Indian
Mary Burge, Cherokee
Elmer Parker, Delaware
Vann Cornelius, Cherokee
Ezekiel Post oak, Cherokee