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Interview with Sam Haynes, by
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NEW TOWN CHURCH

I have heard several times that Sam Haynes started the New Town Church. He said it was started before 1899. There are about two dozen good camp houses here, frame, two-room and larger, and a good, white, frame church.

Right now they are building a good arbor, using poles like telephone poles which are going to be painted white and set in concrete bases, "so they will last forever", and covered with a good roof.

A big camp meeting will start the fifteenth of August and the camp is very busy, the women quilting quilts and the men working on the arbor.

Sam Checote, the Chief, is buried in section 36-14-12 according to Sam Haynes. We gave him a half acre but they are gradually crowding him. There was a good stone but it has fallen down. He is by himself right east of here.

Sam Checotah, west of Henryetta, is a trustee in the New Town and has been a preacher for a hundred years, almost. He is the grandson of the Chief, Sam

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Checote..

I don't see why they want to preserve our ways and history. Why don't they preserve us? One time I made a speech to the Senatorial Committee, in 1906, and told them, "You build good parks and put fences and around them and nobody can kill the deer, bear, /buffalo. All these animals you want to protect but the Indian is not protected while he has both a mind and soul." They already have all that but if you want to come back after we get through with this meeting I'll tell you all I can, even if it takes all afternoon but I can't do it now.

* Spokok Harjo I know about was the Chief of the Piankashaw Indians. He had two ranches but is dead now.