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Interview with
Mrs. Katie Harrison
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

The Ferry Boat Owned by Kelly Harrison.

Kelly Harrison, a full-blood Creek Indian, owned and operated a ferry boat located about three miles and a half west of Okmulgee, on the Deep Fork River. The ferry boat was located about ten yards south of what is now the Sixty-two Highway River Bridge.

Mr. Harrison was the husband of Mrs. Katie Harrison.

Mrs. Harrison states that she was a witness to the drowning of a woman and two children. She had gone to the river to see her husband, Mr. Harrison, transfer a white man and his family across the swollen river with all the household goods on the wagon.

When the team of horses with the load of furniture on the wagon had been driven onto the ferry boat, and the boat started moving, just as it was almost across the river, the team became frightened and jumped overboard, drowning themselves, and a woman and her two children. The man was saved by Mr. Harrison who jumped in and caught him by the arm, to swim with him to the

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shore. All the furniture was lost. The bodies of
the woman and her two children were found later.