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THE ANCIENT INDIAN VILLAGE
(Obsidian or Volcanic glass arrow points)
Interview with Foley Smith.

I believe my place was camp ground or a battle field before the Muskogees were brought here, because I have found, arrow heads, spear heads, tomihawk blades, darts and flints on it, that were made out of black ebony, and there's none like it been found anywhere else around here. When I first came I found some on top of the ground but we've picked them all up and now when we plow and it rains we can find them where we've plowed.

I should judge it was a camp ground about 100 years ago by the trees that we have cut down. Inside of these trees there are marks of camp fires that burned the saplings and the growth of the trees has covered them up. Anybody that has studied trees can tell how long it takes them to grow that much.

There is a high slop to the east of the hill that would make a good lookout for you can see for a mile and a half or more.

There is a good spring that has never gone dry and the creek didn't use to go dry before cultivation but now in the dryest part of the summer it goes dry.

I found 35 or 40 and moved away for a while, while I was gone they were lost. I guess I have that many now but I wouldn't sell them or give them away for I've made it a sort of hobby but there is a man that plowed for me and found one, I tried to get it from him but he wouldn't let me have it. I believe he might sell it if they wanted it for exhibition. He is Charley Holmes and lives close to Jenks.

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They're a different size, color and shape from anything I ever saw. A real slick, black ebony. The one he found was a spear head about six inches long and three inches wide, with not a scratch on it.

I came here about 35 or 40 miles from Oklahoma City near Chandler in 1900, that's where I lived when I was just a boy. I came to Henryetta in 1903. We built that house 25 years ago.

"The cause of the Snake war was Chito Hargo refused to allot and he and his followers resisted allotment and were going to run the whites out."

"Old Aunt Sarah Jacobs is a negro woman. She lives in Okmulgee. Real old, but will tell you anything if you tell her that Foley Smith sent you to her. She's smart even if she is a negro."

The Village site is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T11-N- R-12-E Okmulgee County..

NOTE: This is as near word for word as I could get it. Mr. Smith is a white man. Just as nice and courteous as can be. I never saw him before yesterday when he told me this. I had been told to see him by several people.