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Interview with Timmie Fife,  
87 years old, living 800 S. Bixby St.,  
Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Creek Indian.

Timmie Fife was born in 1850 at Hitchity<sup>(a)</sup> Town, Indian  
Territory.

Mr. Fife is a fullblood Creek Indian and is a Hitchity<sup>(a)</sup>  
of the Bird Clan.

His mother was Liza Barnett and his father Ben Fife,  
both Creek Indians.

He went to school when he was 7 years old, in 1857,  
at Asbury Mission, near Eufaula, Okla.

At the age of 2 years his mother married again. She  
married Wm. Frank. When the Civil War started, Mr. Fife  
and his mother, stepfather and close relatives left Hitchity<sup>(a)</sup>  
and went south near Red River in Chickasaw Nation in 1861,  
and came back to Hitchity<sup>(a)</sup> in 1866. He lived with his mother  
until she died. She died in the early seventy's.

After his mother's death he went to live with his father,  
Ben Fife, at Conchatee close to Haskell in Muskogee County.

Mr. Fife married Joe Bruner's mother in 1880, made his  
home near Sapulpa. In 1897 he married Sarah Harjo by whom he  
had three children; Jessie, Bixby, and Dawes.

He and Joe Bruner went into business dealing in Indian  
lands--after allotments of Creeks--until about 1913.

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He has been living in Sapulpa where he has lived for last thirty-six years. He has been guardian of several Indian children.