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Interview with Mrs. Chas. Grooms  
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Mrs. Charles Grooms had a questionnaire from Grant Foreman in January and planned on sending in quite a lengthy story as soon as it was possible for her to visit an elderly relative, (whose name she would rather not reveal) who was at one time a matron in an Indian school. This position was secured through Chief Keokuk.

She can give quite a vivid picture of Governor Byrd, as he was a guest in their home many times.

She remembers seeing the Indian at Pawhuska, known as the "Indian Stink" and remembers the time "he died" and was buried (probably was buried while in a coma or trance). Several days after the funeral or burial he was seen walking down the streets. He was shunned by the Indians, who thought he was a spirit. He had numerous dogs who always followed him and a guardian was appointed for him, she says.

Mrs. Grooms was a girlhood chum of some of the Davis girls (of Indian descent) who are now: A Mrs. Aldridge of Wewoka, and Mrs. W. S. Key of Oklahoma City. There are others but Maude, the one who was her dearest chum, is now deceased.

It seems she (Mrs. Grooms) was the youngest of a large family and that she lived with her sister part of her childhood days. This sister was the third wife of a man named Chanon Rianzy Moore. This Mr. Moore was a drummer boy in the Civil War and was very young, probably fifteen at the close of the War. His home was in Kansas. He drifted down into this country and was connected with the Sac and Fox Agency in some capacity and also with an agency known as Ekuntuska (?) (I don't know whether this spelling is correct or not.)

He first married a Sac and Fox maiden, supposed to have been a princess, she thought. To this marriage were born two children: Emma Moore, who married a man of part French descent, named Studor, (her address not known); and Willie Moore, who is deceased, now buried in or near Prague. (He owned property near Prague and went high in Masonic work).

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His second marriage was to another Indian maiden. There were three children to this marriage: Betty; Shanon Rianzy; and Edwin, who lives now in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado, and who owns land out from Prague with considerable oil on it. He has been in the government employ for a large part of his life and has been (or is) a scout for Gypsy Oil Company.

The third marriage was to her sister and this  
Mrs. Grooms  
was the sister whom she lived with part of the time.

Another important character of her acquaintance was Henry Jones, who for many years represented the Indians at Washington. His was a colorful and a very interesting life.

He had two sons who live near Keokuk Falls; one, Levi Jones, has a lovely home, and the Levi Rocks in the Canadian River were named for this Levi Jones; the other, Willie Jones, has had some kind of a government job for years doing research work of some kind.