

HARRISON, ZADOC T.

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

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Field worker's name Gomer Gower.This report made on (date) January 5, 1938. 19381. Name of person owning collection Zadoc T. Harrison.Address Poteau, Oklahoma.

2. Name (if any) of collection _____

3. This collection contains the following types of material Arrowheads,of various types, needles, spoons, knives, cooking bowls,water-bottles, axes, and many other implements used by the
evidently ancient tribes of Indians.4. Amount of material Large.5. Material deals with Mayan Culture and is, no doubt, pre-Columbian andis similar to that found in the Spiro Mounds.6. Approximate period (dates) material is for Some Caddoan and someMayan.7. Locations of the collection (where it is kept) At filling Stationon highway 271, north of Frisco Depot.8. Condition of storage place Good.Condition of collection Good.

9. What does the owner intend to do with this collection _____

Does not know.Would he be willing to part with it? Not at this time.

10. Any other information about the collection, including its history _____

See attached sheets.

11. Does this owner know other people who have or might have collections.

Give names & addresses See attached sheets.NOTE: In the event that any of the above questions cannot be answered fully
in the space allowed, attach blank sheets firmly, and give all available in-
formation. Referring to question by number.Number of sheets attached one.

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Answering question #10.

The collection has been made possible, it is thought, by the exposure to view of the contents of many mounds which extend southward from the Spiro Mounds and on up the East bank of the Poteau River to its source. That unusual exposure to view has been occasioned by the numerous floods which occurred in this area during the year 1935, which, in turn, caused erosion, not only of the banks of the river, but also of the lands lying adjacent to it. In some instances, the original level of the ground was lowered to the extent of two feet, thus bring to view many evidences of former habitation by a prehistoric people.

Then, too, the activities on the part of the State at the Spiro Mounds has had the effect of arousing interest in the discovery of antiques in the minds of the people who dwell near the Poteau River and its tributaries. The result is, that there is, at this time, a continuous hunt going on for relics by those who have no other object than financial gain. However, this does not apply to Mr. Harrison, who is a man of education and appreciates, fully, the significance of the discoveries in his possession.

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Answering question #11.

Due to the conditions described in the answers to question # 10, there are but few people living along the lowlands of the Poteau River who do not possess some relics, as they are constantly being exposed to view by the cultivation of the ground.