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LEGEND & STORY FORM  
 WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Jimmie Birdwell  
 This report made on (date) October 15, 1939

1. This legend was  
 secured from (name) G. H. Hammonds

Address 3401 South Klien, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This person is (male or female) White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story An old Indian Capital

Near Vian, in Eastern Oklahoma

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank  
 sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets  
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Jimmie Birdwell,  
Interviewer.  
October 15, 1937.

Interview with C. H. Hammonds.  
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"OLD INDIAN CAPITAL"

I used to go into Eastern Oklahoma each Fall to pick cotton in the bottom here along the rivers and creeks. On several trips I worked around Vian, Oklahoma, Days when I could not pick cotton I would roam around over the hills and poke around the rocks hunting old Indian relics. I found lot of arrow heads and some old mugs or vases.

I heard about some Indian ruins and went to see if I could find them. With the help of an old Indian I found a place which I was told was an old Indian capital named Tahlonteesky. I believe that is the way to spell the name at least that is the way I thought was right. It was some five or six miles from Vian, south the best I remember and was on top of a high hill looking over

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the Illinois River. You could tell that there had been quite a number of houses or shacks there, but the marking was very dim.