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Interview with Shawnee Harper,
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I, Shawnee Harper, Creek Indian, was born March 16, 1870. I am sixty-seven years old. I used to go to school, when I was about ten years old at Weogufkee public school which was near the present town of Hanna, Oklahoma, in McIntosh County. My teacher's name were Mrs. Mary Harrod. She was one-half Indian and one-half white. She taught in English, she didn't allowed us to speak in Creek language while we were in school. In those days there were no white people. All full blood Indians, so she had a hard time to make us talk English. If she caught us talking in our language, we get fifteen licks on our bare legs. I don't know how long she taught at this school, but when I quit I was at head of my class in spelling. After I quit Weogufkee School I went to Wetumka Boarding School, four miles east of the present Wetumka, Oklahoma. This town of Wetumka was built in 1901, and that was when I went to this Wetumka School. There was an inland store two miles west of the Wetumka School run by a man named T. H. Scales. This was an Indian Trading post, from 1883 to 1901. I was at this school for six years.

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Colonel William Robinson, a Creek Indian, was our school superintendent. He was a good old man who loved all the boys and girls.

Note: Shammo Harper is a full blood Creek and the Field Worker, also of Indian blood, has carefully given his Indian expression of ideas and facts. We have made no change in the wording of the manuscript - Ed.
