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Interview with John Haynes, age 69
living at
117 South Burnett St.
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

John Haynes was born in Middle Tennessee on Holmes Creek, seven miles from Smithville, the county seat of Cabe County, July 3, 1868. When seven years of age he moved with his parents to Harrison, Arkansas, and stayed there 18 years, helping his father farm.

He came to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, in 1894. When he first came to Sapulpa he worked on the railroad as a section hand. He later worked for Watchorn, who was foreman for the Oklahoma Natural Pipe Line Company. The superintendent of the Oklahoma Natural was John Smith.

The first gas used in Sapulpa was used by the Frisco freight depot. The first residence with gas piped in was the home of John Smith, Superintendent of the Oklahoma Natural. This gas was piped from Sugarloaf hill, $2\frac{1}{2}$ blocks west of the main part of town. A gas well was drilled on this hill. In order to start people of Sapulpa using this gas, they piped it into their homes and let them use it 5 or 6 months free, and then they put in

meters and charged them for the gas.

When Mr. Haynes first moved to Sapulpa he lived in a log house northeast of the Frisco depot. He helped fill in and grade the site where the depot was built. There was a time, when the boom started in Sapulpa, houses were hard to rent and people had to live in tents. He bought his groceries from the John Eagan store, third store in Sapulpa. He worked for the Oklahoma Natural Pipe Line for 35 years.

The only bank here when he came was started by B. C. Burnett, The Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Before the Frisco depot was built a box car was used as a depot.

During the boom in Sapulpa water was shipped from Bristow.
