

T-546-2 (Second of three interviews)

MARTHA KEYS, CHEROKEE

INTERVIEWED BY: J. W. TYNER

INTERVIEW DATE: DECEMBER 18, 1969

TRANSCRIBED BY: GRACE ABRAMS

GENERAL SUBJECT: BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY (GIDEON) PEOPLE OF THAT  
AREA AND EXPERIENCES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

INTRODUCTION

WHY BLUE SPRINGS

OLD GIDEON SCHOOL

SCHOOLS--EARLY DAY SETTLERS

ACTUALLY OIL SPRINGS

CEMETERY--WORKERS, PEOPLE THERE

MUCH TIMBER IN EARLY DAYS--BRUSH HOGS (MACHINERY) AND FENCES

LEFT THE FARM UPON DEATH OF HUSBAND

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STORE AT GIDEON

CHRIS RYALS HAS INFORMATION

BURIED MONEY AND GOLD

MORE ABOUT BURIED TREASURE

FAMILIES AND DESCENDENTS --SOME GOOD, SOME BAD

EARLY DAY TRAVEL

GRIST MILLS--COTTON, TOBACCO, WHIPPORWILL PEAS

CUT OATS WITH A CRADLE

STRIP FODDER--CORN, CANE, TOBACCO

PEOPLE ARE NOT AS NEIGHBORLY AS IN EARLY DAYS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Martha Keys is 79 years old. She was born in Tennessee and came to Oklahoma when she was 13 years of age. For many years, she and her husband Levi Keys lived on a farm in the Gideon Community near Tahlequah. Since the death of her husband she has lived in Tahlequah.

Note: Other interviews on this tape are: William Human, Cherokee  
Robert Whitebird, Quapaw