

Informant: Gazelle Lane, Delaware

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF INFORMANT

(May 6, 1968. Today we are visiting with Miss Gazelle Lane, 88 year old Delaware Indian of Claremore, Oklahoma. Miss Lane tells of many events of historical interest of early day Rogers County. Special interest are her recollections of Will Rogers, her friend and neighbor.)

EARLY DAYS BEFORE CLAREMORE WAS ESTABLISHED

(Where did your father come from Miss Lane?)

From Texas. He was born in Tennessee, but before he moved to, after, before the kids was born, his father, the family moved to Texas, down near Ben Franklin, right across the river from Durant, over, not too far. I have an aunt that lives in Durant, so I went over and visited. And there's a few--well one of my father's grand daughters, lives in Dallas now. She's older--

(Your father was the first doctor that come up into this country?)  
Came up into this country...after the Civil War, he went to Tulane, down in New Orleans.

(Well, the stagecoach, that was its regular run then?)

Yes, it did...from Coffeyville to Ft. Sill...they'd go down one day and go back the next. And I remember as a little girl, we lived north of Claremore, about 10 miles, and we lived back next to a hill, and the stagecoach would go by and we had a box out at the corner of our field, you know. And we had any mail they'd put it in there, and we'd go to the mailbox.