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ADAIR, OKLAHOMA

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(September 27, 1968. Today I am visiting with Edith Dunham Thomas, a 74 year old Cherokee of Adair, Oklahoma. Mrs. Thomas tells of early day Adair and has observed many things that have changed in her lifetime. She recalls early day Adair and the community life there. Her parents' Indian allotment was just west of the town of Adair. We record here many things of the early day community.)

EARLY DAYS BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN OF ADAIR

(What was Adair like in, as well as you remember it from the early days?)

Well, I was only two years old when we came here. I don't remember, only just from hearing my parents talk about it. However, we had grocery stores.

And there was a blacksmith shop and a doctor. We had two doctors and - -

(Who were the early day doctors, Mrs. Thomas?)

Well, one of them was a Dr. Youngblood and a Dr. Goss. And they were here a year ahead of us. And they were here when the Daltons robbed the train here.

(Right at Adair?)

Right here at Adair. And they were sitting down on the sidewalk and Dr. Youngblood got shot in the foot. And Dr. Goss was shot in the leg. And before they could get the train reassembled and get him to Vinita, why he had bled to death.

(Well, it wasn't a peaceful town with a bank robbery, train robbery?)