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GERTRUDE THOMPSON BLEVENS, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: EARLY SETTLEMENTS; CHURCHES; ACTIVITIES; CEMETERIES

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

TERESITA POST OFFICE NAMED AND COMMUNITY ESTABLISHED  
LOCATION OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND GENERAL SCHOOL CONDITIONS  
IN EARLY DAYS

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND ENJOYED LIVING THERE - STORY ABOUT  
STRAY GOAT

CHURCHES IN EARLY DAYS IN THIS COMMUNITY

THERE WERE SOME ROUGHT PEOPLE IN THE EARLY DAYS - VERY TOUGH

REMEMBERS THE NAMES OF SOME OF THE EARLY SETTLERS

BAPTIZING ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

TERESITA CEMETERY:

HIGH WATER IN LITTLE SPRING CREEK

EARLY DAY ACTIVITIES AND PEOPLE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Gertrude Thompson Blevens was born in 1894. She lives in the Teresita Community, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Blevens has lived in this area all of her life and attended the local schools in the area. She was assistant postmistress for six years at Teresita, also a rural mail carrier and later operated a store.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Jess Fields, Cherokee  
Kermit Beck, Cherokee