

T-546-2 (Second of three interviews)  
MARTHA KEYS, CHEROKEE  
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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.