

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.