

INTRODUCTION

(December 18, 1969. I'm visiting with Martha Keys, a 79-year old Cherokee of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She talks about her home place at Blue Springs in Cherokee County.)

WHY BLUE SPRINGS

(How did they come to call that Blue Springs out there?)

Well I don't know, they just changed it, I don't know what come on to them. Well Bill said they needed a church, see Bill had Church in the school house all the time, he didn't have no church house.

(Well.)

And they just named it Blue Spring.

(Yeah.)

'Cause Old man Wilson called that spring down there right along the grave yard down on the creek, you know.

(Yeah.)

He called it the Blue Spring because it just deep blue

(Not clear)

And that's why they call it Blue Spring.

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They named the church house that.

(Well that's--that's school but was there a school there?)

Yeah I worked there. It's just--well it's (word not clear) now.

(Yeah.)

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(But that would be--one of the old schools in that part of the country I guess.)

Yeah, it was.