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GILBERT FALLIN, CHEROKEE
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GENERAL SUBJECT: REMINISCENCES OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN ESTELLA
COMMUNITY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

FIRST POST OFFICE IN COMMUNITY WAS NAMED FOR MISS ESTELLA FRANKLIN
SMALL SCHOOLS IN THE AREA BUILT BY INDIANS

INDIAN LAND WAS RENTED TO CATTLEMEN IN EARLY DAYS

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS - LOCATION OF SMALL CEMETERIES

MORE ABOUT CERTAIN EARLY DAY SCHOOLS - CONTRARY SCHOOL

KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY OF INDIANS IN EARLY DAYS

REMEMBERS THE FIRST AUTOMOBILE HE EVER SAW - HUMOROUS

THE FIRST AIRPLANE INSPIRED A SERMON BY THE LOCAL PREACHER

LAW AND ORDER IN EARLY DAYS

MORE ABOUT FAMILY CEMETERIES

TIMPSON CHAPEL WAS MADE OF LOGS - MEN IN COMMUNITY HELPED BUILD IT
NO UNDERTAKERS IN EARLY DAYS - FATHER MADE CASKETS - WOMEN COVERED
AND LINED THEM

MONEY WAS SCARCE

CHANGING TIMES - BERT OSKINSON AND FAMILY

PRAIRIE FIRES WERE DREADED

MORE ABOUT HARD TIMES - HARVEY FAMILY WENT BAREFOOT IN WINTER

DRIFTERS AND PASSING TRAVELERS WERE GIVEN SHELTER AND FOOD

SOME DRIFTERS TURNED OUT TO BE GOOD CITIZENS

THE FIRST CROP HE EVER MADE - HE USED A MULE TEAM AND WALKING
CULTIVATOR

FAMILIES VISITED OVERNIGHT - NECESSARY TO TRAVEL BY WAGON

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

At the time of this interview Gilbert Fallin was 81 years of age.
He was born and reared in Estella Community, Craig County, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Fallin is present at this interview and occasionally participates
in the conversation.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Juanita Sharp Allen, Shawnee
Mattie Hinton Douglas, Cherokee