

T-316-3 (Third of Three Interviews)  
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