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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 ocassionally participates in the conversation.

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