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INFORMANT: GILBERT FALLIN, CHEROKEE
ESTELLA COMMUNITY, CRAIG COUNTY
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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(October 18, 1968. Today I am visiting with Gilbert Fallin an 81 year old Cherokee of Estella Community, Craig County, Oklahoma. Mr. Fallin was born in the community and has spent all of his life here as a farmer and rancher. Gib, as he has always been called, relates many things he has seen and heard and some of the history of Estella Community is here recorded.)

FIRST POST OFFICE IN COMMUNITY WAS NAMED FOR MISS ESTELLA FRANKLIN

(Well any of the out-lying and nearby communities, uh, when was Estella at its peak growth and prominence?)

Well, they never did have but, they had three stores. Y'see they moved Stella backward and forth here at time or two.

Mrs. Fallin: Yes it was moved from down on the road up here, then it was moved back down the road.

Yeah, originally down there by the old Cox place. That used to be Estella there. Store was there and then they moved it up here on Zumwalt's place and they grewed to have, well, once they had three stores there and a mill.

Lady: (not clear)

Omer Williams run one on this side don't you remember. No, Zumwalt.

Mrs. Fallin: (Not clear)

Well, it might a been after he left, but they still had the three buildins there. Oh, these here Lay and somebody else run that, you know used to live right up here. They run that Zumwalt place. Zumwalt and Omer Williams and Harold Zumwalt. When he run that on north side of the street and that there mill was run by Cook, some old people by name a Cook.