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INFORMANT: GILBERT FALLIN, CHEROKEE  
ESTELLA COMMUNITY, CRAIG COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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(not clear) but John knows a lot. I'll tell you the reason why. John was raised by Aunt Liza Woodall. And she was about one of the oldest Indians down in there. I can remember John Hunter, that was my step-daddy, tellin' about when John uh, when John stayed there with Aunt Liza well, John Hunter and they would, and John was religious. And them boys would slip (not clear) and oh, that girl you know (not clear) what was his name?

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Mrs. Fallin: John Hensley.

Yeah. Hensley, they'd slip a deck of cards under John's pillow y'know and Aunt Liza'd find 'em. (laughter) He'd make out like he kept them on account of them pictures y'know of queens and kings and pretty pictures. (laughter)

Mrs. Fallin: Aunt Liza, she run sort of a orphan's home on her own, y'know. It wasn't like it is now. They didn't have no help, but you know they all managed some way and she never turned 'em down.

Gibb: I can remember when where there was an old lady by the name of Walsie. And she was in bed I believe it was six years. I believe it was six years she laid helpless and Aunt Liza took care of her. And you know, then, they wasn't no help.

(Well you know I marvel at how those folks even got by those early days with such limited facilities. How did they keep from starving. Those Indians course they could figure out ways to get by.)

They depended a lot then on huntin and fishin too, but now --

(But it seems like they was so many widows in those days. Right after the Civil War.)

Gibb: Well they didn't, no doubt, they had a hard time gettin' by.