

ROGERS, ALTIE

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LEGEND & STORY FORM

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Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma

Field worker's name Louise S. Barnes.

This report made on (date) August 23, 1937. 1937

1. This legend was secured from (name) Mrs. Altie Rogers.

Address Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

This person is (male or female) <sup>x</sup> <sup>x</sup> White, Negro, Indian,

If Indian, give tribe \_\_\_\_\_

2. Origin and history of legend or story The first Christmas in Oklahoma.

The year of 1829. She lived at Hennessey.

3. Write out the legend or story as completely as possible. Use blank sheets and attach firmly to this form. Number of sheets attached 1

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Louise S. Barnes,  
Interviewer.  
August 23, 1937.

An Interview With Mrs. Altie Rogers,  
Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mrs. Altie Rogers was born August 27, 1868, in Illinois, moving to Oklahoma in 1889.

A large crowd of men, women and children gathered at Smith's building (which was new at that time) in Hennessey on Christmas Eve to help make our first Christmas in Oklahoma a success, and by 9 o'clock the house was crowded with anxious children waiting to see what Santa Claus would give them. Pop corn, candy and oranges were distributed among the little ones, then came the distribution of presents. After the presents were distributed the hall was cleared and a dance was given, which was an event long to be remembered by those who took part in it.

All went home happy and the children, especially, felt thankful to Santa Claus for not forgetting them on his first trip through Oklahoma.