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teachers, uh! Mrs. Bushyhead. Bushyhead he
 be Cherokee Chief, one time. Yeah, at first Mrs.
 Galloway, Mrs. Colburn. Uh! Mrs. teach too. Mr.
 Thompson. He be preacher too. He preach Pres. Terian.
 I no see none of 'em long time. I be about 2 ur years.
 When I work there. When sign out of work, I leave.
 I leave. I marry in leaves. Come right out, to Union
 District, close to others hall.

Life and customs of the Cherokee people.

See old cabin. Reeves built. Mr. Lee own.

uh! In too. The cabin still stands, though
 deteriorated. It is of log construction, with a
 shingle roof, likewise the barn. The roof is of the
 old style. The barn is of the same style. The
 one now lives on the site. The other one is about
 fifty yards out of the old place.

uh! Reeves own. He is a miller. Own
 mill and also a ferry. Own that a. I
 can't ascertain the name of the ferry. It is
 a little way from the site. The ferry is
 in the present county. Above section.

uh! Children all gone. Carry to, stay here,
 by self.

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live, Ugh. I get land. Children get land. I rent land.
see houses, berries, I rent. keep me. I make garden.

Raise roots, here too. I make own medicine. People come
get roots, make medicine too. (I interviewed some of her

tenants and found that Mrs. Reeves and her children did
rent many acres. That the children were all married and

did not bother with the income from the land, leaving it
to support their old mother. Some of the land is rather

good for cultivation but many acres of it is in
the hill country and is hardly good for anything.

She said that she had a certain section of land.
There are some remains of the old place on the

place, but far from the main place.
The place, she said, was a small one, but it had only a few

typical of the hill country, she said that she had the
number, I had little to say about it and apparently

carefree.
Nun! Come here. All the time she was clear in

her mind. She said that she had been to the
work some times too.

ugh! she was a soldier, she was a soldier,
she fought in France. She stays hospital, Muskogee.

see him lots. She is sick, he says. She had her son

was working at the Veterans Hospital in Muskogee and he got his job on account of being a World War Veteran. I could not make her understand as to bonus, compensation, and kind of work her son did.

Uh! Be berry, come here. Lots berries, all kinds. Fruit too. Lots nuts all kinds. Lots history nuts. Make "Canuchi." Use "Em" like butter. Good Canuchi, better than butter. Make him big ball. (She explained that Canuchi was made by taking the kernels of the history nuts and beating them up into a butter and working into a ball. It could be used as butter for shortening in bread, milk for coffee, and for any use or for any thing where grease was used, even to greasing a wheel or cart.)

Uh! Now see... put in mortar, beat him, twist him with pestle. Make Em better. Roll em up. Keep him, till need m. Uh! To get str... Cold weather keep em all winter.

Grind corn in pestle too. Manahanie. You say nothing. One time we saw corn.

eah! Make real too. Run em through riddle. Make fine. Make bread.

She explained that the mortar was a block followed out and the pestle was a ram and the riddle was made

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by taking a hickory limb and weaving cane strippings
in sieve fashion. It was a sieve for them.

Uh! We raise cotton, corn, garden. We have
two horses, two cows, so e pigs. To feed pigs, live in
woods. Eat nuts. Cows live in woods too. Some times
feed cows and horses little bit, cold weather.

Uh! Clothes. Uh- card cotton, make thread.
Spin em. Weave em make cloth. I make cloth lots times.
All children wear clothes I make em. Sometimes get
money buy socks for girls Webberville. Last time none
wear socks. Make shirts for boys. Boys wear no pants
till eleven or twelve years old, like now all wear
pants.

Yeah! Color cloth. No color thread, make color
cloth. We use bark. Sometimes berries. Last bark,
hickory bark, walnut hulls. Yolk berries, indigo too.

Sometimes put salt, so not fade. To make blankets,
trade for hide. Uh! trade hides, fur, later some times
cow, some time pigs.

Uh! bark make brown, tan, black, berries make red,
pink, indigo make deep blue, some times make light blue.
We make all colors, mix em up.

(She explained in her way, that fr mindigo she

made all colors of blue. From Polk berries all shades of red and from different barks, cooked down to a solution she made many colors of brown, tan, beige, black etc.)

Huh! medicine for paposes, medicine old folks too. Come I show you. (I followed her into the garden where she raised many roots and herbs but I was too ignorant to know them, having never before studied them nor come in contact with an one raising them. It was interesting as she explained in her way what they were used for what they were used. It was hard for me because she would first use English and then break off into Cherokee names.)

See- Catnip tea for papose. Bear and make papose enough medicine. Butter-flower root, break pills, you call em. I interrupted. said huh! (see huh! huh!) See bone-set ma, purple em. here, butter make root, it purple too. See Dog kennel, make salve. It good for

itch. There udden make enough medicine. Then, use take udden, dry em, smoke em. and no tobacco.

(Many more she called in Cherokee & I tried to understand and we then returned to her cabin.)

Huh! We cook, girls cook. Sometimes put doors, sometime fireplace. Make bread in scille (meaning dutch oven, cook beans every thing in pots. I make pots, out clay boil in em, no bake. I light fire with flint and steel. Get powder, sometimes cotton, hit flint with

steel, make fire. (meaning that powder or cotton would readily ignite from the spark). Sometimes keep fire burn all time out doors. Sometimes rain put em out. Girls, sometimes boys, go to neighbors get fire. I make bowls out clay. Uh! all papoose have owl, eat beans. I make em spoons, forks too.

Uh! I cook corn bread, buckwheat bread, bean bread, hominy, beans, meat, some an' lots I cook.

Ugh! Meat. Deer, squirrels, turkeys (wild) game all finds. Birds and so times calf. I dry deer meat lots time. Smoke turkeys in fire place, see. I kill em with bow and arrow.

Uh! Reeves make bow out dried arc, arrow make out dogwood, put splint on it. Sinew, treat em so that em straight. Uh! bow string, some times squirrel skin some times deer sine. Reeves he hunt em soon. Make caps.

Make moccasins for papoose. All of us wear moccasins, sometimes barefoot. See me how. (She was barefoot and meant they all went that way most of the time.)

What say, uh! Salt in bread. Go down one mile and call Lier Creek. You see. (pointing) (At this time one of her grandchildren came up, a little boy about thirteen years old, and between them they talk.)

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spoke good English and explained that his grandmother used to get salt, one mile south of Mountain Grove School; that a sump or gum was planted in the middle of the creek over a salt spring, that the salt water come up through this hollow log and it was then placed in large bottles of iron weighing 5 or more and boiled down to salt.

If I would permit, I, he would show me the old log still sticking out of the creek and he believed he could find some pieces of the old salt bottles. It was growing late and I could not go. I now returned to see Mr.

uh! Jewelry. She said make out clay. (She had a few which she showed me, take clay, make em round, stick straw through make holes, draw, color em like thread. Now I buy five color em. take shell go on shell to to stone surface. make all leather stop pieces. take wood be like to.

uh! eah! take baskets, chairs too. take baskets, chairs too. take buckets with bars from Hickory. take chairs, use willow. Some use bush grass, make one side. take all kinds of wickets.

Uh! Care for baby. I carry on table on back. run up in st. wh. I carry all in. suppose that way. I go to dance tie package on board, put em by tree.

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then just look, say nothing.

Yeah! Trade Bob Blackstone. Half breed doctor there too. Dr. Campbell. He run ferry, cross river (Arkansas) to Illinois. Had partner Joe Lynch. Joe run ferry.

(The ferry was the Lynch and Campbell ferry that crossed the Arkansas River at about the present location of the highway bridge at Webb's Falls. Ill. Illinois City referred to is not the town of Gore, Okla.)

Yeah, run, Billet Foreman. He run ferry on Illinois River. Close to salt works.

(She referred to the Foreman ferry which crossed about 6 or 7 miles upstream on the Illinois River from the river's mouth, which also enter the collecting Salt works.)

Yeah! That's the ferry too. Its above the Canadian river.

She referred to the Salt Ferry which crossed the Canadian River about 6 miles upstream from its mouth.

Indian laws, they, the law, state law, law, law.

Indian steal, take things, letters, and things at post. Some times hang on. Some men go to St. Smith put em in jail. Yeah I know outlaws Luxie Starr, Tom Starr, Sam Starr,

Famous Smith, they my kin folks, they say. I no care for them. I do not care. I never go to Court. I no see em whip. I see em catch em, steal things. I no see em to take

em to court.

Yeah! I get little money. Government give
me money. I get bread money. One times \$1.00, sometimes
\$.20, sometimes \$14.00.

I go to peddler sells one time get different money.
\$33.00 in 1907. I get strip money all of us about 90
at the bar. Get strip in 20.

I keep our in ...
of ... taxes. ...
Jews ...
... Mr. Reeves all ...
... 100 acres, ...
... 100 acres, ...

Comment

Ms. Reeves is first ...
... women ...

... school for only a short time and never acquired much
education. She feels she has tendency to ...
... full ...
... I got her to talk ...
... result ...

She told me in the ...
... under their ...

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with the bodies. If a man, his gun, bow and arrow, and the like were buried with him. If a baby or small child, its clothing and other things were buried. By so doing nothing was left to be seen to bring to their attention each day that their relatives ever lived.

She did not know where her father, mother, or any of her brothers and sisters were buried if she ever possessed a brother or sister.

It is a pleasure to try to explain things as they were in days of old.

She is a typical full blood in the hill country of eastern Alabama. Any full bloods used to live near a river, but they have been scattered all over the country. However, they are still very poor at this time.