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Biography of Mrs. Julia Beavers Gibson

Paoli, Oklahoma

Born May 10, 1875 in Tennessee

Story of Mrs. Julia Beavers Gibson, Born May 10, 1875 and came to Indian Territory in 1897 from Tennessee. When we first came into the territory there were only a few houses. We could see smoke coming out of the ground and we asked what it was and was told that people lived in dugouts and some lived in tents. We lived in a dugout for a while. I married in 1897 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to Richard Gibson. At that time the court house was where the Ford agency is now located at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

People raised lots of corn in 1897 and in 1898 they piled it up in big piles by the side of the roads. It sold for ten cents a bushel, butter ten cents a pound, eggs five cents a dozen. Everything was cheap and money was hard to get.

I was at Paoli, Oklahoma when Oklahoma came into statehood in 1907. It was like Armistice Day in 1918, people^{were} all shooting and shouting. There was lots of excitement.

I have been active in church work since I married. I am the mother of 5 children, 2 now living. My husband has been a barber for 36 years but has now retired. We own our home where we now live at Paoli, Oklahoma.

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