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MAGGIE DOWNING, CHEROKEE

SAKEY HENSON BREAD, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS: FAMILY BACKGROUND, MEDICINES:  
BIA: WELFARE, ETC.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BACKGROUND OF BOTH INFORMANTS  
FAMILY

FATHER OF SAKEY WAS CHIMNEY MAKER

MAGGIE'S MOTHER WAS INDIAN DOCTOR

SAKEY CAN DOCTOR BUT KEEPS IT SECRET

INDIAN REMEDIES

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

HERBS AND PLANTS FOR MEDICINE

CHILDREN - HUSBAND'S DEATH

DISCUSSION ABOUT LAND, HEALTH AND WELFARE

HEALTH - CUSTOMS - DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF FAMILY

BAKING BREAD - COFFEE SUBSTITUTE

CHEROKEE NAMES

BIA

SAKEY LIVES ON WELFARE

HEALTH POOR

Background of Informants:

Maggie Downing was born in 1911. She is a full blood Cherokee and lives in Hulbert, Oklahoma. Mrs. Downing was born and raised in this same area. She has had no formal education and was taught by her daughter to write her name because her family were very poor and unable to send her to school.

Sakey Henson Bread was born in 1919. She is a full blood Cherokee and was born near Hulbert, Oklahoma. Sakey is one of ten children and the only one living. Her father was a chimney maker and taught several people to make them from logs. Sakey has had no formal education and does not speak English.

Note: Sakey Henson Bread does not speak English well enough to be understood, so Maggie Downing is translating all of Sakey's conversation in this interview.