

(She was next to the baby?)

Mrs. Downing: (In Cherokee)

Uh-huh. Was other baby, Jackson.

Mrs. Downing: Name Jackson. Next to her.

LIVING CONDITIONS YEARS AGO

(Well, I was going to ask you especially since you all didn't live on your land, were times very hard back then?)

No.

(They weren't? I cannot understand what Mrs. Carey is saying.)

Mrs. Downing: Long time they don't have to pay rent on homes. No rent house or nothing you know.

(How did you get by doing that?)

Oh, my mother worked somewhere, washing and ironing sometimes.

That's how she did it. ✓

(So you had to work hard/though, didn't you. About your father, what did he do for a living?)

Oh, he was araising cotton from somebody.

(Uh-huh.)

And that's what he did.

(Would he have to get up early in the morning?)

Uh-huh.

(About what time would they get up and start?)

I wouldn't know that (laughter).

Mrs. Downing: (In Cherokee) That's what they used to do. Plan on make a meal.

(Mrs. Carey's comment in Cherokee.)

RAISING FOODS AND COOKING

(Yeah, I was going to ask you. What did you all eat? Did you