

Well they come by riding to notify that they was after them. See they run from Downing Settlement not much down back to --

(From Downing Settlement?)

From up to, plum up to Little Kansas, Oklahoma. And they was afoot all the time. And so these boys, a fellow got them the word -- Joe Downing was a great friend to them.

(Chief, was the Chief Downing? Downing was one of the Chief's of the tribe there?)

Uh -- no.

(Believe it was Lewis Downing.)

Believe it was Lewis. I didn't know him. I knowed, this other one, and Sam Hickory Downing. I think it was Sam Hickory Downing's father.

(Uh-huh. I believe so.)

In 1908 when Mattie was a baby, two and four days old they come by our house and asked for something to eat so --

(The Wickliff boys?)

Uh-hum. There was five, three Wickliff boys and one other boy. And they just one of them could talk English. He was the red headed one. And so my sister was there and she just went numb. I don't know why but she'd been amongst them. So Ma got up out of the bed and fixed them something to eat. And they set down out in the little building eat it and then they left. I don't know how much, two or three dollars under the plate. She told them just leave them there.

(I heard they were kind of forced into the life they lived.)

Absolutely. First into it when they sold a little whiskey. And a fellow came in there to hunt them. And he kicked the father around. And scolded Charley's wife and kicked her around. And there's no question about that. It is a