

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

(June 9, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Mary Downing Gourd, an 81 year old full blood Cherokee of Moodys Community, Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mrs. Gourd talks about things of the Cherokee Nation, it's people and events she has known.)

FAMILY RELATIONS - ORIGIN - TRAIL OF TEARS

(Your daddy was--)

My daddy was John Hicks.

(What family did your mother come from?)

The Downing.

(The Downing. Was that Ella Downing?)

No, my mother's name was Maggie.

(Maggie. Now some of them lived down in here and some of them lived up around Peggs?)

We lived--Grandpa lived three miles north of Peggs.)

(Three miles, and, see, now that was George.)

No, that was Johnson.

(Johnson. Johnson Downing.)

He was a brother to George. And the other one was Tom-Thompson.

(Yeah. Thompson Downing.)

And another one was Dave Downing.

(Yeah. Now let's see they were brothers I guess.)

Uh-huh.

(Yeah, you'll find a lot of downings was west of Peggs. There's a Downing cemetery over there too. Nearly all of those folks Downing and Shade and Ross and--)

Yes, Shades, yeah. (Not clear)

(Yeah I know several of those.)