

FAMILY BACKGROUND

(I am interviewing Aunt Susie Hammon. She's a full blood Cherokee and she's 87. She's a little bit afraid of the tape recorder so I--I don't know if I can get too much that will be worth while or not, but I'm going to try.)

(Susie and Maggie Downing are talking in Cherokee for about 2 minutes.)

(I was discussing honeysuckle a while ago.)

Maggie: Yeah, that's pretty too. I like to have a little old spot like that.

(sentences in Cherokee.) It's a ground corn, get meal and stuff like that, you know. Boy, we used to get bunch of them! You know, and her--I think--let me see, she didn't have very many kids. I think that's a boy, the oldest Shige (?) that was here a while ago. And he's teaching in (name not clear), now you know.

I really did like Shigo, you know and he always treated you nice. (next sentence not clear). Sheeki?

He just left when you come in.

Maggie: Oh, I wished I had seen him. I never know what he looks like after he grew up.

And he come in, maybe tomorrow, maybe next day.

Maggie: Yeah. She's--her is the only one living, you know.

(Out of how many?)

Maggie: I think there was--how many girls?

There's three.

Maggie: Three. Annie, and Wiley's mother, and Clara and--

No. Four.

Maggie: Four. Four girls. And--

Four sisters and no brothers.

Maggie: Yeah. Uh-huh, and two girls--we lost them long ago. They're buried right here in the field over here, my mother too. There were two girls.