

(In your--yeah. In your family before you ever got married.
Your brothers and sisters.)

I got four sisters and four brothers.

(Your name before you got married was--?)

Mrs. Downing: (In Cherokee)

Soap.

(Oh, Soap. That's S-O-A-P? Soap. Now your mother and daddy, they
were full-blood Cherokee.)

Uh-huh.

(And they were born and raised right around Stilwell?)

Yeah.

(Had any of your ancestors--did any of them come over on the Trail
of Tears?)

Mrs. Downing: (In Cherokee)

(From Georgia, North Carolina? You didn't hear talk, ever talk
about that, huh?)

Mrs. Downing: (In Cherokee)

I heard a little bit, but not too much.

(Like not anybody in your immediate family anyway, didn't come over.)

Yes.

(Uh-huh. Well, when you were growing up--let's see, you said, I
believe--how many brothers and sisters did you have? Four brothers
and four sisters. Now where were you located in that eight
children?)

Down at Stilwell.

(I mean were you in the middle, one of the oldest ones or the
youngest?)

Mrs. Downing: (In Cherokee)