

T-369-2 (Second of Three Interviews)  
CYNTHIA DOWNING ROSS, CHEROKEE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS EARLY HISTORY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY;  
FAMILY HISTORY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION-  
FAMILY SETTLED NEAR PEGGS AND WESTVILLE, OKLAHOMA  
INDIAN BOYS FRIGHTENED A WHITE WOMAN  
SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS  
VALUE OF DAWES COMMISSION  
WICKLIFF BOYS WERE PARDONED -- PEOPLE PLEASED  
EARLY DAY TOWN -- ROADS AND TRADING CONDITIONS  
TOWN OF ADAIR WAS NAMED FOR A DUTCH-IRISH FAMILY  
NATURAL GAS, WOOD AND COAL USED FOR HEATING

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Cynthia Downing Ross was born in 1881 in the Cherokee Nation. She was born and reared on the original allotment of her family and still lives there at the present time. She was educated in the country schools of Peggs and Tahlequah and also attended Cherokee Female Seminary.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Frank Tyner, Cherokee.  
Scott Bradshaw, Osage