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MAGGIE DOWNING, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: MEDICINE AND WITCHCRAFT; LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS

TOPICS DISCUSSED

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

EARLY CHILDHOOD

FAITH IN GOD - EARTH MEDICINE - CURES

NO EDUCATION - DAUGHTER TAUGHT HER HOW TO WRITE HER NAME

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Maggie Downing was born in 1911. She is a full blood Cherokee and lives in Hulbert, Oklahoma. Mrs. Downing was born and reared in this area. She has had no formal education and was taught by her daughter to write her name because her family was very poor and unable to send her to school.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Vonnie Downing, Cherokee Abe Ned, Chickasaw