

T-396-2 (Second of Two Interviews)

NED DOWNING, CHEROKEE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: LIFE HISTORY MATERIALS AND RELATED SUBJECTS

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

MUCH PRAIRIE LAND IN EARLY DAYS - GOOD RANGE FOR CATTLE

RESENTS LACK OF HONESTY TODAY

LIFE HISTORY FROM CHILDHOOD

PARENTS CAME FROM GEORGIA ON TRAIL OF TEARS

EARLY DAY LIVING CONDITIONS

EARLY DAYS AROUND LOCUST GROVE

INDIAN DOCTORS - HERBS USED FOR MEDICINE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Ned Downing was born in April 1887 at Peggs Prairie Indian Territory. He now lives on Rowe Prairie, Mayes County, Oklahoma on his original allotment. Mr. Downing is full blood Cherokee and learned to speak English while attending country schools in Iron Post, Liberty and Johnson Prairie. He has been a successful cattleman and farmer and still keeps a small herd of cattle on his 90 acres. He still lives in the home that he built himself, about 60 years ago.

Note: The other interviews on this tape are: Fannie Whiteday, Cherokee  
Daniel Downing, Cherokee  
Clara Ward Robinson, Cherokee