

INFORMANT: DANIEL DOWNING, CHEROKEE  
CHOUTEAU, OKLAHOMA, MAYES COUNTY  
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(March 24, 1969. Today I'm visiting with Daniel Downing a seventy-nine year old, full blood Cherokee of Chouteau, Mayes county, Oklahoma. Mr. Downing recalls some of the experiences of his life in the Indian territory.)

CONCERNING CEMETERIES AND FAMILY NAMES

This here all McKays, I believe, families. And this is, I don't know. There must be eight or ten graves in it.. Its fenced off but nobody hears of it anymore.

(Is it close to Hulbert?)

Yeah several graves there. I don't know the name of it. Don't know who it was. Nothing about it. I had a place down there. Its right close to my home. But I don't know. Just don't know who's buried there.

(Who was your daddy, Mr. Downing?)

Alex, Alex Downing.

(Alex Downing. Now where did he live?)

Well he's from around Tahlequah Double Springs out there. Grandad, they lived in Tahlequah years ago before I was born. I knew Ross Daniel. Ross Daniel that lived there around Tahlequah too.

(Yeah, I know that Ross Daniel.)

This is Daniel Downing.

(Oh I see Daniel Downing.)

That, that was the old man. He had three boys and two girls.

(Yeah.)

Alex, Chester, Chester lived down here, close to me. And Bleu he lived in Muskogee for years. He was the sheriff here one time. And the girls, one