

MATTIE HAS HAD SEVERAL MAJOR SURGERIES

(When did you have your first cancer operation?)

Well, let's see it was down there at Norman when Dorothy was married.

(Down there at the University Hospital wasn't it?)

No I went to Wesley Hospital.

(Wesley, yeah. How long ago has that been?)

Twenty years. Let's see Dorothy was sixteen years old and she's forty now.

(It's been that long. Twenty-four years ago.)

Yeah. Twenty-four years ago.

(And you had another one, that was a hysterectomy wasn't it?)

Yes.

(You got all your female organs taken out.)

No just my uterus.

(Just your uterus.)

And then in, when your dad got sick, before he, when was that, I don't know what year it was.

(Didn't you have another female operation, did you?)

No, never had no more. Never had no trouble. Then I had my breast removed here.

(That was cancer wasn't it?)

It was cancer. But they wouldn't give me x-rays down at Oklahoma City. I paid for this up here and down there the country sent me to have my milk glands taken out.

(And then you had a third one didn't you, third operation?)

And then I had the third one. I had the breast removed in June and then in July, I had all my milk glands taken out and that was worse than the breast operation. But outside of that I've never been in the hospital and I've got them and never had anymore trouble.

(And you'll be eighty-three your next birthday.)

I'll be eighty-three in October.