

know. She just said, "They've gone and get candy." That way. Maybe they told her that. When I got out there--I was standing there--I had my baby in my pants! You wouldn't believe it. "Oh, Howard, I'm sick!" I told him. "Golly!" he said, "Let me go get doctor!" he said. "No! Come back!" I told him. I went this way, "Come back!" So he went out and oooh! I got my baby in my pants! Oh, me! I had him in my pants! (laughs). Oh, then I went in there. "Let me sit down." Then I jerked my pants off and he in there. Oh, he was little! You know I was sick all that time when they had that flu. And he was just yellow when he was a baby. And I told him, "Get me my sheet! You never been so--" Finally he got it for me. I went and tied my stomach. When I pulled that--when I pulled that net blanket, just think, that afterbirth came out. "Now," I said, "Get me scissors," I said. "Oh, no!" he said. "I'm going after doctor!" He wouldn't give me the scissors--I was going to cut his navel! (Laughs again.) He wouldn't give it to me. "Hey," I told this woman. "Give me knife!" "O.K.," she said. She used to carry a knife and she come and take it out and I went and cut it. And in my sewing box I had sinew so I tie it (the cord) with that when I cut it. I told her, "Get me lard!" I told her. She got me lard. I cleaned my baby with lard. I just grease his head and grease him all over. Then I got cotton. Here come the doctor and I was still cleaning my baby! "Why--what in the hell are you doing?" He hit me over here like this and he roll me down. "I was cleaning my baby," I said. He said, "My gosh! You know you're going to kill yourself?" I said, "No, I don't think so," I told him. You know how I talk. I just sass him back. I had my baby in my pants, and I went and cut his navel myself and cleaned him. And just think--he didn't do nothing, this doctor. And he charge us twenty-five dollars, just from town to that place.

(Was that when you lived out by this Buffalo Mountain?)

Yeah, that's where we come from. We come to town to get some groceries and I