

clocks, because I was always fixin' 'em. And there's too many parts to be put back. I've heard him tell my mother more times, "Minnie, I'd like to get up about 4:00 in the morning." Well, I never questioned him. You know, how he gonna tell it. But many is the time and I've been awake, and I'd sneak up when we did have a clock and I'd look and see what time it was. Sure 'nuf, it'd be 4:00. How, I don't know, but he could do it. He wasn't a fortune teller, or work miracles, 'cause our family didn't believe in that kind of stuff, or things like that, you know. My father was a quiet man, and you know, I mean, he said what he meant. And he meant everything he said. And he was very slow to get mad at anybody. But when he did, Mr., you better be a long way from him - - he really got mad at you. And he never, I never heard him say but one bad word in my life. And I was a little bitty kid. I don't remember how old I was, but I remember I wasn't going to school. And he turned to us, and my little sister was there, and she just a little bitty thing. And my little sister just older than me and he turned and apologized to us. And, of course, we were kinda flabbergasted; cause my mother never used bad words, you know. Now my grandmother used plenty of 'em, but my mother and father never talked bad about - - and - but he always had an instinct and he always plant potatoes on the 17th of March, unless it'd come a big freeze or something what way. But otherwise, he'd always plant those potatoes.

(Did he have a reason for that?)

Well, yes he did. I don't know exactly how to explain it, but anyway, that was the time to plant potatoes. That's all I know. And then on the 5th of April he'd plant corn. Unless, it was, you know, the weather did get bad or something, But now, I don't remember the date of the other stuff he'd plant, but here - he used to show us the signs, and you know, among the stars. The other day, I got down the Bible and I wanted to look up about that.