

too much for her. We still had a big family see. But in 1918, you know, the United States in war, people died like flies over there. Well, from 1914 to 1918 they died like everything. My mother was always working and taking care of sick people, see. And that's why she quit the boardin' house (--). Well, they didn't have any water system. And back in those days they called it summer complaint, but it was dysentery, see. And my little sister just older and one 18 months younger and one 18 months older. And all three of us, we liked to died. You see, there wasn't any sanitary facilities whatsoever. The only pipe lines put in was by the oil and gas companies. You know, everything was out for this oil and gas and the rigs were like this. And there was one big tank like after another and there's still some over there. I went over there not long ago, about two years ago, and I tried to find the old home place but the old house burnt down. But I used to live on lot of leases. Guys that later got to be big shots, oil people in this country. You know, 'course a big lot of 'em boarded at our house. We had big boarding house, and then my older sisters, they worked at the Walker Hotel. You know, wait tables and you know, there's a lot of these men eat there. And do you know most everybody back long time ago used to like kids. And of course we were little old ragged muffins, you know, like all other kids, you know. Parents working and too busy to really to see what we's doin' and depend upon older children to look after us and course they like to play too. I remember we had a big swing, grapevine, on a creek. I don't know whether they call that Polecat Creek or somethin'. It was right through there. And we's swinging on this like everything. And everybody always looking for me to get hurt. You know, because