

coffee in the living room and they have him laid out on two planks, two wide planks and they had a sheet over him, until they got the coffee made. And the women folks--after they got the coffin ready the women folks then they had their little part to do. They lined it with silk, it was sateen we use to call it. Shiny on one side and rough on the other. And they line it with black and white. And it was a beautiful coffin after they got it finished. It was just awful beautiful. They just make it themselves. And it was good and stout. One thing about it it was stout. So, that's the way they done. And they don't do them now days like they use to. They use to go sit up days and days nad no matter how long it lasted people would always be there sitting up, they sit up all night long but they don't do that now days.

(I've often wondered since they didn't have undertakers, just how they did it.)

Well, they didn't embalm them, they just put them away just as quick as they could. They put them away just as quick as they could because they didn't have no way to keep them long, and they just didn't have no way. And when they got the body ready to go to the cemetery, well they loaded it the way we done papa and all the rest of the people, course there wasn't no cars in those days that I remember every taking them in the car. But they just loaded them up and put them in the wagon and we traveled real slow to the grave yard, and it was about three miles to the grave yard and it take us a long time to get there in a wagon you know and--

(What ritual did they use in those days at the grave side service or did they? Is it different then to what it is now?)