

Yeah. That's what--

(Old saying, I guess.)

No. They done that. Yeah. I remember when my grandmother used to say that. She'd get 'em different stuff, you know and give 'em. It wasn't a white baby. It was just a light complexioned. Seemed like it worked. I guess it did.

(There weren't many doctors, really, back in those days were there, any place? You had to rely on your own?)

HELPED GRANDMOTHER GATHER MAY APPLE ROOT AND SOLD FOR PENNY PER POUND DRIED

Yeah. I remember me and my grandmother used to dig May Apple root.

(May Apple?)

May Apple. They called it Red Coon root. And we'd dig that and we'd dry it. They got to buying it in this country back yonder at a penny a pound. And it took a lot of it to make a pound after you dried it. And we'd take a mattock or a hot or whatever we had and we'd go down there in these hollows, you know, and there was a lot of it then. And then there was another kind of a root we got--it was Little Fire. So ever place you could look around the house, you could see them herbs piled up there dryin'. And we'd have to carry them to Stillwell, seven miles to get a penny a pound for 'em.

MAY APPLE ROOT USED FOR MEDICINE - SHE COULD CURE SKIN CANCER

(What did they use that May Apple root for?)

I don't know what they done with it after it left here. Medicine, I guess. But there was a lot of other different kinds. Where I made the mistake in life--right now--I've seen my grandmother cure people--outside cancer--

(Skin cancer?)

Un Hunnh. I've seen my grandmother cure them. Now she'd take 'em in just like a hospital. And she'd treat 'em. She'd bathe 'em with that. And she tried to learn me, Boyce, but I never would--that's somethin'