

(He wouldn't sell it back to him. /laughter/ It's a pretty place.)

Uh-hum. Yes, it's a pretty place.

1926 - MARRIAGE AND FAMILY - MIDWIFE

(Well, I was going to ask you Myrtle, after you left boarding school, you didn't go to higher boarding school, did you?)

Huh-uh.

(You just came home and started wroking. And you just grew up around here and you got married around here.)

Yeah. I got married in 1926.

(And how old was you then?)

I was twenty-two. That boy, that Marie Arnold, her husband, that's my first husband's boy.

(Oh.)

And I married again after he died.

(Uh-hum. What was his name?)

Sam Dirt Eater.

(And then you married Sam Deeringwater. So you had how many children by him?)

Sam?

(Or the first one.)

The first one. I had two living and two dead.

CHILDHOOD DISEASES

(Did they die of childhood diseases?)

Uh-huh. Yeah, they had some kind of stomach complaint, diarrhea.

And the other, I don't know what was wrong, his naval ruptured. His navel was infected that doctor told me.

(Oh, well, back then the kids were born at home, too, weren't they?)

Uh-huh. They was born at home.

(Did you all have a doctor or did you have midwives?)

I just had an old lady friend. Just a friend came in and helped.