

war and got drowned in one of the first boats that went over.

(Hum. In the ocean.)

After he was grown. Yes, in the ocean. They never did see him anymore. We saved that little fellow just just steaming him with turpentine.

(Lot of home doctoring had to be down back in those days didn't they?)

Well we had to.

(All the time.)

We didn't know nothing else to do.

(What did you do out when you was traveling in the wagon when you got sick.

Just do the best you could.)

Well just the best we could. We never had a doctor. Just like Aunt Vicie that died the other day she was seventy-eight years old and she never went to the hospital in all her life before she had that stroke just before she died. She had eleven children.

(Had them all at home?)

Had them all at home. And mother's --

(Were you ever a midwife to women having children?)

I've helped them.

(Yeah. That's what I mean.)

I never brought it by myself but I've helped others. I always went with doctors.

I went with Doctor Errand on granny cases and Doctor Worten and old Doc Smith too, oh, lots and lots of people. Last time that I went with Doctor Errand, the last granny case he was on, out there in the country out there by dad's. It's some of them Cole's. They had an old log house. And I went in and would heat water out in the yard in the teakettle and I taken care of that woman and I washed the baby and dressed it. I couldn't remember the babies that I have washed and dressed. Couldn't count them.