

MIDWIFE

(Well, did anybody help you when you had your last baby? Did you have a midwife or--?)

Yeah.

(Any body come over?)

A lady come over there and helped me.

(They had a Cherokee lady?)

Uh-hum. But she's not living now. She's passed away a long time ago. She's the one come over and help me and delivered him.

(Was that her--did she have a name of being good at that, being a midwife?)

Yes, she did. Uh-hum. She was licensed.

(Oh-h-h!)

Yeah, she was licensed. I never had--all my babies were born at home. I never did go to the hospital. Well, of course them days they didn't have this hospital.

(You all didn't have the hospital then?)

No.

(Where did you have to go when somebody was just really bad off?)

Home.

(You stayed at home?)

Yeah. Tell our husband or we tell anybody, send somebody to go get a midwife, bring her. Got get her. Horseback, wagon, buggy.

(Where was the closest hospital then?)

Well, I don't remember having any. Only we would have one doctor or two that I know of. Cause when, after the doctors come in, his name was Brown, Dr. Brown. He was the best midwife, doctor there was. Then at that time. Then these here midwife they call, they