

plants, stick them in there. There was enough of us kids. And the rest would be following with a little water, putting it in each hill. And then we go to pressing down on them. I remember that day when we went out. I used to have a wart, just bother me. I said, I kind of believed it, too. They used to say when it lightening, just brush it three or four times. You'll get rid of it. And it was just thundering and lightening when we went to the house. Then all at once, we was all washing our hands, cause they were dirty. Say, what you got on your hand. Here I had blood, my wart was gone. I kind of believe it. There was a lot of lightening going on. I lost my wart.

(How did you save sweet potatoes?)

I never thought about that. I tell you how my mother used to do. I'll just have to refer back to here, what she used to do. Dad used to make a hole, they make a great big hole. Maybe about as long...round. Something like a cistern. You know, you dig a hole, and kind of make a little....something like a burial, you know. Round, inside...all of way down there, I don't know how many feet he went down. Anyway, you could just barely see his head, and Dad was about six foot. Anyway, he dig that hole, and they were very careful not to let water go down in there. They always took care of it, because you could use it year after year.

Well, mother had this here slew (or slough) grass, just dry. And she lay a big bag of it down there, on the bottom. And she lay old rags like gunny sacks, or old tarp that's been worn. And then she put this sweet potatoes down in there. Then she lay another layer of straw grass, another layer of, just keep that up, until a wagon load was buried down in there.

(How did they cover it?)

Then, they cover it...put a lot of straw on, and put something heavy over it. But they always close ...just close it with big... Daddy used to have a great big tin that was kind of heavy, you know. They just lay it on top, then they lay some things there, and they put dirt on it. But they knew where to open it, certain place where they could dig in there and open. And in winter time, sometimes be pretty day. And if the south wind is blowing, I'd