

she thought she could manage. And so when the baby caught cold that turned to pneumonia, the baby hadn't quite developed yet. It's finger nails weren't all on, you know. It would have lived if she took it to the hospital.

(What did your father-in-law tell Gertie to do?)

Well, my mother was outside. She didn't know that she was having these pains, you know, she thought she had a stomach ache. And so her father-in-law woke up, cause she kept going out, and he told my father to get up and go after Gertie, that he thought my mother was sick. And so he went after Gertie, and when Gertie came well her father was telling her what to do to get her back in bed because my mother went out to go to the bathroom. So Gertie went out, and when they went to the bathroom; well, the baby just came on out, she pushed the baby out, on the ground. And then my aunt, she had an apron on, or old dress, anyway, she just got the baby and put it in her dress, and she hollered for my father, and he went out there and carried my mother in. The cord was still on, you know, so they laid her on the bed there, it was a wonder my mother was small then, you know, and so they got hot water, and then they got scissors, and they cut the cord. And then everything just come out all right, the afterbirth and everything. And she didn't have no trouble at all. Of course the baby was small, it weighed 5 or 6 pounds, but it lived.

(Are there any beliefs associated with the afterbirth?)

BELIEFS ABOUT TIME AFTER BABY IS BORN

Well, sometimes this afterbirth, it sticks to you and it will kill