

trying to deliver the baby. Medicine man, you know. That's the way my grandpa use to do. A long time ago they use to have the power to, you know, with God's help. He prayed to Almighty God, and asked him to help them. And he knew there was going to be hard times, hard times to deliver a baby. And I use to watch my grandmother just hold on when she was going to cut them cords, and I just kind of caught on myself. I was a little girl then, but I remember.

(Did they ever tell you anything about it? Did they train you at all?)

No. I just go along with them cause I use to stay with them all the time.

(Did they ever let you watch the baby come out, or did they make--)

No. They say go out and play. No. They didn't let me. They didn't think I was old enough. But I always made sure I was the first one to hold the baby after they put it in the crib. I helped deliver my first grandchild. Yeah, her husband and Dr. Rue and Dr. Rue's wife, we delivered her in their clinic here in town. Boy, I was scared cause I know what it is on your first born. But I sit right by the door and she didn't want me to leave her side. Keep telling me what she had to do just help yourself and get it over with right quick. You hold back and it just hurts yourself, makes it that much longer. She was pretty good. Dr. Rue said she should be a good little soldier. We delivered my grandson here in the clinic in Clinton.

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(Is Dr. Rue still around?)

Uh huh.

(Is he the clinic doctor now?)

No, huh huh. He's got his own office. He's a town doctor. He's a good doctor.