

BROTHERS AND SISTERS SCATTERED IN SEVERAL STATES

(What happened to your sisters? You said one of your brothers came in here.)

Oh, they're all dead, but one. She lives in Sand Springs.

(How many were there in your family?).

There was thirteen.

(Thirteen? Eleven children?).

Well, wait - twelve children and one half sister. Six boys and seven girls.

All of 'em dead except one girl. That's the baby sister - lives in Sand Springs.

(How long had it been since you've seen her?)

Oh, I haven't seen her since 1960. She came here for the burial. One girl got killed down in Texas.. One died in Louisiana - New Orleans. One in Pennsylvania. One in St. Louis, that's where I was livin'. There was quite a bunch of us all right.

HE WAS NURSE TO SMALLER CHILDREN - COOKED BEANS

(Those men did a good job to make a living for that size family, didn't they?)

Well, we raised it. We raised it, I tell you.

(The kids worked from--)

From the time they could crawl. Ma worked in the field right along with us.

(Worked in the field and got the cooking done, too - Huh?)

Why sure. Up 'til I got big enough to take a job in the field, why I was nurse among the young kids, you know. Mother would put a pot of beans or peas on the old fireplace and she put on a teakettle of water and tell me to don't let that fire go out. Let it just warm the beans and take care of the baby. And she showed me on the old wallclock when that biggest hand got on the little one, then go see if I could see them out there. Then put a fire in the old