

jest, all jest matted with 'em. They jest/like to died, see. And the worst part about it they were weak from that flu. And then they had this smallpox. "'course, I had an older brother that had 'em, you know, when he was baby and so he, he got out and worked like my mother did takin' care of those people. And you know, they jest so many people had the flu and that smallpox and where they crowded you could smell them. You know, I don't know if you've been around a lot of people with measles--the minute you walk in the house you can smell the stinks. Oh, sick, somethin' terrible. Well, that's way smallpox is. And then when they=died of it was terrible. The whole air was polluted and they carried 'em out there and jest, you know, buried em even without any coffins. You know, put em in sacks put 'em in the ground.

(Did they have any doctors around?)

Oh, they had doctors, but my goodness, they worked them doctors to death. And of course the doctors weren't like they are today, you know, they didn't have the means, they had vaccinations, but they--not enough. They jest, they weren't prepared for that. Oh, those doctors came out in New York and different places back in the east and they jest turned-- and left cause they couldn't stand that mud streets and, you know, the shacks and see they jest throwed them buildings up there jest as fast as they could throw them up and there was no sanitation or nothing. Oh, they finally did get one over, you know, and I can remember the first hydrant I ever saw and that was--they finally laid one down Pine Street, waterline down Pine Street in 1911. And they put a hydrant everywhere the people and the man that--see, we didn't own the place we lived in and so the man that owned it, he had them put this hydrant in there. 'course we had to pay so much, I think we paid a flat rate of one, two or three dollars a month, see for this water. But otherwise we had a pump out in the backyard and that's where we got, got into trouble--all us kids did. There's a family by the name of--tha's some more people if you could find some of 'em over there that should know a big lot, because they not only moved--they didn't move there, they was born and raised there, see. And that was the name of Fisher. And now, we were --lived in a great big house, they had one of them big houses, see-- an