

daughter--only child she ever had. Said she quit Mack. I said, "Why?" "Oh, we don't get along good. Anyhow you're home." "Why me home?" "Well, I thought maybe we might get together now." "Well," I said, "Why didn't you think of that before you got married? You already been married and I never been married. I wouldn't want to marry a woman that's been married once before." That's always my contention. "Oh, you gonna change your mind," she said. "I'm gonna treat you good." Anyhow she always had a grudge. And next her husband married a woman--she lives here in town now--right back here--married a white woman. And she had a child by this girl's first husband. And I met her--

(Wait a minute--is this the one that quit Mack?)

Yeah.

(She married a white man?)

Yeah. And she said, "I heard Mack's wife's got a child." "Yeah, I heard about it," I says. "What'd they name it? Was it a boy or girl?" "They name it Jimmy--it must be a boy." "Oh, that couldn't be his son," she said. "I don't know," I said, "I never got too well acquainted with him to find those things out, informative--" Anyhow she said, "I hope it ain't his child." Just like that. "Oh," I said, -- but she had a life-time grudge against him, but she's the one that quit him. Some of 'em quit--maybe a girl marry again and maybe he'll marry again and then maybe the girl will quit her man or he dies, and he quit his wife, and now they live together again.

(Is that right?)

Yeah. I know three or four cases like that here in this town.

(Did that used to happen very much?)

Oh, yeah. It's happening a whole lot, now. Yeah.

(Interruption.)

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{-first thing she used to tell me, "Sonny, don't hide anything. If there's anything wrong, don't be afraid to tell, because it kills men." "Mother," I said, "There ain't nothing wrong with me--why do you think that?" "Oh, you're always around, having a lot of girl friends. You can't tell." "No," I said, "I wouldn't lie