

to them at that time, but I just can't - - anyway, he came down and embalmed Mother, they did it in the home. It wasn't too successful. And I can remember when Grandma and Grandpa died, especially when Grandfather Ballard died, it was in October, and they brought ice out, packed him in ice. Then when our little girl died, they had ice in fruit jars and put 'em all around her to keep her until the next day. Oh, those were bad times.

KIND OF IRON USED FOR IRONING CLOTHES

(What was the kind of iron that you had to iron your clothes then?)

Um-huh, yeah, and we had a pad to hold to the handle because the handle was just about as hot as the iron.

(It's all cast iron?)

It's all cast iron and all made together.

(And how did you heat it?)

On top of a wood stove, coal, mostly back there I think we had mostly wood in my time and they - -

(They're heavy?)

Yes, they are. You had to have a heavy pad here to iron with.

(I wonder how old these are?)

Oh - - I just have no idea. They neither one, however, were my mother's because I don't know what became of ours. I think we was so tickled when we got the kind that had the fit on handle that we maybe threw 'em away. I remember the old granite dinner pot and all those old things after Dad put in a hardware store. Ah, Mother was so happy to throw that old heavy teakettle away, cast iron, then you would put a gallon of water in and it was so heavy. They had enamelware then in the store.