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quarreled. There was nothing to quarrel about. But I think he had plenty. I could go to the dances with the girls, I could do anything I wanted to, I could come home here and stay the summer if I wanted to. (You didn't marry again after your husband died.) I had my parents--they weren't making any money on the farm. I had to help them too, you know. (You were sending money home?) Oh, always, always. All my life from the first dollar I ever made. And I had Raymond. I never loafed a day through the Depression, but I didn't make much money, you know, but it was something. (Why did you come home to stay?) My mother was 88 years old, and she had my dad here alone, and he'd had a heart attack before. That's what made me move here in 1943. I was home in June, 1936, and they moved in here in September. And I came home in '43. They were here by themselves. But my sister was near. And my mother was smart. She did all her own baking up until that time, and got the meals. She even took her brother in as a boarder, her last winter here. (You sold everything in New Hampshire?) Not at first. I rented it. I thought perhaps to live here a year or two years. I didn't think that Mother would live 16 years after that. I was going to go back. I rented it. So in two years time Mother was stronger than ever. I was here doing all the work. So I just went back and I sold it. I came back to Cape Breton, and we lived on. And lived on and on and on, for 16 years. Father passed away in '45, but Mother lived till '58. (A fellow came once to the chicken farm in New Hampshire:)--a little pigs came in a Packard, bag of corn, crowbar, and a roll of pig wire. He made holes in the ground and he put corn in it. And he put up some of the wire fence. Worked for 3 or 4 hours. Had the place fenced all around. Then he turned all the little pigs in there. And they started rooting and snorting. And they turned the place upside down for the corn. Did all the plowing and harrowing. And then the next spring we planted cucumbers--and cucumbers everywhere. And we had giant maples--I used to make maple syrup, too--way up to the sky--people used to come to see the cucumbers, take what they wanted. They grew up (the maple trees), they'd string along. Next year they harrowed it, made hay. And I had grapes.

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