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you come back here to live?) Well, I was born here, I guess, and I guess I got tired travelling and came back here, I guess. That's the only thing I know! (You were making a living up there?) Yeah. I came down here one summer, and I was around here, and stayed here, and by God, I took the notion to come back again. Of course there were lots--there were good times up there then, around the States, that time. When I went up to the States, they'd coax you to go to work, around Boston. Construc? tion jobs. They'd meet you on the street and ask you if you wanted to go to work. (Now,) I guess it's'like here, work isn't too plentiful there, ei- ther. (That's today. But in those days, work was plentiful.) Oh-, lots-- just building her up then. (Then why would you come back here and stay?) Oh, I just took the no? tion. (Was your father still living?) Oh, yeah. (Was he still fishing?) Oh, yeah, he was working on the railroad when I came home. (So he didn't need you, like that--he didn't need you to come home.) Well, not to a certain extent. He didn't have to. But I.... Work was picking up here pret? ty good at that time. I went to sea out of here, too. I fished out of here, inshore fishing: lobster fishing and her? ring fishing. (So you de? cided to stay.) The wages weren't--the common wages between here and the States weren't too much in difference. It was a little higher in the States, the common labour here, up till 50, 60 years ago. And wages started to crawl. (So, you worked hece, you fished for awhile, and you went....) Oh. I fished here home, and farmed. I worked on the railroad some. Well, I took over this farm here We had cattle here, and we had sheep, and we had pigs--my father had. I took it over here then. My father gave it to me. (Did he stay on?) Oh yeah, he stayed here till he died--both him and her. Both of them died here in this house. (And then you continued to operate a farm, pretty much, until...?) Yeah, I kept her going up till the last 15 years. In those days we (didn't have) to fence all our fields, at that time. You could let your cattle go loose. No trouble with cattle-- let them go to the woods all day and come back in the evening. But after they started making highways, they put restrictions on it: you had to keep your cattle all wired in. At the last of it, they got down to wire fences, then they got down to only 2 or 3 strings of barbed wire around the fence, and everything. It got hard; people had to give up. Small farms gave up keeping cattle altogether. (Because of the wire?)

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