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the house. The next morning after they came, they took him and they put him on the kitchen table. And it was a boy around, oh, I'd say around 15--14, 15. And he wasn't any higher, taller, than an 8-year-old boy. He hadn't grown, he had stopped growing. And they put him on the table. And he took her hand. And she was--Annie was awfully shy. And she'd hold her hand over her eyes like this, God love her. Over her eyes so nobody'd be seeing--she thought she was hiding herself. But she could see what she was doing. And she took her hand and put it on his neck. And the boy went stiff as a poker. He went in a deep--well. Papa and his father, they went in an uproar about it, to leave him alone, he was dying, "They're killing him!" and all this. But the mother said, she said, "Effie"--which was my mother-- "Effie, have the child finish what she has to do. I'd rather see him dead now," she said, "than to go through life like this." She had gone through so much with him, you know. And he had suffered so much with it. So anjrway, (Annie) finished. And they car? ried him into the other bedroom and put him down. Well, us kids were outside play? ing, you know. This was in the early morn? ing. Well, in the middle of the afternoon, he gets up and comes out and plays with us. It took all that time. From early morning--it must have been around 7 o'clock, anjrway. And then, she did it for 3 days, and the same thing happened to him--all the goop came out of it.... (Did Annie do this a lot, do you think?) Yeah. She didn't like doing it. But there was one winter, she went to school in North River. She didn't come home at all. I don't believe there was a house out there that didn't have it. And it was mostly men, that I can remember. I can't remember any woman ever having it. (And it was always this lump that she cured.) Yeah. (Nothing else.) Nothing else. Richmond County *s Route 4 "I took the road less travelled by ...and that has made all the difference.** -Robert Frost

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