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children, his wife had four big boys and they were always trying to get at my oldest girl but she was strong and could fight them off. I made a swing for the two girls in an old barn near the house. One of the neighbour's boys was trying to get into the barn with the girls. My wife saw him. She went in the house and filled up a bucket of cold water and let him have it between the two eyes. He went home crying to his mother. She came out to face my wife but she was no match for her and was told that if she didn't keep her boy home that she would get the bucket of water in the face. The wife and I went looking for a house to rent and we were lucky enough to find one. It was tough going, all I was getting was ten dollars a month. I kept one dollar for myself and gave her the nine dollars to live on but it was better than fighting with my stepbrother and his wife. My wife used to go down to the shore with a brine bag and an ax. cut driftwood up, fill up the bag and carry it home. We couldn't afford to buy coal. She did all this work when I was on the boat because we would come in at night and the boat would be loaded with coal and ready to sail next morning. It was nice to have one night with each other. We were young, full of life and love. My wife made a nice big garden and planted all different kinds of vegetables including Swiss chard. That garden was a life saver. We would fill ourselves up with beet tops and the Swiss chard. Besides the vegetables she raised white leghorn chickens. When they were big enough to lay eggs she would sell them to the richer class and get seventy-five cents a dozen. Once in awhile she would keep a few eggs for us to eat. My wife went with another woman picking blueberries at Low Point. Our oldest daughter kept house and looked after the rest of the children. She was ten years old. My wife would fill two galvanized

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