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Note: *The audio recording from which this transcript was based is of very poor quality.*

[long silence and indistinct conversation before interview begins]

Archibald A. Hill: Tell me, how did they use to plant the farm in those days?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: Huhh?

Archibald A. Hill: How did they use to plant the farm in those days?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: They had to plant the farm for ??? use pick, when I was a child. ??? have to [pick it off with my feet (?)] before I would have to pick. ??? *[Mrs. Garner's voice fades out]*

Archibald A. Hill: How far apart did they put the rows? *[something drops and Guy S. Lowman (?) assures Mrs. Garner that it's okay]*

[Guy S. Lowman (?)]: That's all right we can understand [it (?)]. That's all right.

Mrs. Sarah Garner: ??? How many rows ??? *[when it snows (?)]* we had ??? and some would be ??? away. And the cost ??? that a way then he came back and he went this a way ??? and that's the way he ??? *[burp-like sound]*

Archibald A. Hill: How did you work it? Did you work it all by hand?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: No, Sir. *[They had little (?) plows [up there (?)].*

Archibald A. Hill: ???

Mrs. Sarah Garner: Yes, they did. I work fast. *[burp-like sound]* I could do as much of it as any man.

Archibald A. Hill: Ahha.

Mrs. Sarah Garner: I couldn't run the rows off. What you call running off like ??? running like cross ways. You have to stake it. You know, to stake. Laid off that a way and then you split out. Split that

row in two. [And do it (?)] this a way. Laid off this way. That's [cross (?)] way. ??? You just split that row right [just as the plow open that row (?)] ??? and keep it up. Sometimes they didn't keep up with the horses ??? didn't keep up with the horses ??? They ??? comes and ???

Archibald A. Hill: [How many plows (?)] did they have in those days?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: They [had many plows (?)]?

Archibald A. Hill: Did they have [the big plows (?)] like they got now?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: Yes. They have plows like they have now. [*cough*] Like I said, they had so many of them. I don't know how many they had. My master had mostly the one plow but now a whole ??? had plows made, by, at the shop. [*burp-like sound*] Plow handmade by, at the shop. [*burp-like sound*] They plowed all the land with that. [*burp-like sound*] Everything. But then they have the know-how. [And (?)] I remember ??? before I ??? That was a big plow. That was made by hand. ???

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