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[indistinct conversation]

Mrs. Sarah Garner: ??? [master (?)] had the same thing.

Guy S. Lowman: ??? [Not feeling so good today (?)]?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: ??? [I didn't want to do it (?)] ??? [I never got to do it (?)]. *[burp-like sound]* ??? *[burp-like sound]* He didn't want me to do it. *[burp-like sound]*

Guy S. Lowman: I just want to talk to you *[burp-like sound]* about it. Tell me about the [whole thing (?)].

Mrs. Sarah Garner: Well, I didn't want to ??? as much as I [knew (?)] it the first time ??? I would ??? I would ???

Guy S. Lowman: You talked to me before, this is professor Hill you're talking to you now. *[Guy S. Lowman and Mrs. Sarah Garner overlap]*

Mrs. Sarah Garner: As *[burp-like sound]* you wanted to know something about old times back ???

Archibald A. Hill: That's right.

Mrs. Sarah Garner: I would like to ??? —

Archibald A. Hill: ???

Mrs. Sarah Garner: —tell him about how I was [whipped (?)] and how I was raised. *[laughter]* ??? I was no house person. My mother was [born in (?)] the house. I was born on a farm. I was a farmer. I would do anything ??? . I would do anything that the man would do, come and go. I never had to cook none. I never had to wash and iron none for them, for the white people. While I was [working (?)] from the day I was born until the day I left. I was raised as a child. Started to be raised by a ??? . When my mother raised me I didn't, and my mother want to ??? good and when she got old enough

she got married. But still, she was [raised to be strong (?)]. But well I say I [think to be strong (?)]. Because my mother raised me here. And mother done the housework. And I done the outside.

Archibald A. Hill: You did?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: Yes. I never cooked none ??? [to them (?)]. I done nothing but milked the cows and [hauled out my flowers (?)] from the field—

Archibald A. Hill: ??? [*inaudible comment*]

Mrs. Sarah Garner: —when I was big enough to do it. [From the time I was born (?)] ??? My brothers ??? . [I had two of them (?)]. ???

Archibald A. Hill: ???

Mrs. Sarah Garner: —with me in the fields.

Archibald A. Hill: Ahha.

Mrs. Sarah Garner: One was a little boy. The other was a little child as big as I ??? in the field ???

Archibald A. Hill: ???

Mrs. Sarah Garner: And ???

Archibald A. Hill: Huhh?

Mrs. Sarah Garner: I was seventeen years old. ??? My ah ???

Archibald A. Hill: ???

Mrs. Sarah Garner: [*burp-like sound followed by laughter*]

[Guy S. Lowman (?)] : You must talk a little louder now we want to hear all about it.

Mrs. Sarah Garner: [*giggling and laughter continued*] I was seventeen years old. I was stupid then. When I was seventeen years old and so much younger ??? and I ??? after awhile [they come to know (?)] why he asked my master ??? was [I married (?)]. I wasn't but seventeen years old. [*burp-like sound*]

Guy S. Lowman: It worked out pretty well.

Mrs. Sarah Garner: I didn't know what I was doing but, however, until I was married. I was eighteen years old a day and a month ??? after I was married.

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