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- Q. Couldn't your wife have looked after the baby without your help?
- A. Well, if the wife had to look after the baby, who was going to carry water?
- Q. Was it necessary, for a child with just a rash, to be in constant attendance?
- A. The baby was in bed, sir.
- Q. My knowledge of children is that they sleep from time to time, and I imagine yours does?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How old are your other children?
- A. Two and four, sir.
- Q. Couldn't the four year old carry a little water?
- A. No, sir.
- Q. I understood you to tell me, the last time I was talking to you, that you had made arrangements to pipe water to your house?
- A. Not to pipe it -- to drill a well.
- Q. That was some months ago -- and you haven't completed it yet?
- A. I haven't had the money, sir.
- Q. Why do you need money to dig a well?
- A. It costs \$1.50 a foot to drill it and \$1.50 a foot for pipe.
- Q. Well, couldn't you dig a well?
- A. That is what I started to do.
- Q. How far do you have to go to get water?
- A. About 20 or 30 feet.
- Q. What did you do for water before you had to carry it from the schoolhouse?
- A. Well, we used to get water across at the neighbors so I was trying to save money enough to get the well drilled because there isn't very much surface water and the neighbor's well went dry and I had to carry water from the schoolhouse.
- Q. Have you made up your mind to settle down to soldiering yet?
- A. Yes, sir, I can settle down.
- Q. You haven't been very happy in the Service -- is there anything that can be done to help you out?
- A. I don't know, sir.
- Q. Have you any complaint?