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Visiting tramps; water from the trough across the road.

But what we didn't like then and I don't think you get now is tramps, we always had tramps, and they'd frighten you to death at night. But they often used to go down and go up and sleep in the loft.

So what did they do?

Well they'd come and knock on the door and want tea or something to eat and things like that, well Mother couldn't afford to do that I don't expect.

How regularly did you get tramps?

Oh, ever so, because they used to walk from Newton Abbot Workhouse to Tavistock Workhouse, and of course pass this way, yeah, we was always having tramps.

Where did you get the water from?

Across the road then we used to get the water, where the trough is, but before my mother left they brought it into the yard, over there, but when I was young like we used to go across the road.