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Dung heap and garden.

And you were saying about the dung heap in the middle of the yard.

Oh yes a dung heap always in the middle of the yard.

Where did the dung come from?

Well when they cleaned out the pig's houses and the chickens' houses and they used to just pile it up in the middle, but it was all like cobbled stones down by the side, a little cobbled stone path where you walked around the edge.

And what was the dung used for?

Oh, put it in the garden, yes, no artificials in those days, all, you know, real manure from the animals. The garden was the other side of the road, used to be an orchard, I think, one end, and Granddad had the vegetable patch, lovely garden it used to be in those days. Granddad was quite a good gardener, quite a big garden, and he always grew these wine berries - its like, not a raspberry and not a loganberry, just like a little raspberry but its orange coloured.