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“In the summer months, while it was hot, again, we could cool the adobe house by – it had a dirt floor; all you needed to do was sprinkle some water and it just cooled it off. But the nice thing about that was that we all slept outside. We had metal beds, which are now antiques, everybody wants to buy one, but we thought they were old, so I don’t know whatever happened to all of them, but we had all those metal beds and my Mom had ordered all these netting and she would make covers for the whole bed and so we’d sleep under covers all summer. You know, she’d put the netting over the bed so that we wouldn’t get bitten by mosquitoes or anything that was flying around. And to prevent anything crawling up, she’d put the legs of the beds in cans of water. And that was nice laying outside every summer and looking at the stars and you get to look at the stars and after a while you get to memorize where things are at and as they come up and join you throughout the period of the whole summer months. Yeah, those are nice, happy times.”