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The Gunny Sack Ride

When Berniece was 7-8 years old, and Delsie (Grandma) was an infant, the family was living on a dry farm up on Willow Creek above Iona. Grandma Winder used to go out with Grandpa Winder and help him in the fields, and leave Berniece and Ladine in charge of Beulah and Delsie. Well, Delsie was crying rather loud because it was time to be fed. The older girls couldn't get her to stop, so they put Delsie and Beulah each in a gunny sack and each of the older girls "dragged" a gunny sack out into the fields to find Grandma Winder. Well, the fields on the dry farm were filled with dust, and on they dragged the babies. They didn't think anything was wrong with Delsie because she was crying about as loud as she had been in the house, so on they dragged, bumping along over the ditches and furrows. When they finally found Grandma Winder and took Delsie out of the gunny sack - she was black with dirt; dirt in her eyes, up her nose and her mouth was full of it. Berniece and Ladine were scolded by Grandma Winder for dragging her through the fields, and said it was a wonder she wasn't dead. Grandma Winder went ahead and nursed her there in the field, and then walked back to the house with the four girls.