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Pregnancy and Birth

Bahamians love children; it is considered a great misfortune to be [BARRENT](#) or a [BOAR STAG](#). A man who fathers a child every year is said to have [DOUBLE LUCK](#) and a couple with a [PUDDLE OF CHILDREN](#) is described as [PROSPEROUS](#). If a man [BIG](#) a woman, she is said to be BIG FOR him. A [BELLY WOMAN](#) must be given the food she craves or else she runs the risk of MARKING her unborn child. There is another belief that her child may FAVOR any person for whom she forms an emotional attachment while she is BREEDING, whence the insult "Your mama mussy pity dog!" Traditionally when a woman was [HEAVY DOWN](#) and ready to DROP CHILD, the [GRANNY](#) would give her [TEA](#) made of [FOOT-GRASS](#) to protect her from any [OBEAH](#) that could cause a [MISHAPS](#). A [STRAW BED](#) would be prepared and the granny would PUT the expectant mother TO BED to [BORN](#) her child. A LONG-FOOT woman who might linger in pain was sometimes given tea made of [CROSSROAD DIRT](#) or liquor to [HOT THE PAIN](#) ~~HOT THE PAIN~~. After the child was born and its [NABEL STRING](#) cut, its [BIRTH](#) would be buried in the mother's yard, which became the child's [BIRTH-PLACE](#) granny could expect a special bond of affection from the [GRANNY- CHILD](#) she had helped to birth.

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