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**with**

**Frances Ramsey**

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**About Frances Ramsey…**

Frances Ramsey was born in Vinita, Oklahoma, in 1930. She and her seven siblings shared many fun times and attended Attucks School. Frances attended the first grade through the eighth grade and has fond memories of some of her teachers. In 1947 she married and she and her husband were together fifty-five years at the time of his passing in 2002. They had eight biological children and adopted two children.

Frances retired from Eastern State Mental Hospital with twenty-seven years of service. While there she worked in various departments including food service and housekeeping. After retiring Frances remained in Vinita and is a lifelong resident with no desire to move elsewhere.

The Attucks School District was established in 1900, and Attucks School, a two-story brick school was built in 1916-17. It housed grades one through twelve and served the educational needs of African Americans in Vinita, Oklahoma. In 1939 the Works Progress Administration (WPA) built a gymnasium for the school. Following the 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision, the school was desegregated. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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**Finchum** *Today is August 9, 2014. My name is Tanya Finchum. I’m with Oklahoma State University, and today I am in Vinita, Oklahoma, to speak with Frances Ramsey. This is regarding the Attucks School here in Vinita, so thank you for coming today.*

**Ramsey** You’re welcome.

**Finchum** *Let’s start with having you tell us when and where you were born.*

**Ramsey** I was born in Vinita, Oklahoma, December 23, 1930.

**Finchum** *Around the Depression time. What did your parents do for a living?*

**Ramsey** Well they mostly done farming, you know.

**Finchum** *Farming?*

**Ramsey** Yes, but no, my daddy worked at the hospital here in Vinita, Oklahoma. My mother was just a regular housewife, you know. She stayed home and took care of the children.

**Finchum** *And how many brothers and sisters did you have?*

**Ramsey** I had eight.

**Finchum** *And where were you?*

**Ramsey** No, I mean there was eight of us. I had six brothers and one sister.

**Finchum** *Boys outnumbered you girls then.*

**Ramsey** Yes, altogether. (Laughs)

**Finchum** *What order were you?*

**Ramsey** I’m the baby.

**Finchum** *You’re the baby.*

**Ramsey** I’m the baby. I’m my mama and daddy’s baby. (Laughs)

**Finchum** *Did you get away with a lot of things?*

**Ramsey** They said I did, but I don’t think so. I think I really did really, from my daddy anyway.

**Finchum** *You grew up on a farm?*

**Ramsey** Well no. We grew up in Vinita, but like I said, they raised their own garden and stuff, you know.

**Finchum** *Okay. Did you have chores?*

**Ramsey** No, I didn’t have too many chores.

**Finchum** *Being the baby you might not.*

**Ramsey** No, I didn’t.

**Finchum** *Describe the house you grew up in?*

**Ramsey** Oh, it was on North Third Street as far as I can remember. It had—you know I don’t really know how many bedrooms we had. I know we had a living room and a kitchen, maybe two or three bedrooms, maybe. And it had a porch on it.

**Finchum** *Did it have indoor plumbing?*

**Ramsey** No, we didn’t.

**Finchum** *Electricity?*

**Ramsey** No, we didn’t. We had lamps.

**Finchum** *Lamps, okay.*

**Ramsey** Woodstove, you know, that you cook on. One of them that you had to burn wood in and we heated by wood. That was way back. I can’t hardly remember, (laughs) but I can remember that.

**Finchum** *What were holidays like during those early, early years?*

**Ramsey** Well, you know, honest to goodness I just can’t remember it. They were good, I know they were.

**Finchum** *Was church an important part of your…*

**Ramsey** Yes, church was a very important part of my growing up.

**Finchum** *Sunday morning, Sunday night…*

**Ramsey** Sunday morning, Sunday night, yes.

**Finchum** *Baptist or…*

**Ramsey** Baptist—well at first we started out being Methodists, and as I got older my mother, we went to the Baptist church.

**Finchum** *So when it came time for first grade you went to Attucks?*

**Ramsey** Yes.

**Finchum** *Do you remember much about the first grade?*

**Ramsey** No, I don’t remember much about the first grade, the second, or the third. The one I can really start remembering I think I was about in the sixth grade.

**Finchum** *Do you remember who your teacher was?*

**Ramsey** Well that’s why I said in the first grade I don’t remember who my teacher…

**Finchum** *No, by the sixth grade.*

**Ramsey** Oh, it was Miss Hardrick—I had several teachers. Miss Hardrick, Miss Armstead, Louis Ryan, S.A Blye, he was the principal, Miss Clay, Miss Holly. Them’s about as much as I can remember.

**Finchum** *Did you have a favorite subject?*

**Ramsey** No, not any. (Laughter) I don’t know, I wasn’t too much interested in school. I guess I was passed, you know, but I really didn’t.

**Finchum** *And you went through the eighth grade?*

**Ramsey** Through the eighth. I had to quit in the eighth.

**Finchum** *Had to quit or…*

**Ramsey** I had to quit because I got pregnant. Then I wanted to go back and the principal wouldn’t let me.

**Finchum** *Did you get your GED [General Education Development] later?*

**Ramsey** Never have.

**Finchum** *Never too late.*

**Ramsey** I never have got it yet, you know. (Laughs)

**Finchum** *Well, can you describe the school to me, if you went in the front door, where rooms were?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, the first grade was right there on the south side. The second grade was there on the north as you go in. The third was on the south, fourth was—was it upstairs? I think it was—no, I think it was still down. The principal’s office was on the left, in Attucks, as you go in the front door like you say. Then we had classes upstairs, I think was the fifth and sixth, maybe seventh and eighth and the ninth.

**Finchum** *Did it have a…*

**Ramsey** It went to the twelfth grade but, you know, like I said that’s been a while ago. Some of it I kind of forgot, but I do know we had that many classes down there. It went through the twelfth grade.

**Finchum** *Do you remember how many were in your particular grade?*

**Ramsey** No, I really don’t. I’ve forgotten how many was in my grade. Kind of forgot who my classmates were. I know one lady was named Louise, she was a Phillip when she passed away. I think Bernadine Hicks, I think she was in my class. That’s about all I can remember that was in my class, you know.

**Finchum** *Probably twelve or less.*

**Ramsey** Might’ve been more than that really.

**Finchum** *Really?*

**Ramsey** Might’ve been twelve, thirteen, or fourteen.

**Finchum** *How would you get to school?*

**Ramsey** Walk. We walked from the north end down here to the south end.

**Finchum** *Is that a little bit of a piece?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, that’s a good ways from the north end to the south end. We always walked across—we said ‘cross the tracks’ as we called it, you know.

**Finchum** *Did you actually cross the tracks?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, we did. And the highway, too.

**Finchum** *As a group walking together?*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *Would you take your lunch?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, we’d take our lunch.

**Finchum** *You remember what was…*

**Ramsey** No, not really. We’d always take our lunch.

**Finchum** *Didn’t have a cafeteria?*

**Ramsey** No. No, we didn’t. We didn’t know what a cafeteria was when I went to school.

**Finchum** *That time period, a lot of them didn’t.*

**Ramsey** We didn’t know what to ride a bus was to school. We walked in the rain, cold, and the snow. We didn’t have no snow days or nothing like that.

**Finchum** *What time would school start?*

**Ramsey** Was it eight? Around eight, eight-thirty.

**Finchum** *Would they do an opening ceremony thing? Like “The Pledge of Allegiance” and say a prayer?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, we done that and said a prayer. Yeah we did, that I can remember.

**Finchum** *Did they have special programs like, I don’t know, plays and musicals? That type of thing?*

**Ramsey** Yes, back then they did, too. Had real good basketball teams.

**Finchum** *Would you go to the games?*

**Ramsey** Yes.

**Finchum** *What were some of the rivals?*

**Ramsey** Oh, we played Bartlesville, Nowata, Pawhuska, Wagoner. Those I do remember.

**Finchum** *All of those are a little bit of a ways from here. How would the players get to the games?*

**Ramsey** They’d drive—they’d ride buses.

**Finchum** *Okay.*

**Ramsey** One or two times Attucks won the championship and had a chance to go to the nationals, national basketball, in Nashville, Tennessee, but I don’t think we ever—they ever got to go. But they won it.

**Finchum** *They were good.*

**Ramsey** They were really good. Had some good basketball teams here in Vinita.

**Finchum** *What was the mascot?*

**Ramsey** Now that I don’t—I don’t remember who the mascot was.

**Finchum** *Are they the Tigers or the…*

**Ramsey** Oh, they were the Attucks Warriors.

**Finchum** *Warriors, okay. And what were the colors?*

**Ramsey** White and blue.

**Finchum** *They have a pep squad?*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *Were you involved in any of that?*

**Ramsey** I don’t think I was. I might’ve been, but I’d go to the games, you know. I don’t think I would—I don’t think I ever was a pep squad. I’d go and cheer them on, you know. I might’ve been too, but I got to tell you Lord that’s been a many years ago. (Laughs) But I kind of think I was in a pep squad.

**Finchum** *A lot of people probably joined in on that to cheer them on.*

**Ramsey** Yeah, they did.

**Finchum** *Was the school an important part of the community?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, very important part.

**Finchum** *Did the teachers interact with the parents and stuff after school?*

**Ramsey** Sometimes.

**Finchum** *Did they?*

**Ramsey** Sometimes.

**Finchum** *They’d go to the same church or things like that?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, a lot of us went to the same church.

**Finchum** *Have you lived in Vinita your entire life?*

**Ramsey** My entire life. I was born and raised right here.

**Finchum** *And you’ll stay right here?*

**Ramsey** Till the Lord calls me home. Till the good Lord calls me home, but I got children. I got some children living in Atlanta, Georgia, and I’ll go down there and visit. Some in Texas, I’ve got one in Texas. And I do do a lot of going. Kind of with the church and just with the family, you know. That’s about the size of it.

**Finchum** *Always glad to get back here?*

**Ramsey** Always. You know the saying, “There’s no place like home”? And there isn’t, you know.

**Finchum** *Is there anything special about Vinita that makes it home?*

**Ramsey** Well cause, I guess, I was born and raised here.

**Finchum** *And your parents?*

**Ramsey** And my parents raised me here. I just—even after I got married I just never did want to venture off from Vinita, I guess, you know. So this is where I’ve been my entire life. But I—you know, I can’t knock Vinita. This is where I made my living. The Lord blessed me, too. I used to work at Eastern State.

**Finchum** *That was going to be my next question.*

**Ramsey** Oh, (laughter) okay.

**Finchum** *So let’s back up. When did you get married?*

**Ramsey** Around 19—was it 1947? Me and my husband was together fifty-five years, so would that be 1947? He passed away in 2002, I think, so it’d be close around ’47, I think, when I married him.

**Finchum** *What was the secret to keeping that marriage going?*

**Ramsey** The good Lord. You know, I mean that’s all I can say. We loved each other.

**Finchum** *And you had how many children? I forgot.*

**Ramsey** I birthed eight. I adopted two, but they was mine too.

**Finchum** *You were going to tell us about when you went to work at Eastern State.*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *Talk a little bit about that.*

**Ramsey** Well, my husband was working out there, and I went out there one day, you know. I really got scared to get out because this patient was standing out there with an axe, you know. I said, “I’m not getting out here.” So I just…finally I think he knew I was out there and he came and got me and took me into the kitchen where he worked. He worked in the bakery. Then I put in my application and they hired me. I enjoyed working at Eastern State. I met a lot of people and met the patients. Really cared for the patients, you know.

**Finchum** *What was your job?*

**Ramsey** Well, first I worked in food service. I’d serve the food, set the food up, get it ready to serve it. Then I transferred from there and went to housekeeping and I worked in housekeeping for some time. I come out with a total—I retired from there with a total of twenty-seven years.

**Finchum** *That’s pretty good in one place.*

**Ramsey** In one place.

**Finchum** *I don’t know anything about that hospital. Was there more than one building or…*

**Ramsey** Oh yeah, it was several buildings I think.About twelve, I think it was about twelve buildings.

**Finchum** *That’s a big place then.*

**Ramsey** It was really a big place. That was about the biggest thing going on in Vinita.

**Finchum** *Biggest employer?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, was Eastern State.

**Finchum** *Was it mostly adults or were there children too?*

**Ramsey** Mostly adults. Mostly adults.

**Finchum** *Did they have their own dairy and farm and all that?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, they had a big farm and raised their own chickens. But finally they sold it you know, yeah and cows and all that. It was something. It was amazing, really.

**Finchum** *Kind of a little town of its own?*

**Ramsey** Kind of a little town of its own.

**Finchum** *And your husband worked in the bakery?*

**Ramsey** He was the head baker.

**Finchum** *Did he bake at home?*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *Would he bake for you?*

**Ramsey** He sure did. As a matter of fact, he cooked for me. (Laughter) He did, he just really did.

**Finchum** *He liked kitchen work.*

**Ramsey** Yes.

**Finchum** *Well, with that many children, you needed a little help in the kitchen.*

**Ramsey** Well, he done quite a lot. I’m not going to say that on the TV. He practically did it all. I would help him, you know. We had a real good life together. Then he also was a minister. Pastored in Nowata for twenty-four long years.

**Finchum** *Baptist or…*

**Ramsey** Baptist. Till he passed.

**Finchum** *Being a minister’s wife took some getting used to or not?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, very much so for me. (Laughs) But I enjoyed it after I got used to it, you know, going and meeting different people, and I still like to meet people and talk. But Attucks, like I said, that’s awful that I can’t even remember my first grade teacher. That’s just terrible, but I can’t my first, second, third, fourth. Attucks was a nice—it was a nice school.

**Finchum** *You said they started about eight, did it finish about three-thirty or four?*

**Ramsey** Yes, about three-thirty. Probably four though, really, because I don’t think we got out as early as kids do nowadays. I think we stayed to about four o’clock.

**Finchum** *Or longer?*

**Ramsey** No, I don’t think we stayed no longer than four. About four o’clock.

**Finchum** *And then by the time you got home it was late.*

**Ramsey** Kind of late, because we didn’t have daylight savings like we do now, you know.

**Finchum** *Had to do your homework by an oil lamp?*

**Ramsey** An oil lamp, by a coal oil lamp. Used to have to take newspaper and clean the globes. That’s how we kept our lights.

**Finchum** *Did you have refrigeration or an icebox?*

**Ramsey** We had an icebox, you know. You had to buy the block ice and stuff. That’s the kind of icebox we had.

**Finchum** *And what were some things you might do for fun?*

**Ramsey** You know what…

**Finchum** *Surely you had a little!*

**Ramsey** Well mostly we made mud pies and stuff like that, you know. Play in the mud, that’s what we’d do for fun. Play hide and go to seek. You ever heard of hide and go seek?

**Finchum** *Hide and go seek, yes.*

**Ramsey** Played that.

**Finchum** *And kick the can, I remember kick the can.*

**Ramsey** I don’t remember kicking the can, (laughs) but that’s some of the enjoyment we had. Like I said, going to church and—that was a big part of my life. My father and mother, they didn’t make us, they’d take us to church, you know. But that’s about all I can tell you about Attucks.

**Finchum** *How has Vinita, the town, changed through the years? Has it changed much?*

**Ramsey** Not too much. Not too much really.

**Finchum** *Was there a theater when you grew up?*

**Ramsey** We used to have a theater here. We had quite a few stores downtown, too, when I grew up. But now the population—Vinita’s just probably shut all of the little stores like Ben Franklin’s, and you know. Oh, we had a Ben Franklin’s here and a McLellan’s store here. Used to have a Cook United here. See all that’s gone now.

**Finchum** *And is Eastern State?*

**Ramsey** No, it’s the Department of Correction now.

**Finchum** *Okay, and Route 66 comes through.*

**Ramsey** Yeah, Route 66 still comes through, you know.

**Finchum** *Would you travel many places? Like to Boley or Tulsa when you were in school?*

**Ramsey** No, I didn’t.

**Finchum** *Who was the disciplinarian in school? Who gave the paddling?*

**Ramsey** Well, probably all the teachers that I named off, was my teachers: Fox, Ryan, Miss Hardrick, Miss Armstead. They would do their own paddling.

**Finchum** *Was it with a paddle?*

**Ramsey** With a paddle, I mean a big, thick, paddle. Yes, it sure was. And I got quite a few of them, because I was kind of smart-mouthed with the teachers. I was, and that’s just the truth, you know. If they’d say something to me I didn’t particularly like, I’d just tell them about it.

**Finchum** *And would you get…*

**Ramsey** They’d say, “Oh—”, I said, “If you’re going to whoop me, go ahead and whoop me and get through with me.” That’s what I used to tell Louis Ryan, and probably Blye, too.

**Finchum** *And would you get another one when you got home?*

**Ramsey** No, because I wouldn’t always tell it. (Laughs) I didn’t always tell it.

**Finchum** *With siblings in the school, maybe they told on you.*

**Ramsey** They might have did, but I didn’t—I might’ve did get a whooping, because I know got a few from my momma and daddy, you know.

**Finchum** *The teachers wouldn’t call them and tell them?*

**Ramsey** No, I don’t think so. If they did I don’t remember.

**Finchum** *You have a best friend from those days?*

**Ramsey** I had several. One of them was named, we went to the same school, Lula May Bowlin, and Bernadine Hicks, and Louise Hardrick. There was several of my good friends.

**Finchum** *Did they stay in Vinita?*

**Ramsey** They did. They passed on now. Louise and Lula May’s passed. But Bernadine, she’s still living. She lives in Wichita. A lot of them left from here after they graduated and finished school.

**Finchum** *Opportunities elsewhere.*

**Ramsey** Yeah. Found better places, they said, than Vinita.

**Finchum** *Vinita’s pretty, though.*

**Ramsey** Yeah, it’s a pretty place, you know.

**Finchum** *Got green trees.*

**Ramsey** And like I tell you, I’m not going nowhere, not now to stay. I may go off and visit, you know, but I come back to Vinita.

**Finchum** *Do you go to the Attucks’ reunions when they have them?*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *What do you think is the draw for people to come back for that? Why do they…*

**Ramsey** Well, I guess because they remember Attucks and I guess to see others that come. I said I’m guessing that’s why they come back.

**Finchum** *Did you have home ec. while you were there?*

**Ramsey** Yeah I took Miss—oh, what did I say her name was? She taught me home ec—Miss Clay! I think I might have had another one before Miss Clay, but she was my home ec teacher.

**Finchum** *Teach you to sew? Sewing and cooking?*

**Ramsey** Yes, she taught it to us, sewing and cooking, but I don’t sew. I don’t do too much cooking. (Laughs) That’s the truth, but I can now. I can’t sew, I’m being truthful, but I can cook. But I just—my husband just done it all for me, and after he passed I still don’t do it. When my son don’t cook I go to McDonald’s, or Braum’s, somewhere, if I got the money. Mostly just keep stuff to where I don’t have to cook. At my age I just don’t do too much of nothing.

**Finchum** *Did you mother sew?*

**Ramsey** Yes, she could sew. She used to make them big old quilts. You know how you make—have you ever seen them make them quilts?

**Finchum** *Yes.*

**Ramsey** My mother used to make them quilts. Yeah, she could sew, but I couldn’t, I can’t.

**Finchum** *Did she use flour sacks?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, flour sacks and old britches, you know jeans and all that. She used all that to make her quilts, them big old heavy quilts.

**Finchum** *Did you need them to keep warm in the winter?*

**Ramsey** In the winter.

**Finchum** *The house was heated pretty good?*

**Ramsey** Pretty good. Yeah, that woodstove—them woodstoves is pretty good back in those days, you know.

**Finchum** *Did they struggle through the Depression? I mean, you being the baby, but did they…*

**Ramsey** Kind of.

**Finchum** *Have some rough times there?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, they did.

**Finchum** *Did any of your siblings have to go to war?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, I had two brothers go to war.

**Finchum** *Did they come back?*

**Ramsey** God blessed them to come back. Sure did.

**Finchum** *Did all of them go to Attucks? Your brothers and sisters, all of them…*

**Ramsey** Yes. That’s where they went, to Attucks.

**Finchum** *What did you think when they decided to integrate and move kids away from Attucks?*

**Ramsey** Well at first I didn’t—I really didn’t kind of like it. You know, just being truthful with you.

**Finchum** *Sure.*

**Ramsey** They took all our kids up in this part of town, you know. They didn’t need too many down there south. They left a few at Southeast for a while, then they finally just closed it down. First, I wasn’t too hot on it, I wasn’t too enthused about it. I had some children that went to school when they integrated, practically all of mine, after. Some of them went to Attucks. I had about three, I think, went to Attucks, maybe four, and the rest of them was integrated.

**Finchum** *Did they do that okay? Or did they have—come home and say, “Oh they were mean to us”?*

**Ramsey** Well, some of them kind of did, because one of them got a watch stole from her at the school. The principal said that was very low of her to think her classmate would do that, but she seen them and they didn’t do nothing to them about it. That kind of upset me, too, you know.

**Finchum** *Yeah, it would have. Sure.*

**Ramsey** I say it’s getting better. It could still be a whole lot better.

**Finchum** *Did they have to ride the school bus to get to Vinita High?*

**Ramsey** Yeah, they had to ride the bus. I still got grandkids and great-grandkids that’s doing it, ride the bus you know. But it would be alright, I mean but treat us all the same. You know, because God’s got no special person. He treats us all the same and I think that’s the way we need to be treated. That’s my opinion and that’s the way I feel about it.

**Finchum** *Well, have establishments in Vinita treated you pretty well through the years or were there times when they didn’t?*

**Ramsey** They’ve treated me pretty well.

**Finchum** *When you went to the theater could you sit anywhere you wanted to?*

**Ramsey** No, not when I went. We had to sit upstairs and look down, but I think it’s changed now. We can sit down anywhere we want to now.

**Finchum** *Do they even have a theater now?*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *Does it?*

**Ramsey** Used to have to go in the back at the cafes, but thank God we don’t have to do that now.

**Finchum** *Your grandparents, you said, were raised in Oklahoma. Had they…*

**Ramsey** My grandparents?

**Finchum** *Yeah.*

**Ramsey** I said my parents, because I really didn’t know about my grandparents.

**Finchum** *Okay.*

**Ramsey** I never lived to see them or nothing.

**Finchum** *Were they from Oklahoma?*

**Ramsey** Yeah. My great-grandfather on my mother’s side was a full-blood Cherokee Indian. One of my great-grandfathers on my mother’s side. I really haven’t heard too much about my father’s side, but he’s got Indian in him, too. I mean, he had Indian in him, my father.

**Finchum** *Is that pretty common up in this part of the state? Was it Cherokee, mostly Cherokee?*

**Ramsey** Pretty common up in Vinita.

**Finchum** *I’m learning this as I go.*

**Ramsey** It is, it’s pretty common. That’s about all I can tell you unless you ask something else, (laughter) but about my family history and about Attucks and about Vinita.

**Finchum** *After you retired what did you do?*

**Ramsey** Nothing.

**Finchum** *Okay. (Laughter)*

**Ramsey** Oh yeah! I worked a little bit at Wal-Mart. Now I worked about nine or ten months at Wal-Mart as a door greeter. I just do a lot of…I got a friend named Edith Hicks and she and I do a lot of going to Wal-Mart and downtown, you know. That’s about all we do, and go to church.

**Finchum** *Keeping the roads hot.*

**Ramsey** Keeping them—that’s what they say, me and her don’t ever stay still, but we do! (Laughter) She’s getting ready to go on a big vacation tomorrow. She’s going to Washington, DC.

**Finchum** *She could take you along.*

**Ramsey** Well, I don’t know if I’d make that long journey or not. When I go to Georgia, especially ride in the car, my feet all be swollen. I got arthritis, you didn’t call me up here to tell you all about that, arthritis in my leg. I just don’t think I could’ve made that long trip.

**Finchum** *Driving is a long way.*

**Ramsey** Right, and ain’t no telling how long it’s going to take them to get to Washington, you know.

**Finchum** *A little while.*

**Ramsey** Yeah.

**Finchum** *If there’s nothing else you want to tell me…*

**Ramsey** I don’t have nothing else to tell you. (Laughs)

**Finchum** *Well, then we will shut it off then.*

**Ramsey** Alrighty.

**Finchum** *Thank you very much.*

**Ramsey** Yeah, I hope I’ve been some help to you, though.

**Finchum** Yes, it’s been good.

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