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Special Subject: Shingle Weaver

Marjorie's aunt married Ray of Ray's Booth

Main Topic: Her Father was a Shingle weaver

Subtopics: at Mill from 1911 (?) to
1932 when he died in

General observations:

Ms. Chapin loves to talk. She was a Home Economist in Business, working for the Times & P.I. and other businesses

Description of person:

Tall imposing lady. Extremely neat yard & home. This is typical of the Ballard old timers. She is not Norwegian.

Any problems?: _____

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MARJORIE CHAPIN
DAUGHTER OF A SHINGLEWEAVER
INTERVIEW 6/10/88 BY HELEN SHANNON

AN INTERVIEW WITH MARJORIE CHAPIN ON JUNE 10, 1988 AND HER FATHER,
WHO WAS A SHINGLEWEAVER. ALLRIGHT, NOW YOU SAID YOU'D DONE SOMETHING
ELSE FOR BERNICE?

M: OH, THIS WAS FOR RAY'S BOATHOUSE. SHE WAS, PRIMARILY, WAS ON THE
_____ AND WAS ASKING FOR THINGS ABOUT HIM OR SOMEONE. I ASSUME SOME-
BODY ELSE HAS PROBABLY PUT IN INFORMATION ON THE BOATHOUSE ITSELF.
TO HIM, INCIDENTALLY, SOMEPLACE, I HAVE TO FIND IT AGAIN,
I HAVE A SNAPSHOT OF THE ORIGINAL SUNSET BOATHOUSE THAT HE PURCHASED.

I: OH, REALLY?

M: ...WHICH I OFFERED TO THE RESTAURANT AND I DID NOT GET A RESPONSE.

I: UH HUH, WELL, YOU KNOW HOW THOSE THINGS ARE. TOO FREQUENTLY
THE WRONG PERSON TAKES THE MESSAGE AND ...

M: WELL, I HAD INCLUDED IT IN A THANK YOU TO THEM AND, UH, IT WAS
BEFORE THEY OPENED AND IT WAS PROBABLY, OF COURSE IF...IN SO
DEEPLY THAT ... BUT THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT I KNOW THAT I HAVE
FROM DOWN THERE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO BECAUSE THE BLACK &
WHITES THAT I HAVE, THEY HAVE.

I: NOW, YOUR AUNT, UH, WAS RAY'S WIFE, IS THAT IT?

M: RIGHT.

I: AND YOU TOOK CARE OF HER FOR A FEW YEARS?

M: UH, WELL, THE LAST 22 MONTHS THAT SHE WAS AROUND UNTIL THE LAST
THREE WEEKS SHE SPENT IN A NURSING HOME, BUT OTHERWISE.

I: IT'S A LOT OF WORK. M: YES. I'D STILL BE _____. I: STILL TIRED.

M: I BASICALLY AM. I DON'T GET THINGS DONE THAT I SHOULD.

I: OH, WHO DOES? (LAUGHING) WELL, DO YOU REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT
YOUR CHILDHOOD?

I WAS BORN ON 56TH JUST EAST OF 30TH IN ONE OF THE HOUSES THAT
BELONGED TO THE HOPKINS FAMILY AND, PAUL HOPKINS I BELIEVE WAS
THE FATHER'S NAME, AND THEN HE WAS THE FATHER OF FRANK HOPKINS, AND
THE FATHER AND MY GRANDFATHER CAME WEST FROM MICHIGAN _____,
AND, UH...

I: WHAT YEAR WOULD THAT BE?

M: I CAN'T ANSWER FOR SURE. I PRESUME IT WAS IN THE EARLY 1890'S,
JUST, UH... I KNOW MORE ABOUT MY MOTHER'S SIDE WHEN THEY CAME.

I: UH, HUH.

M: AND MY GRANDFATHER DID NOT SETTLE IN BALLARD ORIGINALLY; HE WENT
UP TO BELLINGHAM.

I: OH, REALLY? THAT'S WHERE I WAS RAISED.

M: OH, WAS IT? WELL THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE TERMINUS OF THE RAIL-
ROAD. NOW WHENEVER THIS WAS WAS WHEN THEY CAME UP, UH, WHERE
MR HOPKINS SETTLED IN BALLARD. AND, UH, THEN I'M NOT SURE HOW
MUCH TIME ELAPSED IN ANY OF THIS. THEY LIVED IN BELLINGHAM AND
MOVED TO LUMMI ISLAND AND THEN THEY CAME HERE. AND MY GRAND... I
MEAN MY FATHER I THINK DID MOST OF HIS GROWING UP OUT. HE WAS,
HAD BEEN BORN BEFORE THEY CAME WEST TO AND I THINK THAT HIS
GROWING UP WAS PRETTY MUCH DONE ALMOST BEFORE THEY CAME TO
BALLARD. UM... I DON'T... THIS IS... SEE I HAVEN'T HAD ANYBODY FROM
THAT SIDE SINCE 1955... SO...

I: OH, HAVEN'T YOU?

M: ...SO IT'S HARD FOR ME TO REMEMBER, UH, I DO KNOW THAT MY GRAND-
FA...UM...MY FATHER WAS A SHINGLEWEAVER OUT IN GRANITE FALLS AT
THE TIME THAT MY MOTHER AND FATHER WERE MARRIED, WHICH WAS IN
1902.

I: OH.

M: THEN THEY LIVED UP THERE FOR A WHILE AND THEN CAME BACK HERE.

I: UH HUH.

J 190
GRAN
SHINGLE

BORN THERE.

OH.

AND THEN A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER WE MOVED UP TO 58TH AND 30TH,
WHICH AT THAT TIME WAS A NEW HOUSE _____ MOVED IN 1916.

I: WELL, I MAINTAIN THAT PEOPLE IN BALLARD, THEY MAY GO A LITTLE
FURTHER NORTH, BUT THEY DON'T LEAVE. OR, IF THEY LEAVE, THEY
COME BACK. (LAUGHING)

M: DID YOU GRADUATE FROM BALLARD?

I: NO, I DIDN'T. BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL.

M: THE GOLDEN BEAVERS JUST HAD LUNCHEON,
AND IF YOU FIND THEIR ADDRESSES, IT'S AN ABSOLUTELY...OR EVEN
CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION. IT WAS
AMAZING THE NUMBER THAT HAD MOVED THAT FAR. THEY'D MOVED NORTH. YES.

I: A LITTLE BIT NORTH, AND IF IT'S A REAL GOOD FISHING SEASON,
THEY MIGHT HAVE EVEN GONE TO BLUE RIDGE. (LAUGHING) THEY DON'T
GO ANY FURTHER AS A RULE. (LAUGHING)

M: I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT THERE. IT'S INTERESTING THAT, UH, NOW, UH,
ON THIS REUNION SOMEBODY CAME FROM CALIFORNIA AND SOMEBODY CAME
FROM SOME OTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY, WHICH, I MEAN I DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW IT. WELL, I WASN'T EVEN AWARE OF IT. I READ THE LETTER
WITHOUT, BUT, WELL, WELL, I _____ ONLY, BUT I EXPECTED TO BE
IN SPOKANE AFTER THE WEEKEND SO I JUST MISSED THE WHOLE THING,
OF COURSE. BUT, UH, AS FAR AS GROWING UP, I PRETTY MUCH GREW
UP IN THE 58TH AREA BEFORE THE STREETS WERE PAVED AND WE ALL PLAYED
FOOT, ER, PLAYED BASEBALL _____ AT THE SUMMER EVENINGS UNDER
THE LIGHTS.

I: NONE OF THOSE STREETS WERE PAVED?

M: NO.

NOT EVEN THEN, HUH?

M: NO, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN, OH, THE EARLY 20'S AND, UH, WE LIVED
THERE UNTIL '34 AND, UH, IT WAS PAVED SOMEPLACES IN THE LATE 20'S
AND I'M NOT SURE WHEN.

I: NOW, YOUR FATHER WORKED WHERE?

M: HE WORKED AT THE TAYLOR McLAUGHLIN MILL...
I: OH?

M: ...WHICH...AND, I ASSUME, I KNOW WHEN I WAS SEVEN HE WAS NOT WORKING
THERE THAT WINTER. SO WHETHER THE MILL WAS SHUT DOWN AT THAT TIME,
I THINK HE WORKED THERE WHEN IT WAS RUNNING AND ELSEWHERE WHEN IT
WASN'T.

I: WHERE DID HE GO WHEN IT WASN'T RUNNING?

M: WELL, AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, HE WAS UP AT LONGMIRE (?) WORKING.

I: OH, MY.

M: AND I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING...WHETHER IT WAS COMMON LABOR
OR WHAT HE WAS DOING. I DEVELOPED SCARLET FEVER AND MY MOTHER WAS
DESPERATE TO GET HIM HOME. THAT'S THE THING.

I: I WOULD THINK SO, YES.

M: AND SO THIS IS WHY I KNOW WHAT YEAR THAT WAS. AND, UH, THEN THE
MILL...HE CONTINUED WORKING THE MILL PRETTY...AFTER THAT, AS FAR AS
I CAN REMEMBER, PRETTY CONSISTENTLY, AND EVENTUALLY THE MILL WAS
BOUGHT BY _____, WHICH IS A BIG INDUSTRY IN THE FIELD.
AND, UH, THEN HE QUIT THE MILL IN ABOUT '29, I THINK. HE WAS NOT
ABLE TO...PHYSICALLY NOT ABLE TO HANDLE THE WORK. BUT I USED TO GO
DOWN IN THE EVENINGS AND I SUPPOSE I WAS PROBABLY TEN, TWELVE YEARS
OLD. I SUSPECT THAT HE WANTED A BOY. (LAUGHING) UH, SO I WAS AN
ONLY CHILD AND I, UH, BUT SO I WOULD GO DOWN IN THE EVENINGS WHEN
HE, WHETHER HE HAD AN OVERFLOW OR JUST WHETHER HE HAD A QUOTA, I
DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'D, UH, I'D HELP HIM PACK SHINGLES.

I: OH.

M: SO, I COULDN'T DO IT, AT LEAST NOW. I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW HE MADE 'EM FIT TOGETHER. THEY HAD TO FIT TOGETHER. (LAUGHING) THEY HAD TO FIT TOGETHER.

YES.

BUT, UH, THE SHIN...ACTUALLY THE SHINGLES WERE MADE ON THE UPPER LEVEL. THE LOGS WENT IN AND WENT TO AN UPPER LEVEL SO WHEN THEY WERE BACK TO THE SHINGLE SIZE THEY CAME DOWN IN BINS...

I: OH?

M: ...TO EACH OF THE WEAVERS, THE STATIONS, AND WE'D GO CLEAN OUT THE BINS. THAT'S WHERE WE CAME DOWN TO EVERY NITE, SO, NOT EVERY NITE OF COURSE, BUT....

I: UH HUH, UH HUH. HOW...HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE WORKING THERE?

M: I CAN'T ANSWER, BECAUSE I, I DON'T THINK I WAS EVER THERE IN THE DAY, DAYTIME EVEN. PROBABLY THE ONLY TIME I EVER WAS DOWN THERE IN THE DAYTIME, I MAY HAVE GONE DOWN AFTER HE HAD DIED, UH, BECAUSE THERE WAS INSURANCE THAT CAME THROUGH THE COMPANY. I MAY HAVE GONE DOWN THERE THEN, BUT....

I: NOW, THERE WAS ACTUALLY A DEATH BENEFIT, THEN?

M: THERE WAS AN INSURANCE AND I THINK PROBABLY, AS I LOOK BACK, THAT WAS AFTER M_____ 'S FATHER.

I: OH.

M: I...I...THIS IS WHAT I WOULD GUESS, I DON'T KNOW.

I: UH HUH.

M: BUT IT WAS STRAIGHT LIFE.

I: IT WAS STRAIGHT LIFE. SEE NOW, HAD HE HAD TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT, OR...?

M: I DON'T KNOW.

I: AND THAT WAS WHAT YEAR?

M: HE DIED IN '32.

OH; HE PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO IT.

PROB...WELL, I WOULD THINK, PROBABLY SO.

I: BECAUSE, UH, IN THOSE DAYS COMPANIES NEVER HAVE OR NEVER WILL DO ANYTHING THAT THEY'RE NOT FORCED TO DO.

M: WELL, NO, AND THIS IS WHY I THINK IT WAS PROBABLY AFTER IT BECAUSE M_____, BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I DOUBT A SMALLER OPERATION MIGHT, WOULD....TAYLOR AND McLAUGHLIN OPERATION, UH, WAS NOT TOO SMALL TO HAVE THAT KIND OF THING FOR THE PEOPLE. THE McLAUGHLIN FAMILY LIVED IN BALLARD AND I'M TRYING TO THINK ABOUT WHERE AND IT SEEMS TO ME IT WAS ON 56TH, UH, EAST OF 22ND. I CAN SEE THE BIG GREEN HOUSE, BUT I CAN'T... (LAUGHING).

I: WELL, NOW, WAS THAT THE WAY IT WAS WITH MOST OF THE MILLS, THEY WERE SMALL AND THEY WERE OWNED BY PEOPLE THAT YOU KNEW?

M: I DIDN'T ACTUALLY KNOW ANY OTHER OWNERS OF MILLS. I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER WHAT MR. SOBIE (?) OWNED, 'CAUSE HE WAS SOMEPLACE IN THE LUMBER BUSINESS, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT. UH, SOME OF THE MILLS WERE FAIRLY SMALL. I THINK MAYBE, ACTUALLY THIS ONE WAS THE MOST FARDEST WEST OF THEM. AND, UH, I THINK IT WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE SMALLER ONES OF ALL OF THE OPERATIONS. IT DIDN'T COMPARE, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH SEATTLE CEDAR LUMBAR COMPANY, WHICH WAS SO MUCH BIGGER, OR SIMPSONS.

I: UH, HUH.

M: THE PHOENIX I DON'T THINK WAS THAT MUCH BIGGER; AND I, WELL, YOU KNOW I CAN REMEMBER THEM BEING THERE BUT WITHOUT KNOWING, REMEMBERING TOO MUCH ABOUT THEM. I DO REMEMBER YOU DIDN'T WASH CLOTHES WHEN WE WENT TO DO IT IN THE SOUTH, IN THE SOUND.

I: YES, EVEN I REMEMBER THAT. (LAUGHING) WE CAME TO BALLARD IN 1949.

YES, IT'S STILL _____. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SINCE, YOU KNOW THESE QUESTIONS YOU'VE ASKED, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO REMEMBER WHAT DID, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT MILL, WHETHER IT WAS...I DON'T THINK IT BURNED. I THINK PROBABLY IT WAS TORN DOWN.

I: OH, REALLY? WELL, PHOENIX BURNED.

M: YES.
I: BUT I, I JUST INTERVIEWED, THE OTHER DAY, THE UH, OWNER'S SON. OH. IT BURNED IN 1966 AND...IT ALSO BURNED A COUPLE TIMES BEFORE THAT. SO IT WAS...
M: I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW LONG THIS ONE RAN AFTER MY FATHER WAS OUT OF IT EITHER.
I: HAD HE WORKED THERE A NUMBER OF YEARS?
M: I, AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, YES, AS I SAY, HE WORKED WHEN IT WAS PRIVATELY OWNED AND THEN _____, UH; I WOULD SAY, ACTUALLY FROM THE TIME I CAN REMEMBER MOVING UP TO 58TH BASICALLY HE WORKED DOWN THERE.
I: UH HUH.
M: UH, IF IT WAS SHUT DOWN, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMEPLACE ELSE.
I: WELL NOW, WAS IT SHUT DOWN QUITE FREQUENTLY?
M: UH...
I: OR JUST EVERY SUMMER?
M: I CAN'T, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WAS NECESSARILY SUMMERTIME AND I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER AS TO WHY, BECAUSE LIKE I SAY, THIS ONE TIME I KNOW WHERE HE, WHERE HE WAS IN AT WESTERN ELECTRIC, BUT, I THINK, LIKE JANUARY OR SO.
I: OH. I REMEMBER THAT THE MILLS WERE CLOSED DOWN BECAUSE, UH, THEY COULDN'T LOG IN THE WOODS BECAUSE THE FIRE DANGER WAS SO HIGH; OR THERE WAS A FIRE BURNING.
M: UH HUH; UH, I...PROBABLY PART OF IT WAS DURING THE SUMMER, MEAN ON OCCASION.
I: BUT THEY DID CLOSE IN THE WINTER, TOO?
M: WELL, THIS PARTICULAR TIME THEY WERE. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER, HOW LONG THAT HAPPENED.
UH HUH.
M: UH, OR WHY IT WAS THAT TIME, EVEN. I JUST...UH, WHATEVER TIME IT WAS, IT WAS THE SAME YEAR THAT, UH, SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN BANK FAILED.
I: OH, MY GOODNESS. I HADN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT ONE.
M: OH, YOU HAVEN'T?
I: NO.
M: WELL, I RECENTLY THAT SCANDINAVIAN ONE, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THE FEW STUDENTS I: GOODNESS.
M: THAT, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE CANAL BANK?
I: UH, NOT REALLY.
M: OKAY, THIS PRECEDED THE CANAL BANK ON VERNON AND BALLARD AVENUE.
I: OH. UH HUH.
M: BECAUSE, UH, MY FATHER'S SISTER WORKED IN BOTH OF THEM AND EVENTUALLY IN _____. DEXTER HORTON WAS ACROSS THE STREET WHERE THE OLYMPIC HEALTH CLUB IS NOW AND THE ELKS USED TO BE, UH, PART OF THAT WAS THE DEXTER HORTON BANK.
I: OH, YEAH.
M: UH, DIAG...AND THEN EVENTUALLY DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE STR..., WELL, DIAGONALLY FROM THE DEXTER HORTON, THE, UH, WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN STARTED IN. BUT, UH, OH, WHAT I STARTED TO SAY WAS MY AUNT WAS, WORKED AT THE SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN AND THE, I KNOW MY MOTHER HAD MADE LIKE FIVE OR SEVEN LEMON PIES FOR THEIR _____. THE STAFF WAS HAVING A FAREWELL PARTY, OR WHATEVER, AS THEY WOUND UP THE WORK. AND MY AUNT COULDN'T TAKE THE LEMON PIES TO THE PARTY BECAUSE THEY'D BEEN CONTAMINATED BY ME BEING AROUND. (LAUGH)
I: OHHH, THAT WAS PART OF THE SCARLET FEVER? OH, AND MAKING SEVEN PIES? WELL, MY AUNT DEARLY LOVED THEM. AND SHE, OF COURSE, HAD BEEN, SHE HAD TO BE FUMIGATED OUT OF THE PLACE.
I: UH HUH.
M: AND, UH, SHE TOOK THE PIES WITH HER. (LAUGH) BUT SHE DIDN'T DARE TAKE THEM TO THE BANK.

I: I SEE.

M: AND SHE ATE ALOT OF THEM BUT SHE DIDN'T FINISH THEM. AND SHE NEVER LIKED PIES, LEMON PIES, THAT WELL.

M: MY HUSBAND HAD SCARLET FEVER WHEN HE WAS A CHILD, TOO. AND HE HAS MEMORIES, YOU KNOW, OF ALL THIS TREMENDOUS FEAR OF IT SPREADING.

M: OH, WELL, WE WERE QUARANTINED FOR EIGHT WEEKS.

I: OH, REALLY?

M: MY MOTHER AND I WERE. MY FATHER WAS TO BE FUMIGATED IN AND OUT.

I: OH, REALLY? WHAT WAS USED FOR FUMIGATION?

M: UH, SULFUR CANDLES (?), AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER. NOW WHEN WE GOT FUMIGATED OUT, I CAN REMEMBER ALL MY THINGS THAT WOULD STAND HEAT WENT INTO THE OVEN.

I: UH HUH.

M: AND WHEN I HAD DONE LOTS OF DRAWING AND LOTS OF MAKING DOLL CLOTHES AND THAT KIND OF THING, WHICH WENT INTO THE STOVE. UH.

I: UH HUH. AND WHAT YEAR WAS THAT?

M: IT WAS 1921. 'CAUSE IT WAS TIME, IT WAS MY FIRST YEAR IN SCHOOL, AND I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL UNTIL I WAS SEVEN, SO....

I: WELL, SCARLET FEVER WAS MUCH, MUCH MORE COMMON THEN THAN IT IS NOW.

M: AND IT WAS THE HEAVY, HEAVIER TYPE.

I: YES, VERY SERIOUS, YES.

M: UH HUH, BUT MY FATHER HAD LOST, UH, I THINK A SISTER TO IT.

I: OH.

M: SO HE WAS REALLY QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT IT. I ACTUALLY, I ENDED UP HAVING IMMUNIZATIONS FOR THINGS THAT MOST THE KIDS DIDN'T HAVE...

I: OH, REALLY?

M: ...AS I GREW UP, YEAH, BECAUSE HE HAD ANOTHER FEAR OF DIPHTHERIA 'CAUSE IT HAD BEEN SOMEPLACE IN THE FAMILY. UH.

I: UH HUH. WELL, THAT WAS SERIOUS BUSINESS.

M: YEAH. OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE WERE TAKEN OUT TOGETHER, SO, THAT, A, THAT WAS A KILLER FOR HIM WITH YOUNG GIRLS.

M: I JUST REMEMBER, I THINK IT WAS THE THIRD GRADE BECAUSE WE HAD A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST TEACHER WHO DID NOT THINK MUCH OF ME HAVING TO GET OUT OF SCHOOL FOR, TO GO GET SHOTS FOR DIPHTHERIA. (LAUGH)

I: OH, MY GOODNESS. OH, DEAR.

M: BUT I DO REMEMBER THAT I WAS ONE, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE FEW STUDENTS GETTING IT THEN.

I: UH HUH.

M: BECAUSE, UH, OF COURSE THE SMALL POX AND THAT KIND OF THING CAME ALONG. BUT I JUST AUTOMATICALLY GOT WHATEVER WAS AVAILABLE.

I: UH HUH, BUT THEY WEREN'T GIVING THEM IN THE SCHOOLS THEN?

M: OH, NO, HEAVENS NO.

I: NO, I DIDN'T GET THEM IN THE SCHOOLS EITHER, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT.

M: IT'S A, I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER WHEN I GOT THE... I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHEN OR HOW I GOT THE SMALL POX ONE.

I: UH HUH. WELL, THAT, I THINK, WAS THE FIRST ONE.

M: WAS IT?

I: THE SMALL POX WAS.

M: I DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE....WHY I WAS THINKING OF THIS IS I DON'T THINK THAT I HAD THE SCARLET FEVER ONE BEFORE I HAD THE SMALL POX. I WAS OLDER BECAUSE IT WAS ON MY THIGH AND I WAS OLD ENOUGH AND I WASN'T QUITE SURE THAT I EVEN WANTED IT THERE BECAUSE OF SWIMSUITS AND....

I: UH. THAT WAS VERY MUCH BEFORE YOUR TIME, BECAUSE THEY WERE ALWAYS IN THE ARM, YOU KNOW, FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, AND THEN FINALLY THEY DECIDED THAT IT WASN'T NECESSARY BECAUSE SOME OF THEM WERE RATHER UGLY AND OTHERS YOU COULD HARDLY SEE. BUT, UH, THAT'S THE CASE WITH ALL OF THEM. (LAUGHING) WELL, NOW, DID YOUR FATHER WORK SIX DAYS A WEEK OR FIVE, OR WHAT?

M: SIX.

I: SIX? OH.
M: AND OF COURSE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOURS A DAY. I CAN'T REMEMBER THAT PARTICULARLY.

I: BUT ALOT, HUH?

M: WELL, YES, BECAUSE... HOWEVER, YOU KNOW, IT WAS CLOSE TO HOME.

I: UH HUH.

M: WELL, IT WAS PROBABLY UH, AND AT THAT TIME, WELL 'COURSE, SOME OF THAT TIME MUST HAVE BEEN AFTER THEY STARTED THE GARBAGE FILL DOWN THERE IN LOCKHAVEN AREA.

I: OH, WAS THAT A GARBAGE DUMP?

M: YES. (LAUGHING)

I: OH, REALLY?

M: PEOPLE GET SO UPSET ABOUT BEING ON LAND FILLS NOW, I... (LAUGHING). IF THEY ONLY KNEW WHAT WAS UNDERNEATH THAT.

(NOISE)

I: OH, MY GOODNESS, I AM GOING TO ATTACK THAT, AREN'T I? (CASSETTE) NOW WHAT ARE WE... OH, YEAH, IT'S MOVING. I WASN'T SURE. THIS IS A VERY HARD THING TO SEE. I FINALLY DECIDED I

M: UH, THERE WAS, BETWEEN 30TH AND LITTLE OVER, LIKE MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE EQUIVALENT TO 31ST, THERE WAS A, JUST THE WHOLE HILL JUST SLOPED DOWN TOWARDS MARKET STREET OR WHATEVER IT WAS CALLED THEN, AND UH, THERE WAS AN OLD FARMHOUSE IN THAT AREA. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE WAS. ON UP A LITTLE FARTHER, ON THE SAME HILL, WEST, ER, EAST OF, UH, 30TH, THERE WAS A LITTLE TINY SHED AND THERE WAS "A" COW. WHICH, I MIGHT ADD, EVER SAW A COW MILKED.

I: OH, REALLY?

M: UH HUH, AND I THINK IT BELONGED TO THE... THIS FAMILY WHOSE HOUSE I HAD BEEN BORN IN, IF I REMEMBER RIGHTLY, BECAUSE OUR FAMILIES WERE REAL CLOSE; OF COURSE, THE GRANDPARENTS HAVING COME OUT TOGETHER, SO, THEY HAD BEEN... THE TWO MEN CAME OUT AND THEN THEY SENT FOR THE FAMILIES.

I: BUT IT WAS NOT COMMON THEN TO HAVE....

M: A COW IN YOUR BACKYARD? (LAUGH)

I: OR GOATS?

M: UH, NO. UH, AND THIS WAS KIND OF LIKE, YOU KNOW, IT WAS JUST A BIG FIELD THEN.

I: UH HUH.

M: WHERE THE APARTMENT HOUSES ARE NOW, WHY, 'CAUSE, UH, YOU KNOW, THEY SLOPE DOWN. SO MY FATHER UNDOUBTEDLY WALKED A PATH DOWN THERE. AND WENT STRAIGHT TO THE MILL.

I: OH, REALLY? SO THAT THE ONLY WAY HE EVER WENT TO WORK WAS WALKING, AND WALKING HOME AGAIN? OH, DEAR, WHEN YOU'RE ALREADY TIRED OUT?

M: YES, I, YOU KNOW, YOU LOOK BACK ON WHAT OUR RELATIVES DID, AND YOU WONDER HOW THEY DID. (LAUGH) NO WONDER THEY DIED EARLY.

I: .

M: WELL, RIGHT, HE DID. SO....

I: HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE DIED?

M: FIFTY-NINE. WHY HE QUIT WORK WAS HE HAD A HEART CONDITION, WHICH THE FAMILY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.

I: OH.

M: HE HAD HAD IT CHECKED AND KNEW WHAT IT WAS AND DID DIE OF IT. UH, HE REACHED A POINT WHERE HE COULDN'T HANDLE THE JOB.

I: UH HUH.

M: OR ANY JOB, AS FAR AS THAT WAS CONCERNED.

I: BUT THAT REALLY WASN'T SOMETHING THAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKING?

M: NO, IT WAS NOT THE CAUSE, I MEAN... WHAT THE CAUSE WAS, I DON'T KNOW. HE DIDN'T SMOKE, HE DIDN'T DRINK, HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT, YOU KNOW, NOW. EXCEPTING, HE PROBABLY, I MEAN I OBVIOUSLY TOOK AFTER HIM: HE LOVED SWEET THINGS. HE DID NOT HAVE A SUGAR PROBLEM, BUT LIKED DESSERTS, WE ALWAYS, ALWAYS HAD DESSERTS!

I: OF COURSE! YOU DIDN'T HAVE A MEAL WITHOUT DESSERT.

M: NO. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT AFTER DINNER HE WENT OUT AND MADE CHOCOLATE FROSTING OUT OF POWDERED SUGAR AND PUT IT ON GRAHAM CRACKERS.

I: OF COURSE, OF COURSE.

M: AND, OR EAT IT BY THE SPOONFULL SO THIS IS....

I: OF COURSE HE WAS WORKING SO HARD SO...

M: OH, YES.

I: ...HE WAS USING UP A LOT OF CALORIES.

M: OH, SURE.

I: YOU KNOW, MORE THAN MOST OF US DO NOW.

M: WELL, AND HE ALSO MAINTAINED THAT PROPERTY ON 57TH AND 30TH _____, THE SOUTHEAST SIDE; WE WERE ON THE NORTH, NO, WAIT A MINUTE, WE WERE ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF 58TH AND 30TH. THIS LOT ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF 57TH AND 30TH WAS VACANT. IT WAS ALSO BELONGED TO THE HOP-KINS FAMILY; I MEAN IT WAS THE SON'S PROPERTY. AND FOR YEARS, WHEN FATHER HAD THAT _____ AND GOT IT _____.

I: OH, MY GOODNESS.

M: VEGETABLE GARDEN THAT WAS...
I: ...A LOT OF WORK.

M: YEAH, HE WOULD COME HOME AFTER WORK AND WOULD, IN THE SUMMER AND THAT. SO, UH, I GREW UP ON FRESH VEGETABLES. I REALLY LIKED THEM.

I: AND VERY, VERY GOOD FOOD.

M: OH, YES. ALL ANGELS. ISN'T IT A BEAUTIFUL THING HOW YOU BROKE OUT, OR I: IT WAS PURE FOOD. THAT'S PROBABLY WHY WE'RE SO HEALTHY.

M: THE, UH, PLUM TREE THAT... THEN WE HAD A PIE CHERRY TREE OF OUR OWN THAT WAS ALMOST A SWEET CHERRY. IT WAS... IT WAS A PIE CHERRY WITH THE BIG ONE I: IT WAS SO GOOD. YEAH, A BIG AMARANTIES (?).

M: AND, UH, BETWEEN THOSE AND THE PLUM TREE, MY MOTHER CANNED, CANNED, CANNED. SO, SIXTEEN QUARTS IN A BROILER... BOILER. RIGHT?

I: I DON'T REMEMBER.

I: OH, I DO.

M: WE EVEN CANNED SALMON (MY FATHER LOVED FISH) IN A HOT WATER BATH AND OF COURSE, WITH MY BACKGROUND NOW, I JUST WONDER HOW I SURVIVED, YOU KNOW. (LAUGHING)

I: YES.

M: I DON'T EVEN DO PICKLES WELL. COOKING THEM NOW DAYS.

I: I THINK THEY'VE OVERDONE IT, DON'T YOU? THE HOME ECONOMISTS?

M: I'LL BE... I'LL BE HONEST; I DON'T ALWAYS DO IT. (LAUGH)

I: NO, I DON'T EITHER. I CALL THEM AND THEY SAY, "YOU CAN'T DO THAT." WELL, IF YOU CAN'T, THE REASON YOU CAN'T IS BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT PUTTING AS MUCH RUBBER ON THOSE SEALS.

M: WELL, THE OTHER THING IS, IF YOUR JAR IS HOT ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM SEAL, THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE, TOO, 'CAUSE THAT... YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE THE HEAT THERE. AND I THINK PROBABLY SOME OF IT COMES FROM HEATING THE LIDS AT THE PROPER TEMPERATURE, TOO.

I: WELL, YES, YOU NEED TO HAVE THOSE IN BOILING WATER.

M: YEAH. BUT, UH, OUR... WHEN IT COMES TO PICKLES, NO. UH, AFTER THEY DO THAT MANY... MANY MORE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M JUST GETTING BACK TO EVEN THINKING ABOUT DOING THAT KIND OF THING 'CAUSE FOR TWO YEARS I JUST HAVEN'T.

I: WELL, IF YOU'RE BY YOURSELF, DO YOU REALLY NEED TO? (LAUGHING) EXCEPT IT TASTES A LOT BETTER.

M: ...THE ONLY REASON I LIKE TO CAN FRUIT AND I _____ THE CHERRIES AND WONDERING ABOUT THEM, IS BECAUSE I'M ALLERGIC TO CORN SUGAR. AND COMMERCIALLY CANNED ONES HAVE TOO MUCH SUGAR.

M: OH, YES.

M: THEY DIDN'T HAVE AT LEAST A THIRD.

I: WELL, THEN YOU ALMOST HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF.

M: UM, IF I'M GOING TO EAT VERY MUCH OF THEM, I HAVE TO.

I: YOU'RE ALLERGIC TO CORN PRODUCTS, IS THAT IT? OH, I SEE. HUH.
M: AND I ASSUMED WHEN NUTRASWEET CAME OUT, IT'S GOING TO BE MY SALVATION, AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT THE...WHATEVER IT IS IN THE CORN JUST DOESN'T GET KILLED. THE PROCESS....
OH, REALLY?
M: I DON'T GET A BAD REACTION BUT I GET SOME.
I: NOW, WHEN DID YOU DISCOVER THAT?
M: UH, PROBABLY WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE. I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER IF I HAD AN ALLERGY IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND, UH, I HAD IT...I HAD IT TO A LOT OF THINGS. WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE I...IT EVENTUALLY...I KEPT GETTING WORSE. MORE AND MORE FOODS WERE OFF LIMITS. TIL I WENT...I THINK MY JUNIOR YEAR IN COLLEGE WITH...AS I SAID, I REALLY DON'T ENJOY HALIBUT AT ALL, BECAUSE I HAD NOTHING BUT WHITE FISH.
I: OH, DEAR.
M: AND NO MEAT, NO EGGS. UH, YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING ELSE AND RED FISH WERE GONE. UH, RYE...NO WHEAT, NO MILK, AND SO I ATE RYE CRISP AND I WOULD FIND A LOT OF VEGETABLES I COULD HAVE. BUT CARRYING SANDWICHES TO SCHOOL WITH RYE CRISP AND ALBACORE TUNA AND LETTUCE AND RADISHES AND CUCUMBERS... (LAUGH)
I: OH, MY GOODNESS.
M: MY WEIGHT WAS MUCH BETTER UNDER CONTROL.
I: THAT WAS RATHER EARLY, THOUGH, FOR THEM TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF, UH, THE FOOD ALLERGIES, ISN'T IT? UNLESS...UNLESS YOU BROKE OUT, OF COURSE.
M: WELL, I DID, OF COURSE.
I: OH, YOU DID BREAK OUT?
M: I STARTED...GEE...I STARTED OUT WITH MY EYE LIDS SWELLING & GETTING SCALEY. THAT WAS WHEN IT FIRST STARTED SO THEY SAID IT WAS MAKE-UP, SO I WAS INTO WEARING SOME MAKE-UP SO IT WAS AT LEAST HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN, I WAS OUT OF...I WENT TO COLLEGE ONE YEAR AND THEN I WAS OUT. THIS WAS...YOU SEE MY FATHER DIED JUST WHEN I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL. SO I WENT JUST ONE YEAR AND WAS OUT FOR FIVE YEARS. AND WENT BACK AND THIS JUNIOR YEAR, WHY I KNOW WHAT IT WAS, I DEVELOPED...I HAD DEVELOPED IT BEFORE, BUT I HAD A CYST IN MY SINUS. AND AFTER THAT...
I: YES...
M: ...WAS TAKEN OUT, UH, I GRADUALLY GOT BETTER, AS FAR AS FOOD WAS CONCERNED.
I: OH, IN OTHER WORDS, GIVING OFF INFECTION.
M: APPARENTLY SO, DOING SOMETHING TO MY SYSTEM. AND IT...I DIDN'T COME BACK TO GETTING TO SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH THINGS LIKE WHEAT UNTIL I WENT TO WORK FOR THE DOROTHY NEIGHBORS DEPT. AT THE "TIMES." AND WE WERE EXPERIMENTING WITH WHEAT SYRUP FOR A PLACE THAT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE.
I: WHEAT SYRUP?
M: WHEAT SYRUP. THERE WAS SOME EXPERIMENTAL WHEAT SYRUP ON THE MARKET.
I: DURING WORLD WAR II. HUH.
M: AND AFTER I HAD EATEN ENOUGH THINGS WITH THAT IN IT...WHAM! ALL OF A SUDDEN.
I: OH, YES.
M: THEN WHEN IT CAME, IT CAME IN A RUSH: SWOLLEN FACE, RED SPOTCHES. I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO IT...HELP ON A CANNING SCHOOL THAT DAY AND I WALKED IN THE OFFICE AND RUTH FRACK (SP?), WHO WAS DOROTHY, ER, RUTH FRACK WAS KATHERINE WISE...
I: KATHERINE WISE.
M: ...UH, BUT AT THAT TIME WAS DOROTHY NEIGHBORS, UH, TOOK ONE LOOK AT ME AND SAID, "WELL, I GUESS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FREDERICKS WITH ME." (LAUGHING)
I: NO, I GUESS NOT. THAT WOULDN'T LOOK TOO GOOD, WOULD IT. OH, DEAR.
YES. BUT YOU CAN KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL IF YOU DON'T EAT THOSE THINGS.
M: I OVERDO IT A LITTLE BIT NOW AND AGAIN BUT THEN I

I: DON'T YOU FIND A LOT OF THAT'S WHAT'S COMING FROM OUTSIDE?
M: WELL. I: I DON'T MIND BEING FLARED UP A COUPLE WEEKS.
M: AND LIKE MY VOICE TODAY IS BAD AND I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANY GOOD
REASON FOR THIS, OTHER THAN I DID EAT SOMETHING AT LUNCH I SHOULDN'T
HAVE EATEN, SO.

I: (LAUGH) WELL, WE ALL DO THAT, DON'T WE?

M: YEAH, I TRY TO S...

I: WHAT KIND OF MEALS DID YOU HAVE AT HOME, SINCE YOU HAD THIS WONDERFUL
GARDEN?

M: WE DID HAVE LOTS OF VEGETABLES. MISS LITTLE BRAT DIDN'T EAT THEM. (LAUGHING)

I: I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. CREAMED, I SUPPOSE?

M: UH, YES....

I: THAT'S THE WAY MINE CAME. IT'S ALL CREAMED. I CAN HARDLY LOOK A
CREAMED VEGETABLE IN THE FACE.

M: I NEVER DID ANALYZE THIS BUT AS LONG... I WORKED FOR DARIGOLD FOR
YEARS AND IT WAS ALWAYS REAL HARD WORK FOR ME TO DO CREAMED DISHES &
MAYBE THAT'S WHY. (LAUGHING)

I: COULD BE.

M: YOU KNOW I DON'T EVEN THINK OF CREAMED DISHES.

I: YOU DON'T REMEMBER CREAMED VEGETABLES?

M: WELL, I GUESS WE HAD THEM, I PROBABLY JUST DIDN'T EAT THEM. YES.
(LAUGHING)

I: OH, UH HUH.

M: YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD, YOU GET A LITTLE SPOILED.

I: I KNOW. I'M AN ONLY CHILD, TOO.

M: OH, ARE YOU? UH, MY MOTHER DID EXCELLENT POT ROASTS; SHE DID REAL
GOOD, UH, YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS; UM, WE HAD LOTS OF THE PUDDING KINDS OF
THINGS FOR DESSERT, OR CAKE, GENERALLY. UH, SALADS I DON'T REMEMBER
AS SALADS, BUT WE HAD LOTS OF GOOD HOMEMADE... HOMEGROWN TOMATOES
ALWAYS, AND UH, I'M SURE WE HAD LETTUCE AND I KNOW WE HAD BEANS AND
THE CARROTS AND THE PEAS....

I: AND THE RADISHES AND THE ONIONS....

M: OH, YES, YES. NOW I WOULD GO OUT TO THE GARDEN AND EAT THE TOMATOES
AND THE CARROTS OUT OF THE GARDEN.

I: UH, HUH.

M: I JUST DIDN'T WANT THEM COOKED.

I: YES, THAT RUINS A LOT OF GOOD VEGETABLES, REALLY.

M: UH, WE TENDED, I THINK, TO HAVE MORE OF THE... WE HAD SOME CASSEROLES.
UH, NOT AS MANY, AS I THINK MY FATHER WASN'T VERY FOND OF CASSEROLES,
IF I REMEMBER RIGHTLY.

I: WE DIDN'T HAVE CASSEROLES EITHER, OUR DISHES.

M: I THINK, UH, NOW I WAS TRYING TO REMEMBER THE COMBINATION. MY MOTHER
WAS BORN IN ENGLAND AND LIKED SOME OF THE THINGS THAT SHE WAS USED TO
HAVING, OF COURSE. AND THEY HAD A TRADE-OFF AND I CAN'T REMEMBER
WHAT THE TRADE-OFF WAS. IF ONE OF THEM LEARNED TO EAT CABBAGE... MY
FATHER MUST HAVE TO LEARN TO EAT CABBAGE THERE SO MY MOTHER
(LAUGHING)

I: OVER-COOKED, TOO.

M: OH, OF COURSE.

I: WERE YOUR VEGETABLES ALL OVER-COOKED?

M: UH, BASICALLY YES, UNTIL MOTHER AND I WERE ALONE.

I: OH, UH HUH.

M: AND THEN WE HAD A GROCERY STORE, LIVED BEHIND IT, & WERE INTERRUPTED
SO OFTEN THAT VERY OFTEN WE HAD WHAT I CALLED "TEXTURIZED VEGETABLES." THEY WERE... THEY WERE THE NOUVEAU COOKING THAT...
YES.

...WE'RE GETTING NOWADAYS.

I: UH HUH, UH HUH.

M: AND SOMETIMES BEYOND THE EXTENT YOU WANTED THEM.

I: YES, BUT I'M SURE MUCH BETTER FOR YOU.

M: WELL, YES. I DON'T TALK TO MUCH ABOUT HAVING CHURCH. IN NEW YORK
I: ALL THE VITAMINS WEREN'T POURRED DOWN THE DRAIN.
M: RIGHT, RIGHT. UH, WHEN YOU SAID THAT, WE DID HAVE LOTS OF SOUPS AT
HOME, TOO.
OH, DID YOU?
M: AND, UH, I DON'T KNOW ANY SPECIAL REASON FOR IT PARTICULARLY, BUT...
I: WELL, IT'S A GOOD WAY TO USE LEFTOVERS.
M: OH, YEAH. UH, BUT AS I REMEMBER, MY MOM STARTED FROM SCRATCH WITH
THEM.
I: OH, YES, YOU DIDN'T _____ FOR GOODNESS SAKES.
M: WELL, BUT, AND WHAT I MEANT WAS, THE BONES AND THE MEAT.
I: UH HUH, UH HUH.
M: BUT, UH, I THINK GENERALLY LIKE SUNDAY, WE ALWAYS HAD CHICKEN OR A
ROAST. AND THAT WAS PRETTY STANDARD.
I: NOW WAS THAT AFTER CHURCH, OR WHAT?
M: NO, NOT PARTICULARLY. I DID MORE, PROBABLY. MOTHER DIDN'T GET THERE
AS OFTEN. AND MY FATHER...SHOULDN'T PUT THIS ON TAPE... (LAUGHING)
...TENDED TO BE AN ATHEIST, WHICH HE REALLY WASN'T.
I: THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. I SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT. I THINK THAT
ALOT OF TIMES THAT WE HAVE THE IDEA THAT PIONEERS OF ANY ERA WERE
VERY CHURCH GOING. AND EITHER THAT OR THEY WERE DOWN ON BALLARD AV-
ENUE IN A TAVERN. WELL, THERE'S A BIG IN-BETWEEN THERE WHERE PROB-
ABLY MOST OF US COME IN, YOU KNOW.
M: SO HE ALWAYS MADE ME PART OF IT. MY FATHER LOVED TO ARGUE AND, UH,
THEREFORE, HAVING COME FROM A...MY MOTHER CAME FROM A VERY RELIGIOUS
FAMILY AND HIS... MY AUNT, WHO LIVED WITH US FROM THE TIME I CAN RE-
MEMBER, I DON'T KNOW WHEN SHE JOINED THE FAMILY ACTUALLY, BUT SHE
LIVED WITH US TIL I WAS EIGHTEEN, UH, WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN CHURCH.
AND PART OF, I THINK, HIS IDEA WAS... WAS A GOOD PLAY OF ARGUMENT.
UH HUH, UH HUH.
'CAUSE HE WOULD ARGUE EITHER SIDE OF ANY QUESTION. (LAUGHING)
I: HE ENJOYED THAT. (LAUGHING)
M: OH, YES, HE THOROUGHLY LOVED IT. SO, UH...
I: OH, ISN'T THAT CUTE?
M: THIS, UH, THERE WERE THINGS THAT HAPPENED, I THINK, THAT SOME-
TIMES HE'D CAUSED IT, SO HE COULD HAVE SOME FUN.
I: I SEE. NOW, IS HE IRISH OR...?
M: VERY MIXED. ENGLISH, PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH, IRISH, I'M TRYING TO RE-
MEMBER WHAT ELSE WAS BACK IN THERE. I HAD ONE GRANDFATHER... GREAT
GRANDFATHER IN THE CIVIL WAR WHO WAS... I DON'T... BUT I.... SUPPOS-
EDLY, AND I HAVE NEV... I HAVE NOT TRACED THIS AND I WAS THINKING THE
OTHER DAY ITS ONE THING I SHOULD GET DONE, THERE WAS SUPPOSEDLY A
PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH CHAPIN AND AN ENGLISH CHAPIN. SOME OF THE FAM-
ILIES COMBINED BACK SOMEPLACE.
I: WELL, WE HAD A NEIGHBOR BY THE NAME OF CHAPIN. UH, THEY HAVE JUST
MOVED OUT AND I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WERE ANY OTHER CHAPINS IN BAL-
LARD, TIL I GOT YOUR CARD.
M: UH, ONE...LET'S SEE, WHEN I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL, THERE WAS ONE CHAPIN.
I: OH, REALLY?
M: HE FINISHED LATER THAN I DID AND HE, I'M SURE, IS THE RICHARD CHAPIN
IN THE BELLEVUE AREA THAT'S AN ATTORNEY.
I: OH, UH HUH.
M: BUT, UH, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT... I'VE NEVER HAD ANY CONFLICTS. HOWEVER,
INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THERE WAS A PAIR... TWO SISTERS, NOW I CAN'T
REMEMBER THEIR FIRST NAMES, CAME FROM POST FALLS, IDAHO, WHO WERE
HOME ECONOMISTS AND THEIR LAST NAME WAS CHAPIN.
OH, REALLY?
M: ELIZABETH AND SOMETHING... I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY MORE. I USED TO...
WHEN... AT THE TIME I WAS IN THE "TIMES" THEY PUT ME IN SOME KIND OF
A JOB WHERE I RAN ACROSS THEIR NAME PERIODICALLY. AND SOMEONE FROM

THE EAST HAD SAID THAT HE KNEW ANOTHER MARJORIE CHAPIN, IN NEW YORK. HE WAS SOMEWHAT CONNECTED WITH THE NAME AND HE WAS LEADING ME BY THE HALTER WE CAME FROM THE SAME. WE CAUGHT HIM ANYWAY, WE...HE WAS A WAYWARD MINISTER WITH A BACKGROUND SOMEPLACE IN BALLARD. (LAUGHING) KNOW, WHAT YEAR AGAIN DID YOUR FATHER COME TO BALLARD? YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER?

M: MY GRANDPARENTS CAME, AS I SAY, PROBABLY MY GUESSING IS...MY...1899, 1900. MY MOTHER'S FAMILY CAME TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE FIRE. THEY CAME IN '89. BUT, UH, NOW...AND HE...MY GRANDFATHER WAS A PAINTING CONTRACTOR BUT HE DIDN'T EVER LIVE IN THIS DISTRICT AT ALL.

I: UH HUH. SO YOUR FATHER WAS BORN IN BALLARD?

M: NO, HE WAS BORN IN MICHIGAN. HE WAS FROM MANISTEE (SP?). THE, UH, MY...THERE ARE TWO SISTERS AND THEN MY AUNT...WHEN WE GREW UP BASICALLY WHEN THEY WERE PRETTY MUCH JUST GROWN UP, BEFORE SHE CAME TO LIVE WITH THE FAMILY, I GUESS, AS I THINK ABOUT IT.

I: WELL, WHAT, UH, DID SHE WORK, OR...?

M: MY AUNT? SHE WAS THE ONE THAT WAS AT THE CANAL...SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN BANK AND THEN THE CANAL.

I: OH, I SEE.

M: AND AFTER THE SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN FAILED AND OF COURSE THEY...THEY DID FAIL, THAT WAS VERY CLOSE TO WHAT IT WAS, SHE WENT TO KETCHIKAN AND WORKED FOR A YEAR IN A BANK UP THERE, BEFORE SHE CAME BACK HERE. AND I THINK BY THAT TIME THE CANAL BANK HAD STARTED UP WITH... AND SHE WENT TO WORK THERE EARLY. AND THEN EVENTUALLY MARRIED A MAN AFTER IT BECAME PART OF THE, UH...OH, MY, I CAN'T NAME FIRST _____. MAYBE IT WAS AT _____ BEFORE THEY BECAME PART OF THE DEXTER HORTON OPERATION. UH, A MAN WHO WORKED IN THE BANK. SO THEY WERE MARRIED IN, LIKE, '32.

I: WELL, WHAT CAUSED THE BANK TO FAIL?

M: I CAN'T ANSWER. IN 1921 WE DIDN'T HAVE A DEPRESSION. I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

I: AND THAT WAS BEFORE INSURED (?)?

M: OH, YEAH, YEAH.

I: OOOH. THAT MUST HAVE REALLY SHOOK UP THIS AREA.

M: OH YEAH, IT DID. THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF PEOPLE HAD THEIR MONEY IN THERE.

I: ALL THEIR MONEY.

M: UH, HOWEVER, AND I CAN'T...I SHOULDN'T PUT ANY FIGURES, BUT, THEY GOT BACK "ALMOST" 100 PERCENT OF THEIR MONEY.

I: OH, REALLY?

M: IT WAS LIKE IN THE 90'S. EITHER 89 PERCENT OR INTO THE 90'S.

I: THAT'S PROBABLY A LITTLE UNUSUAL FOR THAT DAY, I WOULD....

M: OH, I'M SURE IT WAS, BUT IT WAS REALLY A GOOD PAY-OUT AS FAR AS... THEY APPARENTLY...WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEM WAS, IT WAS NOT THE PANICS GOING ON NOWADAYS, WHERE THEY'RE IN SO DEEP THAT THERE'S NO GETTING OUT.

I: YES, ISN'T THAT...THAT'S QUITE UNHEARD.

M: BUT, UH....

I: WELL, THEN, HOW LONG DID YOU WORK AT THE "TIMES" THEN?

M: UH, I WAS...'42 TO '47...FIVE YEARS, FOUR AND A HALF, WHICHEVER IT WAS ON, I'M NOT SURE. I WENT IN NOVEMBER AND LEFT IN MARCH. (LAUGH)

I: THEN WHAT DID YOU DO?

M: WENT OVER TO YAKIMA FOR...FOR THE IDEA...I WENT TO WORK FOR PACIFIC POWER OVER THERE AND...I WOULD COME HOME ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND AND THE MINUTE I HIT LAKE WASHINGTON I COULD SMELL THE SOUND AND I WAS HOME.

I: YES, OH, THE IDEA OF LIVING IN YAKIMA IS PRETTY AWFUL, I THINK.

M: IT TURNED OUT TO BE. I WAS NOT PREPARED FOR WHAT I MET.

I: I CAN'T QUITE SEE WHAT A HOME ECONOMIST WOULD DO AT PACIFIC POWER.

M: WELL, THEY HAD HAD IT BEFORE THE WAR, AND I WAS THE FIRST ONE AFTER THE

THE WAR, WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT IN AS MUCH AS MANY, MANY THINGS HAD CHANGED. AND MY IMMEDIATE BOSS, HIS SISTER HAD BEEN A HOME ECONOMIST, AND THEREFORE I SHOULD DO IT LIKE SHE DID IT.

SHE DID, YEAH. WHICH WAS REALLY DIFFICULT. ON TOP OF THAT, I WAS USED TO BEING HERE IN SEATTLE AND EXPOSED BECAUSE AT THE "TIMES" YOU WERE EXPOSED TO EVERYTHING AT THAT TIME. EVERYTHING THAT...

I: EVERYTHING NEW CAME IN, YES.

M: ...CAME, YES. WELL, UH, OVER THERE, THE NEW APPLIANCES HADN'T EVEN HIT FIRST BASE, PRACTICALLY.

I: PROBABLY NOTHING HAD.

M: AND, UH, IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT, LIKE, ONE OF THE LEADING APPLIANCE DEALERS OVER THERE WAS A HARDWARE STORE AND I WENT IN TO CALL ON HIM AND TELL HIM WHAT I COULD DO AND HE FINALLY LOOKED AT ME AND SAID, "NOT INTERESTED." AND THE DAMNED FELLA...EXACTLY CAN YOU DO FOR ME.

I: YES, I BET HE DID. (LAUGHING)

M: AND I COULDN'T DO A DEMONSTRATION FOR HIM...

I: NO.

M: ...BECAUSE I COULDN'T OFFER IT TO EVERY APPLIANCE DEALER. HE WAS ONLY ONE OF THEM AND I HAD TWO COUNTIES. UH, TECHNICALLY I WORKED FOR THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT OF PACIFIC POWER, AND SO THEREFORE I WORKED IN THE YAKIMA AND THE, UH, SUNNYSIDE DISTRICTS.

I: WHAT A MISERABLE PLACE TO WORK.

M: AND WHICH... (LAUGH)...MISERABLE IS RIGHT, AFTER A DUST STORM? THOSE DAYS WE STILL HAD THE DUST STORMS.

I: UH HUH, UH HUH. YOU SHOT DOWN A REMEMBRANCE AND WHAT A HORRIBLE

M: AT THE GRANGE HALL AND UP THE OTHER _____.

I: OH, GOSH. I HAVE A SON WHO LIVES OUT OF KITTITAS. NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT'S THE END OF THE WORLD. (LAUGH)

M: I HAVE A, WELL, THEY'RE REALLY AWFULLY GOOD FRIENDS THOUGH, BUT WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER VERY MUCH AND SHE WAS MY SECRETARY AT ONE TIME, WHOSE HUSBAND CAME FROM THAT AREA.

I: OH, YEAH.

M: AND, UH, HE IS NOW IN CHARGE OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY AND RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE. BUT, UH, YEAH, WHEN THEY WENT OVER THERE IT WAS ALWAYS THE END OF EVERYTHING. (LAUGHING)

I: YES, THE END OF EVERYTHING.

M: UH, I THINK I ALWAYS FELT AWFULLY TRAPPED IN YAKIMA.

I: YES.

M: I HAD...YOU KNOW, I WAS AMAZINGLY ENOUGH...I TALKED TO SOMEBODY HERE IN SEATTLE, SOMEBODY WHO HAD COME OVER FROM THERE, AND OF COURSE, HE ONLY _____ WORLD WAR II. HE HAD LIVED IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND HE FELT TRAPPED BECAUSE IF YOU WENT DOWN THE HILL YOU GOT INTO WATER. YOU KNOW, IF THE HILL WAS BEHIND HIM AND THE WATER WAS IN FRONT OF HIM. OVER THERE, THE HILLS WERE ALL THE WAY AROUND ME AND THIS DISTURBED ME NO END. I THOUGHT I COULDN'T ESCAPE FROM IT.

I: WELL, AND YOU DON'T SMELL IT. I LIKE THE SMELL OF LOW TIDE. SO, AND I MISS IT.

M: OH, I DO, TOO. BUT, UH...HE WAS REALLY A...ALSO, A BIT, IT WAS A VERY CLIQUE-ish COUNTY, AND, UH...WHICH I HAD NOT RUN INTO THAT HAVING BEEN....

I: AND CULTURE IS AN UNKNOWN WORD, ISN'T IT? AT LEAST IT IS IN ELLensburg.

M: YES, I THINK PRETTY MUCH SO. I'VE A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, WELL, SHE HAD WORKED AT THE "TIMES", AND, UH, SHE HAD BEEN BORN IN NACHES. HER HUSBAND IN YAKIMA. AND THEY'D GET INTO THE SOCIAL CIRCLE, UH... HOWEVER, ONE OF HER FRIENDS HAD NOT BEEN BORN THERE, BUT WAS A FOOTBALL COACH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. THEY COULDN'T REALLY GET TO IT.

I: NO.

M: BECAUSE IT JUST WAS, IT JUST WAS...YOU JUST DIDN'T.

I: UH HUH.
M: AND... NOW THIS SOUNDS TERRIBLE FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT, THIS MAN WHO WAS MY IMMEDIATE BOSS, UM, YOU KNOW, WANTED TO MAKE ME FEEL GOOD... AT HOME AND WHAT HAVE YOU, AND, UH, WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CHURCH AND WHEN I TOLD HIM... SO, HE INVITED ME TO ATTEND THEIR CHURCH AND SO I DID, AND GUESS WHO DIDN'T BOTHER SPEAKING TO ME? (LAUGH) AND THAT TOOK CARE OF THAT CHURCH. (LAUGH) BY THIS TIME I HAD LEARNED ALOT.
I: YES.
M: ABOUT... ABOUT HIM. ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE WORKING FOR SOMEBODY... ANOTHER MAN, IN THE ORGANIZATION. I THINK HAD I REALIZED THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE...
I: NOW, DID YOU FACE MUCH DISCRIMINATION AT ANY TIME WHEN YOU WERE WORKING?
M: YOU MEAN, AS A WOMAN? ER....
I: UH HUH.
M: NOT...
I: 'COURSE, I REALIZE THE FIELD YOU WERE IN, BUT...
M: THE FIELD I WAS IN OPENED A LOT OF DOORS, I'M SURE. SURE, THERE WAS... THERE WAS A FEELING, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING ANYWAY" AND "YOU DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT IT" KIND OF THING. I RAN INTO THAT TO SOME DEGREE WITH... IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY BECAUSE I DID NOT HAVE THE BACKGROUND IN DAIRY SCIENCE, IN SOME DEGREE....
I: OH. DID YOU KNOW GLADYS MATTSON? (SP?)
M: YES.
I: I REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SAID DAIRY I REMEMBERED SHE WAS A HOME ECONOMIST.
M: YES. SHE WAS WITH CARNATION, YES.
I: CARNATION, YEAH.
M: AND SHE WAS, UH... OH, MY GLORY, I CAN'T THINK OF HER NAME NOW. I'VE GOT IT DOWN SOMEPLACE. DOES SHE STILL... YOU KEEP IN CONTACT WITH HER?
I: UH HUH. I SEE HER AT _____ OCCASIONALLY.
M: UH HUH. PORTAGE BAY?
I: YES.
M: UH HUH.
I: YES. NOW IT SEEMS TO ME HER HUSBAND DIED.
M: YES. HE DID.
I: AND, UH...
M: THE LAST I'D COME ANYWAY. IT'S BEEN, OF COURSE... YOU KNOW, TWO YEARS HAVE DROPPED OUT OF MY LIFE AS FAR AS MY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE IS CONCERNED.
I: WELL, YES.
M: UH, SOME WAS... BECAUSE WHAT I DID... I WAS... I RAN INTO THIS WHILE I WAS _____ TODAY... I HAD A CALL ON THIS THING, FINALLY, ABOUT WHETHER A GAL HAD WORKED A COUPLE PLACES AROUND. AND, UH, SO I FOUND A LIST OF FORMER HOME EC... THE HOME ADDRESSES OF FORMER CHAIRMEN OF THE HOME ECONOMY... THE BUSINESS GROUP, AND UH, I DIDN'T HAPPEN TO NOTICE GLADYS' NAME OR I PROBABLY _____, UH... LAST NAME _____. I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HER FOR A LONG TIME. I MUST CALL HER.
I: UH HUH. SHE SEEMS TO BE DOING JUST FINE, FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN. UM, DO YOU KNOW CAROL KOLMER (SP)? I THINK SHE'S IN THE EUTHENICS GROUP, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.
M: THE NAME IS, UH...
I: SHE HAS A TERRIBLE VOICE.
M: SHE ISN'T... JUNE SMITH'S DAUGHTER, IS SHE?
I: YES.
M: OKAY, SURE I KNOW HER. BECAUSE JUNE AND I WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS.
I: OH, WERE YOU? SHE WAS A SWEET _____.
M: AND, OF COURSE, CAROL... UH, JUNE BELONGED TO, UH, ELECTRICAL WOMENS' ROUND TABLE.

I: UH HUH.
M: AND, UH, AT... YOU KNOW, THE LATTER PART, SHE CAME AND _____.
(SOUNDS LIKE: FELL AT THE BRANCH)
UH HUH.
UH, SO, UH, CAROL WAS KIND OF A MEMBER WITHOUT _____ OR SOMETHING.
(LAUGH) SHE CAME TO ALMOST EVERYTHING WE DID.
I: UH HUH.
M: SHE'S A NICE PERSON.
I: YES, SHE IS, SHE'S A VERY NICE PERSON. SHE WAS ALWAYS SO PROUD OF HER MOTHER.
M: WELL, AND HER MOTHER WAS EQUALLY PROUD OF HER, TOO.
I: VERY, VERY NICE PEOPLE.
M: AND APPARENTLY, NOW, THE GRANDSON LIVED WITH JUNE FOR A LITTLE WHILE SO THAT SHE COULD LIVE IN HER OWN HOME, SO OBVIOUSLY THE FAMILY WAS VERY CLOSE.
I: YES.
M: I HAVEN'T SEEN CAROL SINCE THE FUNERAL.
I: OH, REALLY?
M: UH HUH.
I: SEEMS TO BE MUCH THE SAME WHENEVER I SEE HER AND I, YOU KNOW, I BELONG TO A.U.W. AND, UH, I SEE HER THERE, AND I SEE GLADYS MATTSON, TOO, UH HUH.
M: WHAT WAS GLADYS... WAS GLADYS MATTSON HER FIRST MARRIED NAME?
I: I DON'T REMEMBER AND I DON'T THINK THAT....
M: I KEEP HAVING SUCH TIME... I MEAN SOMEBODY JUST DOESN'T

(END OF SIDE A)

(SIDE B - IN BRIEF)

- HOME ECONOMIST AT DARIGOLD; PLANT AT MT VERNON; SHOWPLACE WAS BURLINGTON DRY MILK PLANT; 1947; EXPERIMENTAL DEPT.
- MOTHER; CLOTHES WASHER/RINGER; WOOD STOVE & BOILING WHITE CLOTHES; NO BASEMENT IN HOUSE (HALF BASEMENT WITH DIRT FLOOR); NO ELECTRIC RANGE; APPLIANCES IN '40'S
- FRIGIDAIRE DEMONSTRATIONS; PROBLEMS WITH DRYERS; WORKED FOR SUNSET ELECTRIC IN 1941; SOLD APPLIANCES; CANNING DEMONSTRATIONS; WORKING WITH BERNICE _____ ("PRUDENT PENNY"); \$135/MONTH; G/E AND SERVICEMEN'S CLUB
- FATHER NEVER HAD CAR; YOUNGER BOYS IN FAMILIES USUALLY GOT CARS; 2 UNCLES HAD CARS; TOOK 36 HRS BETWEEN SEATTLE & TACOMA BECAUSE OF FLAT TIRES, ETC.; TOURING CARS; PICTURES OF CLOTHES; MOTHER MADE MOST OF CLOTHES & MARGARET SEWED EARLY ON
- FATHER INVESTED IN LAND, NOT VERY PROFITABLE: RAINIER VALLEY, WEST SEATTLE; BEFORE SHINGLEWEAVER, HE WAS IN GROCERY BUSINESS IN UNIV. DISTRICT (AFTER MARRIAGE IN 1902); 1910-1911 WENT INTO SHINGLE BUSINESS WITH 2 OTHER GUYS (AS BOOKKEEPER); 1914 WAS DISASTEROUS; MILL BURNED PRIOR TO HER BIRTH
- CARRIES: SUQUAMISH & POULSBO; RAY LEASED FROM STATE, ELEVATOR FOR BOATHOUSE; RAY CAME OUT IN '42, HAD BEEN ON HARBOR ISLAND.
- UNTIL 1950, MOTHER HAD STORE & MARJORIE WORKED IN IT; 1ST ONE ON 64TH & 36TH, AT END OF SUNSET HILL STREETCAR RUN; LIVED BEHIND

STORE, WHICH WAS OPEN 6.5 DAYS PER WEEK; CLOSED STORE WHEN MARJORIE GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY; SHE KEPT BOOKS FOR STORE; IT WAS MOTHER'S GOAL THAT MARJORIE WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO FINISH; CHEMISTRY CLASS, DR. POWELL

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