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Skotdale Dairy  
School - Whittier, Crown Hill.

Main Topic: Growing Up in Crown Hill

Subtopics: 009 - Description of business, 054 - Whittier School  
057 Crown Hill School 080 - Paths

113 - Sandlot Cemetery 214 - Jr. High - Club Day  
401 - Little School across from Chinese Restaurant (105<sup>th</sup>)

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Collector of spoons

Pictures of family around.

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INTERVIEW WITH HAZEL CORNELIUS

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INTERVIEWER: Solveig Lee

Q. I'm here at the home of Hazel Cornelius, 103379 9th N.W. We're here to discuss and reminisce over old days in Crown Hill. Where did you grow up?

A. Where did I grow up? Well, the first part of my life was down on 8th Avenue Northwest, about 100th Street. I was born on 100th and 8th. And when I was just a little child, I moved to a house right where the overpass comes over 8th Avenue. It's an old house and I lived there for a number of years. When I started to school, we moved to Ballard, and 73rd, and I went to Whittier. Then later my parents built a house on 12th and 97th and I moved there when I was about 12 and went through school there, Pershing High School.

Q. That was at Ballard High School.

A. Yeah, Ballard High School. And Monroe Junior High.

Q. Is the house still standing at 8th, where you . . .

A. Where I was born? Yes, the house is standing. It's on 8th at about 103rd.

Q. 103rd. Did you have brothers and sisters?

A. One sister. She's four years younger.

Q. And she's younger. What did your parents -- your parents, you said, came here to Ballard, to . . .

A. My parents were both born, one in Fremont, one in Ballard. My grandparents owned a dairy, on 8th Northwest.

Q. What is the name of that dairy?

A. Skoteal's Dairy. S-K-O-T-E-A-L.

Q. S-K-O-T-E-A-L.

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A. Yeah. Skoteal's Dairy.

Q. And that was, again . . .

A. Oh, it was on 8th Avenue and about 103rd, maybe. The old house was where we lived. And my father delivered milk in horse and buggy when he was about, anywhere, 18 to 19 years old, down in Ballard. My mother's family lived on 158th and they had a large strawberry patch there, strawberry farm.

Q. Were there not just farms in this area down here?

A. Yes.

Q. With mostly strawberries and cattle and . . .

A. Yeah. My parents -- there was one house between my two parents' families. You know, one owner between them. And they owned, my grandparents owned from 8th Avenue to (unclear) Avenue, from approximately 97th down to about 103rd. In that area. That was the Skoteal family. And the Miller family owned from about 105th clear down into where Dean (?) Harbor is. That's where they had to stop.

Q. Were there any other crops? Did they raise hops around here?

A. Not that I know of. No. All I remember is the dairy farms, cows (laughs), which I still hate.

Q. So then your parents were dairy farmers?

A. Mmm-hmm.

Q. And did your father have anybody work with him to milk the cows, or did he do all of the work himself?

A. It was a family run affair, the whole family, the whole family of his father and the whole bunch of kids run the dairy.

Q. Did they take turns? Were they delivering the milk?

A. Oh, my father did most of that. Yeah.

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Q. How often did they go? Daily or . . . ?

A. I imagine it was -- I don't remember back that far, but I believe it was daily.

Q. (Laughs)

A. You have to have your milk daily.

Q. I don't know what they did about that either.

A. They had a horse and a truck and a . . .

Q. I meant, did people get milk every day or did they get it every other day?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did they get it in bottles? Did they get it in cans? Or how?

I wonder how they did it.

A. I don't really know -- but my uncle could tell you that. But I believe they used to pour it into their buckets. They would set out a bucket and they'd pour it in.

Q. I wonder if that isn't what I see, a small kind of thing and with a lid on it.

A. Mmm hmm. Yes.

Q. You said you went to school first at Whittier?

A. No, first at ... um ... yeah, first at Whittier. When I finished, when we moved out here I went to the 4th grade at Crown Hill. We used to have A and B's, you know, 4A and 4B. So we started in the second half of the 4th grade at Crown Hill, finished up to the 5th. Then went back to Whittier, and from Whittier we went to James Monroe. It was only six grades, it was a six room school, only six grades.

Q. And what was it at Whittier?

A. Eight grades.

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- Q. But you started at Whittier?
- A. I started at Whittier in the first grade.
- Q. And was there -- how old were you when you started school in those days? Did they have kindergarten?
- A. No, they didn't have kindergarten, but I was 5. They let you start in the middle of the term. My birthday was in February. They let you start in the middle of the term. I started just before I turned 6.
- Q. And you said there were eight grades at Whittier?
- A. Eight grades.
- Q. Six rooms at Crown Hill.
- A. Six rooms at Crown Hill, uh huh. It was kind of a cute little -- if it's still up there, that old school. (Laughs)
- Q. Yes, it is. How did you get to school every day? First of all, at Whittier. You walked from here, in this area, to Whittier and then later from here to Crown Hill. Which school came first?
- A. I didn't live in this house.
- Q. No.
- A. I lived on 12th and 97th. We walked to school every day. After we got into junior high school, there was a little, what we called a "dinky" street car that ran along 85th. And we'd take that down to about, it must have been 24th. We'd get off there. But it was just as much trouble to walk there to get the dinky cars as it was to walk the whole distance.
- Q. What do you remember about things on your way this way? Did you have any interesting experiences? Any fun things you can remember happening? To and from school?

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- A. Well, I remember the board sidewalks. (Laughs) We had sidewalks made out of planks.
- Q. And that was up in here too?
- A. Yes, uh huh. All the way up in here (unclear) on 85th (unclear).
- Q. If they hadn't had the sidewalks, it would have been muddy.
- A. That was muddy, yes. I remember tripping and falling and getting all skinned up on the way to school. I mostly remember the boys chasing me and the snowballs and rocks. (Laughs)
- Q. Now, most of the children, all of the children went to school the same way. You said they'd take the dinky.
- A. The street car, yes. A little street car. We used to have a little token. But we found it was more fun to walk and talk. You know how girls like to gab and giggle.
- Q. Did they have any religion in school? Any prayers or Pledge of Allegiance, or . . . ?
- A. Oh, Pledge of Allegiance, yes. No prayers. Not that I ever remember.
- Q. I meant to ask you, which school was built first? Crown Hill or Whittier?
- A. Crown Hill was built in 1918.
- Q. The old section.
- A. Yeah. The old section. It was outside the city but it was an (unclear) school. I don't know when Whittier was built. I believe Crown Hill is the oldest.
- Q. Then, were they kind of, were there just people in this community that were behind the Crown Hill School, getting that started?
- A. I don't know.

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Q. Or was the Ballard School District -- no, it was Seattle School District then . . .

A. It was a Seattle school, yes. So that school was built the year I was born. I wouldn't know.

Q. If I didn't ask you, you might say when you were born.

A. I was born in 1918. That school was built the same year I was born.

Q. That's a good way to remember it.

A. (Laughs)

Q. Yes, all right. What classes did you take? Were there -- do you remember anything particularly? Now I would think, maybe, did they, like, did they have calisthenics, things like this?

A. We had our gym. The teacher took us down in the girls' basement and had gym with us. Or out when it was nice, out in the field, and we did play baseball and that kind of stuff.

Q. Was that during the day sometime?

A. Yes, during the day. Not every day though.

Q. Did you have any foreign language classes?

A. No.

Q. Did you have any children up there who did not speak English?

A. Nope. No. No.

Q. Were they most -- you said you were German.

A. German and Scandinavian both, Norwegian. No, I don't remember any of them that couldn't speak English. It was a mixture, very -- a mixture, and there was quite a few of them too. I remember a lot of the kids. I can just see them. I especially remember my 5th grade teacher. She made such an impression on me.

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Q. It really would. Well, now, let's see. What other things did your teacher have done?

A. The principal used to teach the 6th grade. (unclear) All my cousins went to school there and, "Oh, you don't want to get him for a teacher! He's terrible!" I was scared to go into 6th grade.

Q. But he was all right when you got there.

A. (Laughing) I never had him. We got a new one before then. Lucky.

Q. Did you have any plays or things like that you remember?

A. We used to have entertainments. We'd have, you know, like Christmas, singing and pageants, and then we'd always have a May Day party outside where everybody would come up and we'd have a big entertainment out in the back yard.

Q. Did they have a May pole?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you dance?

A. I used to do it once in a while, yeah.

Q. Did you kind of dress up in costumes too? Or you'd just dance in your regular clothes?

A. No, our regular clothes. My Mom always saw to it that I had something fancy on.

Q. Your mother was a good sewer.

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Now, were most of the teachers men or were they women?

A. Women, all women, except the principal. He was a man. All the teachers were women. Which I liked. I always would rather have a woman teacher than a man. (Laughs)

Q. How many children were in your elementary class?

A. I imagine there were 55 anyway.

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Q. Was that all one grade?

A. There was -- well, you would have 5A, 5B. You could go to school in the middle of the term so some kids were half a year ahead. The teacher taught both. Like 5th grade, she'd have the 5A and 5B, so she had to teach two different levels (laughs) but they were so much alike. But there was quite a few kids in the class.

Q. Well, did you do a lot of memorization?

A. Quite a bit, uh huh.

Q. And did you have to get up and recite?

A. (Laughing) Which I would rather have taken any grade than do.

Q. (Laughs) Now, getting into your high school classes, how many children were in your high school graduation, about?

A. My graduation class! Oh, man. I went to the reunion two years ago. There were 200 and some at the reunion. So it must have been a large class.

Q. What year did you graduate?

A. I graduated in '36. Yeah, it was a large graduating class.

Q. Now, getting back to the grade school, did the children sit in any particular order in the classrooms?

A. Yes, they did. The ones that didn't mind and were loud and were naughty, they had to sit in the front row (laughs), and the ones who minded, they got to sit in the back. The ones that looked out the window all the time had to be on the other side. They sat them according to the way they acted, not anything else. (Laughs) I sat in the back row.

Q. And there was one grade for every class, that is, one class for every grade.

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A. Yes, uh huh. There were six rooms, 1st to 6th. I remember the school. They used to have a teachers' room and a nurse's room and a clock room.

Q. It's up on that upper level?

A. On that level up there above the stairs and we used to have to take turns. People who were real good in the higher grades, real nice ones that didn't cause any trouble, got to ring the bell.

Q. Oh. Where was the bell?

A. It was down in the hall. Right below the -- right where the two stairs went down to the boys' and girls' basements. There was a thing there where you could ring the bell. Boy, I thought that was a great . . . (laughs) ~~lot of books at home, volunteer~~ I remember starting the library at Crown Hill after my kids were there. We started that in the old teachers' room up in that area.

Q. Where the nurse's room . . . ?

A. Yeah. ~~school~~.

Q. In the 50's.

A. We started with one book. And took what we ended up with.

Q. It's wonderful. And a lot of thanks go to you for all the work you did. Do you remember anything about your first day at school?

Remember going there at all?

A. All I know is I never wanted to go back. (Laughs) I'd find every excuse there was not to go to school. I was quite bashful, real shy. My mother used to have to take me and drop me off at the door and I'd hang on to her and didn't want to go.

Q. You mean she'd have to slip off when you were . . . ?

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A. Oh, she'd say, "Honey, you come home with me. It's all right."

Q. I think that's cute.

A. I had a daughter that did the same thing.

Q. (Laughs)

A. Only I didn't take her home.

Q. You read a lot yourself too, then. You said the teacher read but you read too.

A. (Unclear)

Q. Was there a library around here outside of the school library?

A. Just the Ballard, the old Ballard Library.

Q. You had to go down to the Andrew Carnegie Library on Market.

A. Yeah. But I had a lot of books at home. (Unclear) . . . and my grandparents gave books to us.

Q. Did you have lots of homework?

A. No. I don't believe in homework. We never had much. No, not in grade school.

Q. What other things -- what things did the children do? Did they have any activities at school? Did you have any clubs or . . . ?

A. We played baseball, and when I got in the, down to high school, played field hockey. The girls had all kinds of athletics, you know. We played field hockey. We had intermural games. And dances, school dances, which, boy, that was my (laughs) -- highlight on my month was when we had a school dance. We had PTA dances, too, where you go to a hall. There were lots of activities if you wanted to do them.

Q. Now, were some of the activities for the children available through the churches then too?

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- A. Not that I know of, no. In junior high school, they had what they called a Club Day. Everyone, at the first of the year, joined a club. They were different clubs. Anything you were interested in. Quilting clubs, speaking, writing, and all these kind of clubs.
- Q. Was it kind of like an activity period?
- A. It was an activity period, uh huh, and we had it once a month, we had our clubs. It was really a . . .
- Q. Which club did you join?
- A. Well, the first time I joined the quilting club and we made quilts, quilt tops. It was a real lot of fun.
- Q. Bet your mother made them at home, too.
- A. Not much. No.
- Q. Well, you were so busy . . .
- A. No, she wasn't.
- Q. Milking and taking care of . . .
- A. No, my father milked. After my grandparents died, my Dad went to work at the Carnation dairy. We didn't have any work to do up there (laughs) comes to milking or anything. They gave up the dairy, though.
- Q. Was this when Carnation came into existence? Was this when he did this?
- A. Yeah. My grand -- my uncles owned a -- went into business for themselves and opened their own dairy and they sold out to Carnation. They all went to work for Carnation.
- Q. At the time Carnation came in, there was quite a -- there was a lot of friction between Carnation and some of the others.
- A. Christopherson's (sp?) and others, yes.

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Q. I know there was up north too.

A. But they owned this dairy for years, you know. My Dad worked with them. (Unclear)

Q. O.K. Now, when did the school year begin and when did it end?

A. Oh, let's see. Usually it started about the same time as now, right after Labor Day, and ended the first part of June.

Q. Just like it is now.

A. Uh huh.

Q. Do you remember anything about the methods of discipline that were used, outside of how they had the children placed?

A. Not really. Got sent to the principal's office. I don't know what happened up there. (Laughs) I never got sent there. I don't really know. I think they got kept after school but that's about all.

Q. O.K. That's fine. What did young people in Ballard do for entertainment after they graduated from high school? Or up here at Crown Hill? Did they go down to Ballard a lot?

A. Oh, I don't know. I used to go to a lot of dances with my folks. I never did much on my own. Go to movies. We used to go to Greenwood to the movies.

Q. Well, I understand that there were at least two theaters on Market Street, the Bay Theater and the Baghdad Theater.

A. Mm hmm, and then the Grand on Greenwood.

Q. The Grand at Greenwood. And I understood that there was one at West Woodland also?

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- A. Yes, yes, there was. We used to go to a lot of movies, my girl friends and I. My Dad always took us in the car and always came down and got us. We were never allowed to be out alone, even in those days. No way. We used to go swimming a lot. Go down to Carkeek, walk through the woods down to Carkeek and North Beach.
- Q. You say you had a car. When did you get a car?
- A. My folks always had a car, as long as I can remember. We had a Ford. It was old-fashioned Fords for a while, Model T, and a Chevrolet.
- Q. And then when summer came along, what did you do in the summer time?
- A. Oh, mostly helped in the yard.
- Q. And did you have a garden?
- A. Oh, a big one. A big garden. And we used to go swimming, like I said, go down to the beach a lot.
- Q. Do you remember anything about preserving of some of the vegetables, canning, or whatever you did?
- A. Mom did all of that. She didn't want anybody bothering her. I didn't pay much attention to it. My interests were more in helping my Dad build something in the back yard. (Laughs)
- Q. Did you feed the calves?
- A. We didn't have any animals at all. (Unclear) When my grandfather died in 1919, 1920, around there, they sold the farm and we never had anything more to do with it. We didn't have any animals except our dogs and cats and chickens.
- Q. Well, do you remember anything about your first job?
- A. My first job? Oh, yeah. That was fun. (Laughs) Besides baby sitting for 25¢ a day, I used to -- 25¢ a day I used to get for baby sitting,

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A. (continued)

Q. and then they asked me to do the housework too, which my mother said, "No way" -- my first job was in my aunt's and uncle's store.

Q. Where was this?

A. It was on Roosevelt and 85th or 90th, around in there. They had a little, what you'd call a delicatessen type store, and I used to go over there and work, and I just loved it. It was so much fun.

Q. Being with the people . . .

A. With the people . . . they had enough money to feed their kids he had

Q. How old were you then?

A. I was about 18.

Q. And you had graduated from high school that year.

A. Yeah.

Q. So that your boss was your aunt and uncle.

A. Yeah.

Q. Do you remember what you got paid?

A. No, I don't remember.

Q. Were you just helping them out or something?

A. Well, I got paid. To me it was a fortune. I really enjoyed it. All

of the young fellows used to come in and my uncle would disappear

so they could talk to me. Oh, he was such a card anyway. But we --

let's see now -- (unclear) lunch meat, you know, all this kind of

stuff. We had that type of a little dairy store. We had a candy

counter. Little kids would come in and buy candy and I enjoyed that

a lot.

Q. Penny candy?

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A. Penny candy.

Q. Sometimes I'd hear about how people, when these little children came in, would sometimes give them a piece, a piece of candy, kind of . . .

A. Yes, my uncle was a very soft-hearted man.

Q. Don't you think a lot of the people were, who had the stores in those days? It seems like people did . . .

A. Oh, yeah.

Q. Did go to . . .

A. If he didn't think they had enough money to feed their kids, he'd give them a couple of extra little pieces of something in the bag, He was just a real good guy.

Q. Getting back to school, do you remember anything about your high school graduation? Was there anything -- did you wear gowns in those days or what did you wear?

A. No. We didn't. The girls wore long fancy dresses.

Q. And they weren't all alike?

A. No (unclear) Mine was white lace. My aunt took me shopping and my mother gave her the money and she took me shopping and I got a dress for \$25 and my mother almost died when she heard how much it cost.

(Laughter)

Q. In those days, I'll bet that was really quite a price.

A. It was absolutely a beautiful dress.

Q. Now, as we go on, what other jobs did you have after the delicatessen? Do you remember any that you thought were interesting particularly?

A. Not really. I don't think I had too many jobs. I stayed home. My mother was not too well and I did most of the housework. I took care of her.

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Q. Now, were there any Indians living up in this area?

A. Uh uh.

Q. Where did the Indians live around here? Were they over on the Magnolia side?

A. I don't know. I never remember seeing any.

Q. Another thing. Do you know anything about the times when any epidemics like small pox . . . ?

A. No, but I remember the scarlet fever. They had scarlet fever and diphtheria going through here very badly and my little cousin, I remember that she died of it.

Q. And they had to quarantine her house?

A. Oh, yes. My Dad would bring milk down there and he'd pour it into a pail and set the pail way away from the house.

Q. And somebody from the house would have to come.

A. They'd have to come out and get it, yeah. I remember that.

Q. Well, wasn't it difficult for a family? What happened to the bread winner in that family? Could that person get out? Did they stay at home?

A. I don't remember. I was kept away from it completely. My mother didn't like it when my Dad went down there, actually. Now, you know, it's a little different. People aren't quite that crazy, I guess, now. I can remember that so well. She got diphtheria and scarlet fever at the same time.

Q. Well, then, did a doctor come to call on their home?

A. No, they had no doctor. They finally took her when she got so bad, they took her, the only place they could take her then was over to, Firland? They had a little hospital there.

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Q. And those were the ones who were especially ill, is that right? Or did all of them go over there?

A. My aunt and uncle didn't -- no, they just didn't use doctors. They just liked to heal themselves. I remember them taking her over there. She didn't live very much longer.

Q. Do you remember anything about any other things about, you know, you kind of took care of yourselves instead of running to the doctor? What were some of the other things you might have done as preventative, perhaps, preventative medicine? Do you remember anything about goat's milk?

A. No, nobody ever had it, no. My father was in the milk business (laughs) so we didn't drink goat's milk. No, I just remember that we always had good food, lots of food, lots of milk, and it was always out of the garden, eggs from the chickens, and all that.

Q. There was never any problem with undulant fever?

A. No, no problem whatsoever. I can remember my Mom always had doctors for us.

Q. Now, you mentioned you were delivering milk. Sometimes people delivered groceries. Did they deliver groceries to you?

A. Mmm hmm.

Q. How would you go about that? Would you order?

A. Order on the telephone. Then they bring them down to you.

Q. Did almost everybody have a telephone?

A. Most people, I think, yeah.

Q. And it was a telephone that was on the wall?

A. Yeah.

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Q. And whom did you talk to? Did you talk to the operator?

A. You talked to the operator, tell your number you wanted, and they'd get you -- maybe there'd be four, five people on the line.

Q. Did you have much trouble with the telephone going out?

A. Uh uh.

Q. Did you have lots of trees around here?

A. Mmm hmm. Lots and lots of trees. We never had any problems, no.

Q. Not that windy right at your house (unclear) Now you said, when you were going to school, did you have a lot of responsibilities at home too? Your mother had your help with a lot of this?

A. I did the dishes. I washed them; my sister dried. That was about it. But as time went by, I took over more and more because my Mom was not well. She died at a very young age. And she wasn't well. I took over ironing and laundry.

Q. Just because of responsibility. You were still (unclear).

A. Yeah. I house cleaned. I always helped as much as I could. Just because I felt helping her was necessary. But she didn't -- she always had a washwoman, she never did her own laundry or ironing or anything when I was little. I can remember that. But she was never well. But that was about -- the only thing I had to do with was the dishes. That was about the only -- My sister and I fought about it, too, you know.

Q. You said your mother was here and your father was also here in this area.

A. Mmm hmm.

Q. They were born here?

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- A. Mmm hmm. My mother, I believe, was born in Fremont, my dad in Ballard.
- Q. So your mother was born in Fremont. Do you know what year that was?
- A. 18--, I can't exactly remember. I've got it written down somewhere, 189--.
- Q. Is it some place near (unclear)
- A. Where she was born? Well, I couldn't tell you exactly.
- Q. Where did she go to school?
- A. My mother. (Unclear - sounds like Oak Lake)
- Q. Way up there!
- A. Well, there was a little tiny school up -- oh, I don't know how to explain. There's a Chinese restaurant up there on 105th just right off Greenwood. There's a Chinese restaurant. Do you know where that is?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Directly across the street there was a little portable and that was a 1-room school where my mother went to.
- Q. It was very close to a McDonald's now?
- A. No, there's no McDonald's there now. On that corner there's a bank. Right up there at 105th and Greenwood. Oh, there's a 7-11 store.
- Q. 7-11.
- Q. But anyhow, there was a little dinky portable school there on 105th between Greenwood and the next street.
- Q. Were there lots of little schools around like 2-room schools or something, in the Ballard area?
- A. When my mother went to school? My father went to Salmon Bay School when he was little.

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Q. Now he lived in Ballard. Did he live close to Salmon Bay?

A. I don't remember where they lived. My uncle told me just recently but I forgot. Down in Ballard. But my Dad went to school at Salmon Bay. And my uncle -- he's still alive at 91 -- he was in the very first class to graduate out of the brand new Ballard High School.

Q. Oh, really? This is your . . .

A. Yes, my uncle.

Q. Your uncle -- is this the one that's still living?

A. He's still alive, yes. He's 91.

Q. Oh, where does he live?

A. They live in Port Townsend.

Q. Oh, it would be fun to go to see him and talk to him.

A. He could tell you a lot of things about what happened back then. He's a real interesting man. And they lived down there and he went to -- my aunt and uncle both -- I had two uncles and an aunt that graduated from Ballard High School.

Q. That name was what?

A. Gottdorf, F. Gottdorf. (sp?) Yeah, he went to . . .

Q. How many were in that class? There weren't too many.

A. No, but there is another woman alive who graduated with my uncle and her name is Borg, B-O-R-G. If you want me to, I can get ahold of her daughter; I can get the number for you where she lives. Mrs. Borg. She graduated with my uncle from high school. She could tell you a lot.

Q. Do you know what year that was?

A. Around 19-- (inaudible) Somewhere in there.

Q. This is the new Ballard High School.

A. The one that's there now, mmm hmm, yeah. There was three generations of us that . . . my father and me and my uncle.

Q. Isn't that kind of funny. Well now, how is it that your mother's family happened to come to Ballard?

A. My mother's family came to the United States because my grandmother had two sisters here and my grandfather had one brother, no, one sister; I'm sorry.

Q. Were they in Ballard or were they some other place?

A. No, they were just in Seattle mostly.

Q. But they were . . .

A. I don't know where they were. They were in Seattle. My grandparents came over here. That's the German ones.

Q. The German ones.

A. Yeah. They came over. I don't know why my other grandparents came over here at all.

Q. Do you know about what years they came?

A. My grandpa and grandma from Germany came here -- they said when they came here, Seattle was smoldering from the fire.

Q. 1889, then.

A. Everything was in a tent. All places were in tents. Bon Marche and everything, when they got here. They came across in a boat from Germany with two little kids in diapers plus another one -- they had two in diapers and two that weren't in diapers.

Q. Do you know how long it took them to get here?

A. No, but a long time. But they came into Canada. They landed some place in Canada and then they took a train across Canada to Vancouver

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A. (continued)

and then came down to Seattle. But I think how much -- oh, what they had to go through with two kids in diapers.

Q. It must have been . . .

A. Yeah. I don't know much about my father's side of the family, when they came here. The reason I know this is my cousin is doing, like I said, she's doing our history. She's got back to about 1300 now.

Q. That must be very interesting.

A. It is, it is.

Q. Would you like to say when you got married?

A. When we got married? 1939. Our 49th year this year.

Q. Oh, wonderful.

A. Hey, wait a minute. Let me think back. 1939 we were married, yeah. I was 21.

Q. 21 years old.

A. Mmm hmm, yep.

Q. And did you have a honeymoon?

A. Nope. We didn't have a honeymoon at all. We had a honeymoon on our 25th anniversary.

Q. You decided maybe that was nicer?

A. I don't know. He had to work. We were just barely making it now.

He had to work.

Q. Is your husband from here also?

A. Yeah. He's from Renton.

Q. So -- but you met him someplace else.

A. Yeah, I met him -- we were picking raspberries when I met him (laughs).

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A. (continued)

For a lark in the summer, you know. He wasn't born here but he lived here when he was 9 years old. He came over . . .

Q. But since you've been married, you've always lived here?

A. We lived in Renton for a while.

Q. And then you moved back to Crown Hill again. Right to this house?

A. No, the house we moved to, right there at 9th and 97th, right on the corner, that was the house we moved into. Then we sold that one and moved here. This house was built by my uncle and aunt.

Q. Now, do you have children?

A. Yeah, we've got four.

Q. And were they born at home or in the hospital?

A. Aah, let's see. I think -- wait a minute -- three of them were in Ballard and one in Northwest.

Q. This is the present Ballard Hospital?

A. No, no. The old Ballard Hospital!

Q. Which Ballard Hospital was it? I understand there were three.

A. The old Ballard Hospital. It was right above the theater down there.

Q. The Bay Theater?

A. No, above the Baghdad Theater. It was up in that building. Three of my kids were born there.

Q. Upstairs?

A. Uh huh.

Q. Now, is that up there where the (unclear) is now? I'm not sure where the Baghdad Theater was.

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- A. Oh, gee, I couldn't tell you. No, wait. Where Penney's used to be. Right around there where Penney's used to be. I haven't been in Ballard for so long, I wouldn't know when it was there. I think it's right where Penney's used to be, in the building above there. Before this was built.
- Q. So then you had the doctor deliver them there?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. If you'd like to answer, did your parents go to church?
- A. Yeah. All my parents were Lutherans. Both sides.
- Q. And so, I suppose, everybody is pretty much of a Lutheran then?
- A. Oh, yeah. (unclear)
- Q. What did Ballard look like? What did Crown Hill look like? Do you remember it?
- A. As a child?
- Q. Yes.
- A. Our house was on about 97th and 9th, and on 97th and 12th, and our next house was a great big brick one about 90 . . . let me guess, and when we first came here, my father cut his own road from the brick house down to where we were going to build. There were a couple of little, tiny, shack-like houses there. There was a lot of vacant lots and we used to walk, cut across there and go to school. There was no (unclear) street there, just brush and mud. It was really out in the sticks.
- Q. Do you remember anything about Whittier School, if there were cattle in the yard? Because I understand one teacher who taught there -- I guess this may be earlier, I'm not sure -- she was afraid of the

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- Q. (continued) ~~have any pictures you'd like to show?~~
- cattle and they were all around her, so I understand, so her brother went to school with her every day because she was frightened about the cattle that were in the school yard.
- A. I don't know. I wasn't there (unclear)
- Q. Do you remember any teacher's names over there?
- A. I remember my first grade teacher. Her name was Miss Overcotter (sp?).
- Q. What an interesting name.
- A. That's why I remember. She was about the sweetest lady, just the sweetest lady. That's the only one I remember.
- Q. All right. Where were the forests that you liked to (unclear) around. Did you have to go to Carkeek or where?
- A. Forests went all the way up to Greenwood. (Unclear) Not too much right around here because, like I said, this was pasture for my family's dairy.
- Q. Lots of stumps.
- A. Lots of stumps. Little short trees, you know. There was no big trees there.
- Q. Do you remember when all the trees were finally cut down?
- A. I remember when these houses along here were built.
- Q. You've lived here through the whole thing.
- A. We lived on 9th for a while. We lived in Renton for a while. We moved out here when Fred was four. And we moved back out here. We moved in here when my other son was 3. We've lived here a long time.
- Q. Well, I've enjoyed this.
- A. Well, I hope I've given you some information.

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Q. Now, do you have any pictures you'd like to . . .

A. I'll show you just one. This is . . . the front of Crown Hill School. 5th grade picture. You can see where I am.

Q. You did have a large class.

A. She had 5A and 6B (sounds like 6B, not 5B). I remember when they built the new Crown Hill School. You probably remember that.

Q. No. I don't.

A. My son was in -- oh, goodness, I believe about 3rd or 4th grade when they built that new addition. He's 47 years old.

Q. Isn't that something, though. The new addition is just lovely.

A. Oh, it was such a tremendous (unclear) having an auditorium, and the rooms. (unclear)

Q. It's such a nice size. They have a nice amount of storage space.

A. I remember when Fred went to school there. He was so worried because he was going to get a new teacher. He had Miss Shelton, Ann Shelton.

A. Oh, she's a wonderful teacher.

A. He just cried and cried. "We're going to have a new teacher and I don't want a new teacher." What she did, she went out and found out that she could move up with the kids and so he was thrilled to death. He had her for two years.

Q. Now, was she there in the old school, or did she arrive . . . ?

A. No, she was there when they built the school because she taught the kids . . .

Q. In the new addition.

A. Yeah. She taught the kids. She was in a portable. She taught the kids how to square dance and my son got to be in it and got to be in the presentation at the school, you know. They danced.

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Q. Oh. What else happened? Was this when they dedicated the school?

A. When they dedicated, uh huh.

Q. They had a dance -- or they danced . . .

A. They danced on the stage.

Q. Did some of them sing?

A. Yeah, they had a lot of . . . The only thing I remember was what my son did, of course (laughs). He danced the square dance. He went on to do it more and more (laughs). But he was so thrilled.

Q. Did the parents want to have the (unclear) that they had at Crown Hill where you have a stage, an auditorium and a lunch room. I mean, really, it is quite well laid out, and you also had (unclear) You have sufficient space even if it rains and if you want to give programs, there's a place . . .

A. It was really great.

Q. Have to be eating and having the gym in the auditorium.

A. Well, before that, when I went to school, we lined up on either side of the long hall of Crown Hill School. And then they had the program right in the middle of the hall in front of the principal's office. And that's the only place you could go stand and watch the program. And it was . . .

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