

Interview of Florence Cole

INT: Want to give me your name? Your full name.

FC: Florence Cole -- Adelaide Cole. Do you want the maiden name, you mean?

INT: Yeah, I think if you put your maiden name in there because you did go to Ballard.

FC: Okay, Florence Adelaide ?Knudeman? Cole (laughs) [Below, she says 'Weiderman']

INT: Okay, and you grew up in Ballard?

FC: Uh, from the time I was five. I was born in Canada.

INT: Oh. How come you came here?

FC: Uh, well my mother passed away in Canada. And we were kind of just left up there...

it was just us kids. We were kind of stranded up there. So my dad's uncle or brother,
my dad's brother came up and got us all down here, because my dad had left the year
before.

INT: Oh, all six of you came down?

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: And lived with your uncle?

FC: No we didn't. We lived with my grandmother for awhile. And then, my oldest sister who
is 18 years older than I am. When she was 21, she got married. My kid sisters were
raised by her. My two brothers were shipped to California and lived with my grandfather
down there and my dad.

INT: And did you come right to Ballard?

FC: Yes, um hmmm.

INT: Where did you live?

FC: Ah, we first lived on 65th and 24th. And then we moved up to 80th and 27th.

INT: And, um, what school did you go to?

FC: First we went to Adams, and then Loyal Heights. And James Monroe and Ballard High.

INT: Everybody I've talked to has gone to Adams. (laughs)

FC: (laughs) I was only there about a year.

INT: Huh.

FC: And then my sister built and bought a home, and so we lived there. Anna.

INT: And then the second school you went to was Loyal Heights?

FC: Umm hmm. And then I stayed there, until I went to James Monroe, and then Ballard.

INT: Umm. Loyal Heights is still... it's still a school.

FC: Yes, it is. I know when I first started it was mostly portables, and then they built
the school after I'd been there.

INT: Oh, it was?

FC: Um hmm.

INT: What... did you take different subjects? I mean what did they teach there?

break at 02:23

FC: mostly the 3 r's: reading, writing, and arithmetic (laughs). Just kind of, you know,
that's what they use to teach (garbled from 2:31 to 2:37). And then biology when you
got into junior high you got biology.

INT: You went to (garbled at 2:44)?

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: What year was that?

FC: Oh, gosh.

INT: Well I mean, it must have been fairly new because...

(INT and FC talk over each other)

FC: It was ?Phinney, the year before I went there.

INT: Oh.

FC: It was ?Phinney. (garbled) was new. Because that was the first year you went from
was it the... looking back...

INT: Years ago at the eighth grade.

FC: Yeah, Um hmm. And then one started junior high was that, uh...

INT: Start at seventh. Seventh, eighth, and ninth.

FC: Seventh, eighth and ninth. Um hmm.

INT: Um hmm. So you spent 6th grade at Loyal Heights.

FC: Um hmm, at Loyal.

INT: Did you belong to any clubs when you went to James Monroe? Like was you in Girls Club, or did they have Girls Club in (garbled)?

FC: I was in the Girls Club.

INT: and?

FC: Not Campfire Girls, the Girl Scouts or something like that.

INT: And then you went to Ballard.

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: Did Ballard have portables?

FC: Hmmm... I don't think so. Not then.

INT: Because when I went there they did.

FC: What year was that?

INT: Well, I got out of there in '46.

FC: Okay, I was already there in '38. I can't remember them having portable.

INT: Did you ... you just... took the regular subjects in Ballard High, also?

FC: Sure did. Typing. I took, um ... oh, um... what do you call it... office course, you know sort of emphasized (garbled)

INT: Commercial courses

FC: Commercial courses, I couldn't think of that, commercial course.

INT: When I went to, uh, grade school, the teacher... the women teachers couldn't be married.

Is that how it was when you went?

FC: I guess it was, come to think of it, because I know a, a couple of teachers were going to marry (garbled). I think I had two men teachers the whole time I went to school.

INT: I didn't have many men teachers, either.

FC: Hmmm.

INT: In high school I think I had more then. I don't think I had any in grade school.

FC: No, I didn't in grade school, and junior high, I think I had one. No, I had two men teachers in Ballard High.

INT: The principals, were they all men, or...

FC: At Loyal Heights it was a woman principal. I don't remember her name. (laughs)

INT: Did you take any foreign languages?

FC: I took latin for a while, and that was just when... I believe they used to have like a Latin Club.

So I took Latin for awhile.

INT: Was it required?

FC: No. No foreign language was for the commercial courses.

INT: Do you, um, remember how big the classes were?

FC: Gosh I don't think there were over 23 or 24 at the most.

INT: How did they seat them, alphabetically, or...

FC: Alphabetically, I was always the last one

INT: (laughs) What was your last name?

FC: Weiderman

INT: Oh yeah, you would be the last one.

FC: Very last one.

INT: I was always in the front, mine was Faber.

FC: Oh, huh. Did you go to Ballard High, too?

INT: Yeah.

FC: Did you know any of the Cordis's?

INT: Cordis?

FC: Umm hmm. (? garbled ?)... Dorothy on Ballard Ave, and... don't remember who.

INT: Did you have a lot of homework?

FC: Oh, yes.

INT: Even in grade school?

Break at 06:11

FC: Um, even in grade school. Course now when we get to junior high and high school, we had um, study hall, so, we could do part of it there, but no, we had quite a bit of homework.

INT: I guess we did have study hall in junior high. I forgot that.

FC: Umm hmm. And then, um... like I took, um... literature, and we always had to write poems, and things like that.

Learn poetry. I don't think they do that anymore. I still remember some of the poems that we learned at school.

INT: Was it literature that we had to read so many books?

FC: We read Ivanhoe, Silas Marner, novels.

Fourth Voice: Coffee? Do you use cream and sugar?

INT: No, just black. I think that was good that we were required to read books.

FC: Umm, hmm.

(Coffee service noises)

INT: Because even now I like to read.

FC: I though the memory work was good. We used to have a memory class.

(Coffee service noises)

INT: (To a 3rd person) Did you go to school here?

qjk: No.

INT: When did you come to Ballard?

qjk: When we got married. 52 years ago.

INT: Fifty-two? (laughs)

qjk: (sighs)

(Room noises)

INT: What?

(Room noises)

(Garbled)

(Book or magazine noises)

Fourth Voice: Hope you don't mind mugs.

INT: Oh, no, that's what I like.

qjk: Me, too.

(Room noises)

INT: Cookies. I'm going to get fat doing this, every place I go I get cookies.

All: (laughing)

FC: Another thing I remember in school too, kids used to get spankings at school, too.

INT: Oh, yeah.

FC: I remember knowing different ones who'd have to go in the principal's office and we knew what was going

on.

INT: But I wonder what they spanked them with?

qjk: I don't know.

INT: Did they use their hand, or...

FC: It was usually the same ones, every time, that were in, getting into trouble.

INT: I know we had to stand in the hall, I didn't... well, I suppose they spanked too, I never....

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: ... I was a good kid, I never got spanked.

FC: No, I wasn't. I always kept out of the teacher's way.

INT: (laughs)

qjk: (laughs) (?garbled?)

INT: I did have to stand in the hall a lot, I know. Do you remember, uh, if the school year was as long,
as it is now?

FC: I think it was about the same. But they did have some (?garbled?), you know. Like if your birthday
was in January,

you would start the first grade in January.

INT: Oh. Hmmm.

FC: So, I mean, there wasn't like you have to wait a whole year before you could start school. There was
different beginnings of school.

INT: Umm, hmm.

FC: One in the summer, one in the fall, and one in the winter, so.... Because my birthday was in January,
is in

January, so I mean I could start in January.

INT: Oh. You go to kindergarten?

FC: Yes, um, hmmm. At, um, Adams. Brand new Adams.

INT: Then did you graduate from high school?

FC: I went to my last ?garbled? year, and then I quit and went to work.

INT: A lot of kids did.

FC: Well, you had to, you know. Well, you didn't have to. But I did go to um, Broadway High School, part time

school, and night school, so I made up my credits, as far as graduating from Ballard. I lacked one half year.

Break at 10:42

INT: Did you... what did you... did you go to school dances? What did you do for entertainment?

FC: They didn't have school dances that I can remember. Do you -- did you go to school out here?

qjk: I went to ?Benson?

FC: Do you remember school dances?

qjk: Umm umm.

FC: In fact, I think a football team just started when I was in high school.

INT: Oh.

FC: And they'd go to the football game. But we used to make our own entertainment you know (?garbled?), you had

certain friends.

INT: Umm hmm.

FC: And we'd go for walks, course we lived close to Golder Gardens, and we would walk down there a lot.

INT: Golden Gardens was a lot different.

FC: Oh, it was ???, and you didn't have to be afraid, walking in all that woods and everything, I mean you could

just walk, and not even think about anything.

INT: Ummm.

FC: Which now, you... you wouldn't dare trust your kids going down there.

INT: Hmm. Was there a lot of woods from your house to Golden Gardens?

FC: Oh yeah, it wasn't built at all like it is now. In fact, the park, Salmon Bay Park, not too far from...

INT: Did you live by Salmon Bay Park?

FC: Not too far. We'd pass it on the way to school.

INT: Oh.

FC: We used to walk, see. To school all the time.

INT: Yeah. Well you'd have to.

FC: Yeah, umm hmm.

INT: When I was little, I lived right across the street from Salmon Bay Park.

FC: It's not there anymore is it, or...

INT: The park is. Yeah.

FC: It is?

INT: Umm, hmm.

FC: Hmm.

INT: It's still there. It's not very big, but it's still is.

FC: Well...

INT: The house I lived in is still there. Is the house you lived in still there?

FC: Oh, yeah, my older sister still lives in it.

INT: Oh, she does?

FC: Yes, she's 86 now.

INT: Uh huh.

FC: Still lives all by herself.

INT: Great.

FC: But, there was no houses hardly around her at all. And nothing on 24th was built up at all. Not really nothing.

INT: Hmm.

FC: Now it's all built up but there wasn't anything.

INT: Do you remember if they had a street care going up one...

FC: They had a street car up on, um... now what was that street, that would be on...

INT: 28th, I...

FC: Yeah, 28th, umm hmm.

INT: I though they had one on 24th, too, but maybe they put that in later.

FC: No, I don't think so, no. It was just up on 28th.

INT: Hmm. Did you ever take the street care and, like, to go to the beach? Or did it not go.

FC: No, just to go downtown.

INT: It went all the way downtown?

FC: All the way downtown. It would go towards Seattle. Go straight across.

INT: Remember that old ?rye? dock they had?

FC: Umm hmm. (garbled), yeah.

INT: (garbled), yeah.

FC: Yeah.

INT: Yeah. That was awful. Well... Shilshole marina used to be Ballard Beach.

FC: Used to be, yes.

INT: And that was nothing. I mean, just... it was just beach.

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: Did you go down there a lot?

FC: We would always go to Golden Gardens. That's where we would always end up. Sometimes we'd go to North Beach.

INT: When you went to Golden Gardens, did they have the little, um, bath house?

FC: And an old store there.

INT: Yeah? That's been there a long time.

FC: Umm hmmm. The lifeguards. The water was so cold. (laughs) Oh, you'd just ache when...

INT: You wonder how you could stand it.

FC: Yeah, but then we... and then when we got older, we used to walk over to Greenlake all the time.

Break at 14:09

INT: Ummm. You know my... my grandfather owned a barbershop at 32nd and 85th. So we would ride the

streetcar up 28th, and it turned around there right by his barbershop. And then we'd walk down the steps to Golden Gardens.

FC: Hmmm.

INT: There's a lot of steps going to Golden Gardens. (laughs)

FC: I know there is. Yeah.

INT: Well, how was the weather? What...

FC: It was cold.

INT: Did you find the weather was different?

FC: Very different. It was colder than it is now. Because I remember sometimes being so cold walking to school that I'd cry. Umm hmmm. It would be so cold. And the summers, were like they were a few years ago. (chuckle). Not like they were last summer, you know. It was so beautiful last summer.

INT: Hmm.

FC: There was quite a bit of rain. It used to rain all of June, I remember that because we'd get out of school, we'd be so dissapointed because it would rain all of June.

INT: Ummm... when you went to school, and you were so cold and you couldn't wear pants.

FC: No.

INT: What did you wear... what did you wear to keep warm?

FC: Long stockings.

INT: Ah.

FC: Some times we even had the winter and the rain ...?garbled? In fact when we first came down from Canada,

we wore high black shoes, and high black stockings.... and my sister couldn't ?garbled?, yeah you'd go out you were

so ashamed, nome of the kids in the states wore that kind of stuff.

INT: Ahhh (chuckle).

FC: You see they were behind up in Canada, yeah.

INT: Uh, huh, yeah.

FC: So she went to school one day and found out we were the only ones in the high black socks and the high black shoes.

(chuckle)

INT: (chuckle)

FC: But we used to wear, um, garter belts.

INT: Um hmmm, I remember those horrible things.

FC: Yeah.

INT: I hated those long cotton stockings. (chuckle)

FC: Yeah.

INT: In fact, my mother sent us... my sister and I hated them so bad, that she sent us to school in, like, knee-high's,

you know.

FC: Umm, hmm.

INT: We got sent home. We had to wear the long cotton stocking.

FC: Huh.

INT: So... what kind of games did you play when you were young?

FC: Well we'd play at Rin Tin Tinn, Kick the Can,

INT: Neighborhood.

FC: And ?garbled? I over. And, Run Sheep, Run. We'd play Hide and Go Seek.

INT: Probably you were able to play out till dark.

FC: About just until it got dark, and then we'd have to come in.

qjk: Macbles? Didn't you play marbles?

FC: Did marbles, yes! And Mumbly-Peg. Remember Mumbly Peg, and...

INT: Hop Scotch?

FC: Hop Scotch.

qjk: (chuckle)

FC: Yeah. And we used to play, um... baseball quite a bit in the summer. You know we'd get in to baseball.

INT: Was there a baseball... a regular baseball diamond on the playground?

FC: No, we'd play on the school ground; they'd play on the school ground.

INT: You lived close enough to the school so you could go there, like after school to play?

FC: Oh, sure, um hmmm, 'cause I lived on 80th and 27th in Loyal Heights, and ?garbled?.

INT: That's where I live now, on 85th and 27th. (chuckle)

FC: Hmmm.

INT: So in the summer, you just... went to the beach.

FC: We mostly went to the beach. And we.. there use to be a mobile, um, library that came around. And we

used to go... always wait for that and then get a lot of books.

INT: Hmmm.

FC: ... and sit on the lawn, and then the ?garbled? books.

INT: And there, wasn't um... people had ice boxes, and the ice truck would come around.

FC: Ummm hmm. Remember the fish man used to come around, and we used to love kippered salmon. We used to get...

get kippered salmon.

INT: I remember the ice man, because he used to stop across the street from us, and we'd go steal ice off of his

truck when he was in the house delivering big chunks of ice.

Break at 17:57

INT: (chuckles)

FC: Yeah.... Yeah kids just don't... they don't know how to play anymore, they really don't.

INT: Watch that dart tube is all.

FC: Umm, hmm. And we used to play a lot with paper dolls, too.

INT: Yeah.

qjk: Yeah.

FC: And then we used to make our own clothes, you know, trained to make our own...

qjk: We use to, yeah, we used to use that Roebuck catalog, we did.

FC: Yeah, we did, too.

qjk: Ummm.

INT: Yeah, that was fun. Now you buy them paper dolls and they don't know what to do with them.

FC: Hmm ummm.... And we played with dolls until we were quite old, I mean.... nowadays, you know they don't, but we were... quite old before we stopped playing with dolls.

INT: I remember my dad made our... a lot of our toys, like, he made, um... skatemobiles... you know, scooters.

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: And uh... wagons, he made for us. Stilts.

FC: Yeah, stilts, he made me stilts.

qjk: Umm hmm.

FC: And also cans, you bend the cans in and walk around.

INT: Make a lot of noise.

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: That was fun.

INT: Well... did you get a job right after you got out of high school?

FC: Umm hmmm. Yeah I worked at ?? Sharer's ?? <I think a department store>

INT: Oh.

FC: Yep. I was the comptometer operator there.

INT: Oh, you went right there... that, that was my first comptometer job, too.

FC: Yeah you were... what department?

INT: Oh, I don't remember.

FC: Oh, I was, um... trying to remember... the Auditing Department, I think.

qjk: You take comptometer in high school?

FC: No, I just learned it there.

INT: ??garbled??

qjk: ??garbled?? Oh.

FC: I took the Monroe, remeber the Monroe calculator?

qjk: Umm hmm.

FC: Well, I went to school and learned that, you know in their vocational school. And then, they only had one Monroe there, and I just worked there to take this girl's plate when she

was on vacation.

INT: Ummm hmm.

FC: Apparently they must have liked me alright, because they taught me the comptometer right there, so.

INT: Huh.

FC: That's where I picked it up.

INT: Hmm. You were quite young when you first started working.

FC: I was 17 when I first started.

INT: Do you remember how much you got paid?

FC: Ah, \$13.50 a week.

INT: Hmm.

FC: I remember that. I used to dream oh, if I could only get \$25 a week, that would just be so much (chuckles)

INT: (chuckles)

FC: I finally got raised to 27 dollars a week. (chuckles)

INT: (chuckles)

FC: Yeah, \$13.50 a week, eight hours a day.

INT: Yeah.

FC: But you could buy a blouse for a dollar a good blouse for two dollars.

INT: What, you work six days a week?

Break at 20:32

FC: Umm... five days a week.

INT: Oh.

FC: But, when I went to part time school, I had to go half a day on Saturday to make up my time. ??garbled?? find

a part time school ??garbled??. You know, it's really funny, because I was seventeen, and the authorities

got after me because I quit when ??garbled?? was eighteen. Now kids quit all the time and you don't have a truant

officer after you.

INT: Oh, I ??garbled??.

FC: Now I had the truant officer after me constantly. That's why I had to go to part time school.

qjk: Hmm. That's funny

INT: Yeah. I didn't think... I didn't know that they, uh... I thought sixteen was about the, uh...

FC: No, I was seventeen and I had to go to part time school until I was eighteen.

INT: Hmm.

qjk: Hmm. ??garbled??.

FC: Hmmm. ??? nice enough to work around ??garbled??

INT: Yeah. Where'd you go... oh, you went to Broadway.

FC: Broadway. Ummm hmm.

INT: Oh. Did you get married when you lived in Ballard?

FC: Yes, I did. Umm hmm. I was eighteen when I got married.

INT: Did you get married in Ballard?

FC: Ummm. yes. I forget the name of the church. (pause). But that was... a mistake. (chuckles)

INT: (chuckles)

FC: One of many. (chuckles)

INT: We don't count mistakes. (chuckles)

qjk: (chuckles)

INT: You didn't by any chance, get married by Reverend Wilhelm?

FC: I... both my children were baptized by him.

INT: You know my mother and dad were married by Reverend Wilhelm, and we... all of us, both of us girls were married by him.

We were all baptized by him. And he buried most of our family.

FC: Oh, really?

INT: Yeah.

FC: Yeah, I was baptized up in Canada.

INT: Oh, really?

FC: No, I had both of my children baptized by him. I just went to his house.

INT: Yeah, that what he use to do. He use to... he'd either come to your house, or you could go to his house, and...

FC: Yeah. I remember his daughter with red long curls that played the violin.

INT: Oh, yeah!

FC: ??garbled??

INT: Their house, where was it was it on ??garbled?? ?

FC: It was right across the street from where we lived. We lived in, um. It was an apartment that was up above some shop

that was there when we first came, yes. And he lived right across the street.

INT: That 24th?

FC: Yes, umm hmm.

INT: 24th and about 64th?

FC: ??garbled??

INT: And he had a great big house.

FC: Yes, big house. And I can always remember what he did once that scared me to death. He, um... came over...

this girlfriend of ours was killed by a car, she was run over by a car. She was a little crippled kid. Well he came

and got my sister and I one day and took us down to the funeral. And we didn't know where he was taking us. He took us

down to this funeral home, he took us into this funeral of this little boy who was laying there dead. I always remember

the litte patent leather shoes. I remember I was just scared to death, because I was scared of death anyway.

INT: Umm hmm.

FC: And that... I had nightmares about that. And you know I would never let my son wear patent leather shoes. (laughs)

INT: (laughs)

FC: It made such an impression on me.

INT: Hmm. I wonder why he did that?

FC: I don't know. He never said a word or anything. My older sister was so mad, the one that was raising me.

I don't know why!

INT: Hmmm.

FC: But that left such an impression on me, you know, because I was only about five or six, I think.

INT: Yeah.

Break at 24:06

qjk: ??garbled?? Yeah. It seems an odd thing to do.

FC: Course I'd been to funerals, because in those days, anytime anybody died, if you were three years old,

you went to the funeral.

INT: Yeah. A lot of times they had them in the homes.

FC: Well, 'cause I went to my mothers, course I don't remember that because I was only two, but, I went to

her funeral

INT: Now they don't hardly have funerals.

qjk: Ummm hmmm.

INT: How many children do you have?

FC: Two.

INT: Were the born in Ballard?

FC: One was born in the Ballard hosp... not the Ballard hospital, Seattle General. And the other was born in,

us, the new Doc, they called the New Doctors, and I think its called Virginia Mason now.

INT: Uhh huh.<pause>

INT: They went to school in Ballard?

FC: No, they went to Queen Anne, see when I...

INT: Yep

FC: When I got married to their father, we moved to Queen Anne. You know, he lived on Queen Anne, so we moved up

there.

INT: Oh. But they were Baptised...

FC: ... in Ballard.

INT: In Ballard.

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: <page turning> We have to keep talking. (laughs)

FC: But I always wanted to move to Ballard, I always wanted to live in Ballard, I didn't like

Queen Anne at all.

INT: Oh, didn't you?

FC: Hmmm ummm.

INT: Well, the Ballard Business District was quite a bit different.

FC: Oh, umm hmm.

qjk: ??garbled?? I can't quite remember much about it.

(all voices talkin)

FC: ?garbled? I know Penny's was down there going strong, which is ?garbled? now...

INT: ?garbled?

FC: Kress's was there (chuckles).

(all chuckle)

FC: Kress's, yes.

INT: At one time they had Wolworth's, too.

FC: Yes, they had both of them, yeah.

INT: ?? garbled ?? and ?? garbled ?? (two shop names)

FC: Bagdad, and Roxy.

INT: Yeah.

FC: Bagdad was like I think where Penny's was, wasn't it, it was ?? garbled ??.

INT: I think Penny's was there, so it must have been between, wasn't it, between...

FC: Oh, it would have to be, yeah.

INT: ...between Penny's and Kress's?

FC: Prob'y, yep, by, um... Olsen's, um, that was, a... clothing store, and they had shoes

INT: Barry's.

FC: Barry's yes. It was up around there.

INT: I think it must have been, yes..

FC: And then the Roxy's still there.

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FC: Yeah.

INT: It's called the ??garbled??

FC: Umm hmmm. We used to go quite a bit to the one in, um, Greenwood, too.

all: (they try to remember the name of the store in Greenwood.)

FC: I forget what it was called then. We used to go, walk over there... we used to walk over to the
Arabian Theater, over on Aurora, we used to walk over there.

INT: Remember when The Bagdad used to have, like, dime night, or friend night, or...

FC: Pal night.

INT: Pall night. And then one time, too, they had, like a, a night where they would give away...

FC: Groceries.

INT: Prizes.

FC: They used to give away groceries.

INT: But I don't remember how you got them, unless you had a lucky number.

qjk: I didn't do that.

FC: Then they used to have amateur nights, too.

qjk: Hmmm.

FC: You could get up there and dance, and sing and all that. And remember when we had that awful
rainstorm, yeah

that was, must have been about... thirty... 38, I guess, somewhere back then. Because I remember a
Shirley Temple movie

was on, and the whole screen dropped.

INT: Broke?

FC: Yeah. ?? garbled ?? It did, yeah.

INT: It did?

FC: Umm hmm.

qjk: Into the theater?

FC: The Bagdad Theater, yeah.

INT: Oh, in the Bagdad.

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: That's where they had the big tunnel behind it, isn't it?

FC: Umm hmm.

INT: ?? garbled ?? woods down there.

FC: It was really bad, beause I remem... we used to walk... we'd walk everywhere.

INT: Uh huh.

FC: Walking home, it was terrible trying to get home. Because it was so windy.

INT: I bet that was really scary for you.

FC: Yeah, umm hmmm.

INT: To have the screen blowing!

all: (laugh)

qjk: Anybody with you?

FC: My sister. And friends, yeah.

INT: But nobody was hurt.

FC: No, no. I remember we had to go home.

INT: Yeah.

FC: They closed the theater.

qjk: ??garbled??

FC: Yeah I remember Sunday we used to get in two for a dime ?? garbled ?? And they used to have serials every Saturday,

and we would go in then.

INT: I remember my dad got a new car. And if we would wash the new car, and rub it down really good, then we could go

to the matinee on Saturday. But if the car wasn't washed good, we couldn't go.

all: (chuckle)

FC: The big pay.

INT: Why, that car shined! (laughs)

qjk: ?? garbled ??

INT: You couldn't miss a, a... episode.

FC: Umm hmm. Tim McCoy was one of them.

qjk: Tom Mix.

FC: Tom Mix.

INT: The Lone Ranger.

FC: I don't know. Can't say those were the good old days, but...

qjk: (chuckles)

INT: But they were sure different, though.

FC: Umm, hmmm. (pause)

FC: I remember we used to babysit, get fifty cents for the whole day, thirty cents for the whole day.

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INT: How long did you work at Sears, did you...

FC: I worked at Sears for, um, about two years. And then I ??garbled??, and had two children, so I didn't work

again for twenty years, when my husband passed away.

INT: Huh.

FC: And I had to go back to work again. And then I ?moved to ?? Des Moines ??, and I worked at Wisefelds for seventeen years.

INT: Huh. That's where you lived.

FC: North.

all: (chuckle) (pause)

INT: Are you... any of your children live in Ballard?

FC: No. Hmm uwww. No, my daughter lives in Mazatlan. And my son lives out by Mill Creek.

INT: But your sister still lives in Ballard.

FC: Two sisters that live in Ballard.

INT: Two sisters, ah. Do they live together?

FC: Oh, no. No one of them is... her husband's still living. Umm, hmm.

INT: Live in the old family, home? The one with the ??one bath??

FC: The one ??Mercedes?? lives, she lives ??garbled??

INT: Now she was older when you came down here, so she wouldn't have... gone to school.

FC: She was twenty one. She doesn't remember, I mean she... likes Canada better.

INT: (laughs)

FC: I mean because all here old friends are up there.

INT: Yeah, all here memories are up there.

FC: All her memories are up in Canada, yeah I know. (pause). Umm. And my two brothers were raised in California,

in fact I didn't see them again until I was about... sixteen, seventeen.

INT: Huh.

FC: Yeah, we were real...

qjk: Your sister had the girls, then.

FC: Umm, hmmm. Now, there were three girls. My other sister that was older, too. I'm the baby.

Fourth voice: Like more coffee?

qjk: (clears throat). Yes.

(serving noises)

INT: Just a little bit. That's plenty, thanks.

???: ?? Garbled ??

INT: I don't want to throw it away, here.

FC: I don't think ??garbled?? drinking coffee this morning.

INT: Oh.

qjk: I'm all coffee'd out.

Fourth voice: ??garble??... one and a half cups this morning.

INT: Is that all you've had?

Fourth voice: Yep. ??Kept myself?? ??garbled?? two cups, yeah.

INT: Yeah.

qjk: Wish I could be more help. ?? garbled ?? more stuff.

INT: Trying to think of what else to ask you. But um...

FC: Remember the Ballard Hospital was just a little tiny place up above one of the buildings down there.

INT: Yeah. They used to call it the Eagle's building.

FC: Oh, yeah.

INT: Yeah, because I think that the Eagle Lodge had their hall down the stairs.

FC: Um, hmm.

INT: The hall is still there. That's where they have that ??garbled??

qjk: Was it just a little clinic?

FC: No, it was a very old hospital, in fact a couple of my nieces were born there.

qjk: Umm, hmm.

INT: Oh. It wasn't very big, but...

FC: No...

INT: Well, it's big there until they moved down where they are now.

(not sure if I have the right voices with the right comments next couple of lines)

qjk: Umm, hum. And not to... long ago.

FC: My brother in law, the one that, um, raised us, he worked for Stimson. He was a saw pilot.

INT: Oh.

FC: Stimson now, in Ballard. That was really a big industry.

INT: Oh, yeah.

qjk: That's where my best friend's dad was killed at Stimson.

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FC: Oh, really?

qjk: In '59.

INT: Oh

qjk: ??garbled??

INT: The fire?

qjk: ??garbled??

INT: What... in the fire?

qjk: No, he was killed, uh, he was caught between two, ah, timbers.

INT: Hmm.

qjk: ??garbled?? no, they were ?jack flares?, they used to send them down.

FC: Hmm.

qjk: And they didn't, uh get... they didn't warn him about the ??change in size?? of the timbers,
and they came down, and he was on the outside and he was caught.

FC: Hmm.

INT: Hmm.

FC: ?? garbled ??... when my brother in law was working down ... ?? garbled ??

qjk: I don't remember.

?? several comments from all, I can't discern ??

INT: Their shingle industry was quite popular.

FC: It was very big then, there was a plywood mill area. Stimson. 'Course the marina wasn't down
there wasn't even ??garbled?? of all those restaurants down there.

INT: Oh.

FC: In fact restaurants were a rarity when I was growing up. I can remember when the triple-X
was the only drive-in.

qjk: (chuckle)

FC: Yeah.

INT: I did... as a child, I don't remember the family going out ever to a restaurant and eating.

qjk: (laughs) We didn't either an all.

INT: No.

FC: We used to go down to, um, that Alley Cat downtown. The fish and chip, remember that?

qjk: Umm hmm.

FC: Because the man that owned it was, came from the same place in England that my grandmother came from.

qjk: (laughs)

FC: So we used to go down there and talk to him and ??garbled?? ...and Saturdays if we went downtown we'd

always bring fish and chips home and that was a big treat, having fish and chips for dinner.

FC: Remember the nickel place downtown, you'd spend a nickel, you'd get a hamburger and a piece of pie?

INT: Was that in Merchant's ??garbled??

FC: No, it was right down... remember where the Liberty Theater used to be? It was right next to the Liberty Theater, it was called the Nickel Spot. Everything was a nickel.

INT: Really? I don't remember that.

FC: Yeah.

INT: I remember when we were little there was a man that used to sell tamales at the end of the Ballard bridge. "?Pot? Tamales" it was called.

FC: I don't remember that, yeah.

INT: And, uh, my sister and my dad really liked tamales, they were the only ones in the family that did.

And they would stop there, and get them. But then we heard that he was putting seagull in them, and then he disappeared. We never saw him after that.

all: (laughs)

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INT: I don't know if that was true or not.

all: (laugh)

INT: That was the extent of our eating out.

all: (laugh)

FC: And like that Ernie's Hamburgers that used to be so popular during the war. He was using horsemeat and that sure disappeared in a hurry.

INT: Once you get a reputation like that... remember in Ballard, too, there used to be a couple dairies where, uh, the young people used to gather, and they sold ice cream, and, ??garble?? they sold bulk buttermilks, and peanut butter. Do you remember that?

FC: Um, I remember....

INT: Right off the pier.

FC: ...??buying peanut butter back then.?? Remember there used to be that, um, place down in Ballard that used to have bulk peanut butter and everything.... my memory is good but I don't...

qjk: The only one I remember is the Market ??Brim??

FC: That's the one I was thinking about, yeah. You use to buy... you wouldn't think of buying Mayonaise in a jar, or peanut butter in a jar, you'd get it in a carton.

INT: Yeah. I know this one dairy... seems like it was the Sunshine Dairy that was right there on Market Street.

qjk: ??garbled??

FC: That sounds familiar, the Sunshine Dairy.... 'course you're younger than me, too, I wouldn't uh, I mean things had changed since the time I was a kid too, until you were uh...

INT: We used to go up to the library a lot, too.

FC: Yeah.

INT: That's stil there.

FC: Now it's um... a museum, isn't it. I mean the one on Ballard Avenue.

qjk: The ??county?? ??garbled?? library, yeah.

FC: And Market Street.

qjk: Market, yeah.

INT: Market.

FC: Market. Museum now.

qjk: Ummm, hmmm.

INT: Oh, it is?

FC: Yeah. And on 24th, the library is now [transcriber: this was at 5711 24th Ave NW, which closed

an April 10, 2005]. Yeah.

qjk: The newer one.

FC: Yeah.

qjk: Pandora's Box, I think they call it.

FC: Uh, huh, Pandora's Box.

INT: I thought she sold... I thought it was like an antique store.

qjk: Well... ??garbled??

FC: It is, they do have antiques there too, yeah.

INT: I liked that old library.

FC: Yeah.

qjk: Nice looking building.

FC: We used to read so much when we were kids. All of us would have our nose in a book.

INT: Well, that's about what there was to do, I mean we had radio, of course. And reading, and that was it.

qjk: ??garbled??

FC: No, I remember a lot when we first got our radio. Yeah, I remember listening to "One Man's Family", "Mert and Marge," all of those... remember daytime serials, uh, what were they, um... "Ma Perkins," and uh...

INT: My mother used to like that

qjk: ??garbled??

FC: Yeah. All those serials... oh, we used... and "Fibber McGee and Molly," and "Jack Benny," and "Eddie Cantor," and all those... it used to be a big treat.

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ste: And the Shadow ?? garbled ??

INT: ?? garbled ??... my favorite...

ste: "I Love a Mystery"

INT: Uh, huh. Yeah.

ste: And kids nowadays, they don't think would sit... would sit through some... unless they can see it, they're not interested in it.

INT: Yeah. Another thing we used to do when we were kids was play, uh, board games. Why a family, the family, would

play, like Monopoly, or something like that.

ste: Umm hmm. And we used to work jigsaw puzzles, too.

qjk: That was quite... ??garbled??

INT: Uhh huh.

ste: Chinese checkers, I rememeber when that ?place? came out.

INT: Yeah. That's what we used to do. Board games seem to be coming back. Yeah.

ste: Umm hmm.

INT: I know my daughters, they play board games with their kids. That's good. Keep them away from the TV.

ste: For a while, yeah.

<silence>

INT: Things were much different.

ste: ??garbled??

<silence>

ste: What is this going to be um, in a book form, or, just, uh...

INT: Yeah.

ste: Umm.

INT: <pages turning> I don't know if I have a... they're going to be... well... have you been down to the museum?

ste: Not for a long, long, time.

INT: In Ballard, the Nordic Museum?

ste: No.

INT: Oh.

ste: I've never been there, no.

INT: Well, ?Tanya? and I went through it. \

ste: Ummm hmmm.

INT: And...

qjk: I've been there several times.

INT: Yeah. What's it called?

qjk: ?? garbled ??

INT: It's "The Dream of..... of America," I think.

qjk: ??garbled??

INT: Anyway, you go through it, and when you end up, your going to end up in the Ballard room. The museum has

different rooms, like Finnish, Norwegian,

ste: Oh, I see.

INT: They're going to have a Ballard room. And you go through this Dream of America, then you'll end up in the

Ballard room, and uh... they're... so they're trying to get things together for that also.

ste: Ummm.

INT: Donations for the Ballard room.

<silence>

INT: Yep. It's going to be a good sized book, isn't it?

ste: Yep.

qjk: ??garbled??... like Seattle.

INT: Umm, humm. Well, I guess, we don't have anything else to talk about. I want to thank you very much.

ste: Oh, you are welcome. I've got my, um, 50th reunion... my high school reunion from Ballard High.

INT: Oh.

ste: It's going to be on June the 4th. I don't think I'll go, though. ??garbled??

INT: Do you have any pictures? Like of your school pictures, or...

ste: No I didn't come up ??garbled?? ... I may, but I've got a whole big box of pictures, but I don't think we were...

pictures ever taken when we were kids.

INT: Not a whole lot.

qjk: We used to take pictures of the whole class. Did you?

ste: No, I don't think we ??garbled??

INT: I don't remember having pictures taken, but I... I got some that my brother had. Now he was three years

younger than I. And I got some school pictures that he had.

ste: ??garbled??

INT: But maybe they didn't take them, so much.

ste: I'm sure they didn't, because I don't remember having my picture taken as a kid.

qjk: They used to ??garbled?? classes ??garbled??

ste: Ummm. I know my grandsons, they get theirs every ??garbled?? every year.

INT: All parents. That's nice, too.

ste: Yeah. Yeah I think so.

qjk: ??garbled??

INT: Of your grandson?

ste: Umm, hmm.

INT: He's looking good. Is it two? Different ones, or the same one?

ste: No it's two. They're brothers. This one's in the Navy. This one's ??garbled??.

qjk: They look a lot alike.

INT: Yeah, they do.

qjk: <laughs>

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