

CONSULTANT: Johnny Osborne

AGE: 50

RESIDENCE: Bristol, TN

OCCUPATION: Concrete?

INTERVIEW DATE: July 20, 2016, approx. 9:15 am

LOCATION: Garden City Pier, Garden City, SC

Mr. Osborne introduced himself as "Johnny Cash," age 21. He grinned, and only gave his real name and age after I asked again. He was fishing at the pier with his daughter, Tweety, age 16, and son, Bubba, age 17 or 18.

I'm talking to people, putting together a story. It's about people's memories from the turn of the millennium, the last century, 1999 going into 2000. Do you remember where you were on New Year's Eve that day?

Home.

What do you remember about that?

Going to sleep, brother [laughs]. I go to sleep every year before New Year's. [*he looks over to his daughter, on his left*] Daddy never stays up for New Year's, do we Tweety?

Mr. Osborne couldn't remember anything else about NYE99 and didn't share his thoughts on the event, or how things have changed. He couldn't remember if his daughter was born at that point. He said he owned his first cell phone for 30 years.

Where you living in Bristol back then?

No, I was raised in Coalfields.

That's in –

Kentucky. I remember more when I was two years old than when I was 30. Do you, brother?

That's part of the reason I'm working on the story. Like, I have three kids now, and if New Year's 1999 happened right now, I wouldn't remember shit either.

Shit, I don't remember. I was probably in bed. [laughs] I don't know, dude. [*He looks at his son, who is fishing, to my right*] You remember it, Bubba? You were born in 1999.

BUBBA (incredulous): I was a year old.

I make a joke about what a weird interview it would be if Bubba did remember the event, given that he was a newborn. Johnny recalls his brother's death in KY in 1968, and playing in the yard.

But hell, when I was 30, 40 years old, hell, I didn't even know where I was at. Probably working.

What were you doing for a living?

Concrete. Construction.

After his daughter reminds him, Johnny explains that he also did some logging. He and Tweety talk for a while about her first birthday and Christmas, coming to the beach on her birthday. He can't remember much, and jokes about it. He mentions that his father was married twice and had 24 kids. His father had a great memory and could keep track of his logging and mining inventory without a ledger or computer. We joke about singing into the microphone. Johnny talks to his daughter about her musical tastes. I thank him and end the interview.