

EMMA BERRY (Referred to as "EB")

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AC: Okay, I am talking to Emma Berry. It's uh, June 30, 2005. In her home on uh, Chandler Loop, and what I'd like you to do is say your full name.

EB: Emma Lovisa [sounds like Luh-vy-suh] Berry.

AC: Okay, and um, when were you born?

EB: Oh, February the 20th, 1911.

AC: Uh-huh, and we had just started talking about the fact that you were born here, but you were talking about your, your parents. Could you, could you tell us a little bit about your parents?

EB: Well my, my father was born in Hasting, Nebraska. They came here. They had a tornado or something there that, uh, floored their house, and uh, or their home, and my grandfather had a livery stable that, and it got away with it. And their daughter and sister was out here with, she had married, um, a butcher.

AC: What was the butcher's name? Do you remember?

EB: Yep, Lynn Stillwell.

AC: Stillwell? How do, how do you spell that?

EB: S-T-I-double L-W-E-double L.

AC: Okay.

EB: And uh, this was the home that they had built here.

AC: The one that you're living in right now?

EB: Well, it was just a square.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: We put big windows in it, and things like that.

AC: Okay, so your parents came out here, or your grandparents came out here?

EB: Well, my father came with them because he was with them at that time back in Hastings, Nebraska.

AC: How old was your father when he moved here?

EB: Well, he died over that way.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: He built that house in 1930.

AC: Okay.

EB: And uh,

AC: So, what was your father's name?

EB: Zack [Jack?] Name listed elsewhere as John Samuel] Chandler.

AC: Zack [Jack?] Chandler. Oh, is that what Chandler's Loop is named after?

EB: Yes.

AC: Ah!

EB: I was a Chandler.

AC: I see. Okay, so your father came to La Grande in, do you know when that was?

EB: 1901. 1901.

AC: And what did he do when he came here?

EB: Well he, I don't know what he did. He, he raised a garden, and sold vegetables, strawberries. I know he's had a strawberry patch. When I was little I picked strawberries.

AC: So, was he a farmer?

EB: Well he'd, that's what he did. He had, well; he didn't do much like combining.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But he did raise fruit, apples, and see my mother's family come from, uh, Des Moines, Iowa.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And he took a carload of apples back to Des Moines and sold it back there.

AC: So, your father had an apple orchard out here?

EB: Yes, out here.

AC: Uh-huh. What kind of apples did he have?

EB: He had delicious and winter bananas, as I remember.

AC: Uh-huh. And he sold them in town?

EB: Yeah, he sold them in town. And then, then, well, he also went around, you know, had customers that bought them every year.

AC: What was the name of his company?

EB: Well, he didn't have a name on it. It was just, just had a, what, what do I want to say, a pick-up.

AC: An old pick-up truck?

EB: Yes, and then that's the way he delivered. Well, to the stores. There was different stores that would want them and stuff. I can remember when. I don't know how long you've lived here. There was a Patterson's grocery store, off, about where the uh, Liberty Theater, Theatre is today. Well, I guess it's still there. I don't know.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I haven't been there for awhile (chuckles). But anyway, they had a place out on the street, and he had, he took his strawberries, and had them lined up along on that bench out there on the street.

AC: Mm-hm. So, what did he sell besides apples and strawberries?

EB: Well, he had uh, cherries, and uh, some peaches. And I don't remember a lot of peaches, but just fruit and vegetables. I can remember we used to go gather carrots and put them in bundles. (chuckles) Then, pass them, you know, around with uh, something around the tops of them, and radishes, and things like that. And, people would use, what do I want to say, cabbage.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And things like that to that he had.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: He just more or less had a garden that we, and there was uh, what do I want to say, where they would, yeah, let me get. I'm getting so where all my _____ went south (laughs).

AC: (laughs)

EB: But uh, oh um, on the mountain where they cut logs and things.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: That he'd, he'd go up there to those uh, camps.

AC: The logging camps?

EB: Logging camps with vegetables and, and fruit, and things like that.

AC: How did he get his stuff up there?

EB: In the, in a pick-up.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: And he'd make trips. And I don't know, went over by Cove some place, I can remember. I didn't use to go with him.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I had some brothers that did that.

AC: Oh, I see. Uh-huh.

EB: And uh, so I don't know just exactly. But I do know he went up these camps that they had there.

AC: Were, did you work in the orchard as well?
EB: Oh, I used to pick cherries and apples and things.
AC: Mm-hm. And did the, did your brothers also help with the business?
EB: Oh yes, they helped, also helped. And we all when he'd gather vegetables, we all worked. I used to pick strawberries. I used to go out and maybe pick ten, what do they call twenty-four crate, boxes in a crate?
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Instead of just those flats, well, we had twenty-four boxes in those.
AC: What were the boxes made out of?
EB: Oh, like wood.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And he'd, they'd, open up cups, and then we'd fill them up. We had a carrier that held six cups in these carriers, and we would take them out into the strawberry patch and fill them. Then they'd put them in the twenty-four box crate.
AC: Mm-hm. And was your, was your care, what was your carrier made out of that you were picking with?
EB: Well, they were made out of wood too. Some of the uh, carrier handles, you know, carried six boxes.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They uh, he'd, oh, had like, like a limb or something, and it would be bent over and fastened at either end. There was uh, a little board at the end, and board here, and boards along the sides.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And then there was six cups, was in those.
AC: Could you, so you attach it to the limb and then put your cherries in there?
EB: The limb would be the handle
AC: Oh, I see. Uh-huh.
EB: that you carried.
AC: Uh-huh. You had it in one hand, and then you picked with the other hand?
EB: Oh yeah.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: You'd set it down on the ground and fill it up.
AC: Mm-hm. Did you get paid?
EB: Yes, fifteen cents (laughs).
AC: (laughs). Uh-huh, did you have other people working for you also, or is it
EB: Oh yeah,
AC: just your family?
EB: there was a lot of people come out, ladies, older ladies that come out from town that dad would hire. You know, that would give them something to do.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They didn't make much money.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: But that's the way I made my money when I was growing up.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Fifteen cents wasn't very much (chuckles).
AC: (laughs).
EB: I can remember going to town one day and standing up in front of the N.K. West store and I think, well, I didn't have a purse or anything, had my pockets (chuckles) full of money.
AC: (laughs).

EB: And I think I must have lost some of it right there by that big door that went in to the N.K. West store because there was people sitting in their cars out along the road there (chuckles), or the street, and they just sure was a watching me.

AC: (laughs).

EB: And I couldn't figure it out, but I think I lost some money that day (chuckles).

AC: Describe going in to N.K. West.

EB: Pardon?

AC: Describe going in to N.K. West. What did it look like when you went in the door?

EB: Oh, it was uh, a big door. It was, you know, not a normal door like we have today. But it was a bigger door.

AC: Big oak door, or wood door, or steel door?

EB: It, I think it had quite a bit of glass in it, if I remember right.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But I stood there by that door, but the, those people sitting in the, those cars I'm sure was a watching me (chuckles). And I couldn't figure out why, but I must have (laughs), you know, lost some money.

AC: Right. What did your dad do in the wintertime when he wasn't gardening?

EB: I don't remember him doing, well he, he had apples in. We had a cellar down here with apples in it.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And he'd, he'd sort apples and take them to the store or to people, you know.

AC: And red delicious was the only kind of apple that you had, or did you have other kinds?

EB: Well, the delicious and the winter banana is the two kinds that I remember that was the most. And they, but he had another kind too, but can't remember the name of it.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm. Was he; were you the only apple orchard out here this way?

EB: Oh no, there was orchards over here where the trailer court, that was an apple orchard.

AC: Do you know who ran that orchard?

EB: Oh, let me think, I think his name was Carbine.

AC: Carbine? C-A-R-B-I-N-E?

EB: Uh-huh.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: I think it was Carbine.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And then there was a, they had an orchard over here where the, Strucks lived. And I don't remember if they had it over there where the other Carbine lived or not.

AC: Mm-hm. Was that an apple orchard as well?

EB: An apple orchard.

AC: So were there, there must have been a lot of apple orchards then in this area?

EB: Well the, this was uh, sort of an orchard

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: place in here. Different ones had orchards.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And I think down here, down the road, going down toward Island City is still and old apple shed

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: that they had down there along the road. Uh well, it isn't along the road. They just sold it. I understand they fixed the house all up, and, but I think they painted the apple shed

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: that they had down there.

AC: So, did you get up early in the morning to get your chores done before you went to school? Did you

EB: Well, I
AC: Did you do the picking after school or before school, or?
EB: Well, we'd pick after school. I don't think, no, we'd done it on weekends too.
AC: Mm-hm. How many were in the family? How many brothers and sisters did you have?
EB: I had no sisters, so they were all brothers (chuckles).
AC: (laughs)
EB: Let's see, there was Atley and Russell and John and _____. That's four, isn't it?
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: That's a good number.
AC: (laughs) Uh-huh, and so they all worked at the, on the orchard with your father
EB: _____
AC: while you were growing up?
EB: Yeah, we all worked.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: We'd get up at four o'clock when we picked strawberries in the morning. And whether it was, whether we could or whether we couldn't, we did it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Had all but uh, dad had a big strawberry patch over, well, you know, where the corner is over here. He had, he owned that place over there, and he had a nice big strawberry patch over there back out in the middle of the field.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But uh, that's where I picked a lot of strawberries.
AC: So, how did you pick the strawberries? Did you have a, were there buckets or crates, or what did you use for that?
EB: No, we had these carriers that I was telling you about.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Let's see, they were, was um, oh they had a thicker board here on the end, and then a real thin board along these sides. And then, well, a lot of the, the handles was up, a piece up here, and then across the top. So, you could just grab hold of this, and take these out to the patch.
AC: Mm-hm. Was there a lot of bending? Did you sit down to pick? Did you bend over to pick or, or?
EB: Oh yeah, we'd get down on our knees a lot
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: and picked.
AC: Was there a kind of strawberry that you were raising?
EB: Well, I could remember what they called a Dunlap, and then there was another kind that dad had a lot of. Later,
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: he uh, had a lot of strawberries.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And that was the kind that I remember. I can't remember the name of those last ones he had, but there were Dunlaps, and. They were different then the, then the big, he had got bigger ones
AC: Oh!
EB: as they, as the years went on.
AC: Oh, so they were smaller at first, and then they got bigger?
EB: Yeah the, the Dunlaps was the smaller berry, and then the others were a bigger berry, as I remember.
AC: Mm-hm. Did you have raspberries, or any other kind?

EB: And raspberries, he had some raspberries. I don't know why I didn't ever pick a lot of raspberries.

AC: Mm-hm. So, you got up at four in the morning to pick these?

EB: Strawberries, usually. Yeah, at four o'clock we'd get up, he'd get us up.

AC: Why would he, why would he get you up so early?

EB: Well, that's when they picked them was in the mornings.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: And he'd always head for town, perhaps, you know.

AC: Oh, after you picked them, you'd head for town?

EB: Oh yes, then they'd, he'd take them to town, or. Oh, he had a lot of customers too that he just took. I can remember the, there was a lawyer. His name was Slater.

AC: Slater? S-L-A-T-E-R?

EB: Uh-huh, in town. And he'd always take them, strawberries and a lot of things. And they lived up on the corner of second and, yeah (chuckles).

AC: (laughs).

EB: Ohhhh.

AC: Was it a big house?

EB: No, it was a, uh, it was nice house, a small house, and uh. I could remember we always, one of us would always go with him when he took things there. She always made cookies,

AC: Oh!

EB: and she always had a cookie for us kids.

AC: (laughs). Uh-huh.

EB: Well,

AC: So were, there anybody else besides your family picking the strawberries? Did he hire, pick people, to come and pick strawberries?

EB: Yes, he hired a lot of ladies,

AC: _____

EB: older ladies, I mean. Oh, and young. There were young ones, not very many like me.

AC: Yes, so he didn't hire teenagers, or kids to come out and work, just?

EB: Not, well, he did later, but not when I was kickin', I guess.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I don't remember.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But I do remember the older ladies.

AC: So what would, did your mom do? Um, what were her duties working on the farm that you had?

EB: Well, she picked raspberries a lot, I remember that, and uh, she kept us kids a goin'.

AC: (chuckles).

EB: Uh she, she was born down here on Hunter Lane.

AC: Ah, what was her name?

EB: Shafer. Margaret Shafer.

AC: Margaret Shafer, with an S-H-A-F-E-R?

EB: Mm-hm.

AC: Shafer.

EB: Do you know that big house that's down from the corner, well; you go out Island City there?

AC: Uh-huh. Hunter Lane, you said?

EB: Yes, Hunter Lane.

AC: So, the big house on Hunter?

EB: There's a big house, I'd. There used to be a little house right up there as you cross, went across the bridge,

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: and you come on to this Hunter Lane. About, I don't think it's there anymore. And then there's not very many houses down there. And then you cross the creek, they had springs on that house, or on that place. One, two, three that I remember.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Springs, and uh, they had a spring house. Did you ever see a spring house?

AC: No.

EB: Well, there's one there.

AC: Ah.

EB: And it had a spring, and they had it built out of rocks. Grand, my grandfather, Shafer was a, what do you call them, a bricklayer, or

AC: Oh, uh-huh.

EB: He uh, he helped build the Tabernacle in town. You know, where it was on, yeah, I don't even know where it is. Well, it was on 4th Street.

AC: Oh, he built the Tabernacle on 4th Street?

EB: Yes, he

AC: Oh!

EB: helped build that. And,

AC: Did you ever get to watch him lay bricks?

EB: Um, I don't know whether he done anymore brick. I don't think there's been much brick, but there's rocks. This springhouse was built with rocks.

AC: Oh, I see. Uh-huh.

EB: And uh, and inside, I know there is one whole piece of it that is water

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: because I remember grandma always taking her butter down there. And you'd find it in different things, uh, in the spring water.

AC: Oh, floating in the water?

EB: Floating in the water.

AC: Oh, the butter that she had, she kept it cool that way?

EB: That's the way it was kept cold.

AC: Ah.

EB: They didn't have iceboxes. Well, I remember the first icebox we had (chuckles).

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And things like that, but that's where they kept, and uh, well, they'd always make, cook a great big turkey for Thanksgiving too. And that was always put in something down there.

AC: In the spring box?

EB: In the, yeah, in the, the

AC: So the, she lived on Hunter Lane, and how did your parents meet?

EB: You know, I wish I knew

AC: Mm.

EB: because mother [stutter] she had joined the Methodist church, but I don't think dad ever went to church. So, (chuckles)

AC: What, what else do you remember about your grandparents, the Shafer grandparents?

EB: Well, [stutter] I guess grand, well, Shafer run um, what do they call them? Uh, what kind of a wagon do they call; they come through here, and out? Well, and that's the way that, that they found that house, or that place down there, the hundred and sixty acres.

AC: Was he homesteading? Did he come on the trail, or _____?

EB: Yeah, and, and bought that place down there. I don't know how he paid for it. I never had a

AC: So, he came on a wagon, a cart?
EB: A wagon train, that's it!
AC: A wagon train, okay.
EB: And the, he'd go out through here someplace through by Summerville and over to Walla Walla with his wagon train.
AC: Ah, what was his name?
EB: Isaac.
AC: Isaac.
EB: Shafer.
AC: Shafer. Uh-huh, okay. So, he ran the wagon train, or he came on the wagon train?
EB: Well, he had one is the way I understood it. He, he drove one from, was it Des Moines, Iowa?
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: I think that's where it was.
AC: All the way to Walla Walla?
EB: Yeah, and then they, they come back and he um, bought that place is I understood it, when he was coming through here.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: When it was first, you know, whatever they did (laughs) to them then.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They don't sell them like they do today.
AC: Mm-hm. So, he homesteaded out there?
EB: Yes.
AC: Mm-hm. So, this was in, near Island City on Hunter Lane?
EB: It's on Hunter Lane. There, there's still uh, well, I should have a picture of it. But, you know, Dortha Voruz? Well, she took it, and she didn't bring it back.
AC: Oh, no!
EB: Well, she's still got it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But I could show you the place.
AC: Mm-hm. And what else do you remember about your, your grandparents?
EB: Well, my grandmother was a Hotchkiss. Her name was Emma Hotchkiss.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I was named after both of my grandparents. Who on, my dad's mother was named Lovisa Cooper.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And they came out here in 1901. And mom and dad got married. She was down there, and he was up here.
AC: Oh.
EB: And they had the little place over here. This, this place was where his sister lived.
AC: This place you're living right now on Chandler?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And now this, this was always the Stillwell place. There was one here, and his brother was next door.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh, he was a butcher. Uh, Uncle Lynn was.
AC: In La Grande?
EB: In La Grande.
AC: Uh-huh. What was the name of his butcher shop? Do you remember?

EB: I don't know. But I can tell you, that how, went, went to town with dad, you know, to deliver some of this stuff he was uh, peddlin' (chuckles).

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: That's the way I called it. But anyway, we stopped at this butcher shop, you know, where the railroad tracks goes through town.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And there's just, how many houses up there on that side of the street, or places? Well, he was in about the middle of that.

AC: Was this your uncle that owned the butcher shop?

EB: Yes.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: And,

AC: What was his name?

EB: Stillwell. Lynn Stillwell.

AC: Lynn Stillwell, okay.

EB: And uh, I don't know, we were in, had the horses and buggy or something that day. And I had never been in the store. Do you know what I saw when I went in the store?

AC: What?

EB: Sawdust on the floor about so deep (laughs)!

AC: (laughs).

EB: And I couldn't, why have they got something like that on the floor (laughs) in the butcher shop?

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: But they, I guess they never clean the floors every day.

AC: Oh? Uh-huh.

EB: But, but stuff went in there, and it would, they could clean it out (chuckles)!

AC: Oh, so when you walked in, what did you see when you walked in the butcher shop?

EB: All this sawdust all over (laughs)!

AC: (laughs) what else did you see? Did he have meat hanging or _____?

EB: Oh yes, there was meat hanging all around in the store, but that sawdust got me (chuckles).

AC: Uh-huh. Did you, so how did you, um, buy your meat at that time? So, if you went into the butcher shop, what would you choose? What would you see, and um, how would you purchase your meat?

EB: Well, I don't know now.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Because it, I, I don't remem, well, they bought, they bought hams, whole hams.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I remember that. They had them whole hams, but I, I was gonna, tryin' to think how we got pork chops and things like that.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But I don't, I don't remember.

AC: Mm-hm. You just remember your sawdust on the floor in your uncle's shop, huh?

EB: The, well, you seen all these animals hanging up all around this how, this place.

AC: Mm-hm. Did you just have them carve a piece off, or?

EB: Well, they did, I guess. I don't know.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm. Did you raise animals on your place?

EB: Well, dad always raised pigs, but that's the only thing. I can remember mama going out and chasing a, a rooster. You know the little ones.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: And catching them, and wringing their necks!

AC: (laughs).
EB: (laughs). And I, I didn't understand that either.
AC: (chuckles).
EB: And then she would put on some water and, and scald them you know. Take the feathers all off, and
AC: So, she scalded them first. Then she plucked them?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And then she would take the feathers all off of them. And then she'd cut them all up, and put them on the frying pan on this, on the old wood stove.
AC: How did a wood stove work? I, I've never known.
EB: And what do you think?
AC: I've never really cooked, cooked on one, but how did you, did you get it going in the morning?
EB: Oh yeah. You always had kindling and paper or something, and put the kindling in there. We always had a reservoir. Did you know you could? Did you ever see one of those?
AC: Hm-mm.
EB: It was uh, sort of a, oh, maybe a box that sat at the end of the stove. And it had a, oh, a piece of it that come in to the, where the firebox was. That's what held your water.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And it had a, well, a lid on it. And we always dipped in and dipped water out. And we always had a teakettle too
AC: Oh!
EB: on the stove.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: Well, let's see, what else?
AC: So, did you have to start the fire early in the mornings, or
EB: Oh yeah, we always, they uh, the man always got up and started the fire.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And made hotcakes, or cooked eggs, or whatever
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: on this, on the stove. I don't say _____. I gotta know what cooks stoves some _____.
AC: (laughs). So did you, where did you get your kindling and your wood for the, for the stove from?
EB: Well now, I don't remember going and gathering wood like they do today up in the mountains. But, but the sawmill, Stange's had a sawmill over here, and you get a flat board or uh, a pocket board or something, or wood. And you'd chop it all up and make kindlin', finger sticks
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: out of it. And that's where you got your wood to start your fire.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And you had a wood box. I can remember our stove set [noise in background] over there.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And we had it
AC: Right next to the kitchen?
EB: right, right here.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: It was right here. We put a cement foundation around there, put a floor on it
AC: Mm-hm.

EB: when we remodeled.
AC: Uh-huh. So, the wood shed was right here next to kitchen?
EB: Yes.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And that was a door here that went out. And my aunt rented the house here. And she had them build her a room on out there.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And she lived there too.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But [stutter], the door here went across to the door in the, that hide-a-back building.
AC: Uh-huh. So, your father would be the one to light the fire in the mornings?
EB: Most yeah, or maybe grandpa would.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: There's a picture of my grandmother and grandfather up there.
AC: It would be nice to have it to use it in the book after we get done
EB: Well, you
AC: with the interview.
EB: look. Go over there and look.
AC: Okay, I'm gonna turn this off for a second.
EB: Now, what was we talkin' about?
AC: Alright, so um, so you grew up in, was it in this house, or
EB: No,
AC: were you, did you grow up in a different house?
EB: it was over there. But I,
AC: Across the road?
EB: Well, I was both places because Aunt Hat lived here and owned the land.
AC: Oh, they lived in this house,
EB: Yes.
AC: and you lived across the road?
EB: That's where, where mom and dad,
AC: Oh, okay.
EB: That's where my mother and dad and my grandfather and grandmother lived.
AC: Oh, I see. Uh-huh.
EB: They came out here on the train after they had that fire. They had the tornado, or whatever.
AC: Right, you were telling me that.
EB: Toward their house, so, and, he had a livery stable, I guess is what they called it.
AC: He had that in Nebraska?
EB: In Nebraska.
AC: Okay. Well, let's go back to when you were growing up. What school did you go to, you and your brothers?
EB: Well, now, can I remember the name of it? I don't know whether I did or not.
AC: Was it in La Grande?
EB: Yes, it was in La Grande.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Well, I saw the Sacajawea built up there.
AC: Uh-huh
EB: And, it was down past that.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: _____.
AC: Was it Riveria, or

EB: No, it was uh, right on that same street.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And it was just down, and it was uh, a grocery store.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And can I remember the name of it? No, I can't.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: My mind went clogged.
AC: Oh no,
EB: _____.
AC: your mind is doing very well. So where, do you know where you went to first grade and second grade and third grade with your brothers?
EB: Well I, the [stutter] the bridge went out up there where it is, up there before _____.
AC: Oh!
EB: And they had a plank, uh, oh you know what a plank is.
AC: Yeah, a wooden plank.
EB: And they had that here across that east end of that, where that bridge is. And I was in the first and second grade. Well, my dad said I was not to walk that plank. My brother could. He was four years older than I was.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But he could do it! Why couldn't I? (chuckles) No, he didn't want me to. So, I never did it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh, so
AC: So, how did you get to school?
EB: Walked.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I walked to high school for four years.
AC: Oh, mm-hm.
EB: Did you think I done good? (chuckles).
AC: Yes, you did!
EB: (laughs).
AC: So, did you go to the Central School, Central School downtown _____?
EB: I went to uh, I went to Greenwood.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: In the, I went to Greenwood. I was in the third grade when they told me I had to change schools and go over to Riveria, and I said, no I don't because that would just make me have to walk that much farther every day. They had a Fruitdale School out here.
AC: Oh, they had Fruitdale School. Did you go to Fruitdale School?
EB: And I went to Fruitdale School because I wasn't gonna walk over to Riveria.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And,
AC: So, where was Fruitdale School?
EB: I went to, uh, I was in the third grade in, in Greenwood
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: when I'm, I come out here.
AC: And where was Fruitdale School? Was it here?
EB: It was, um, well, down the, from the park
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: down on that road.
AC: Does it still exist? Is it still built?
EB: There are others. I think, I think there's still a park, uh, school there.

AC: Mm-hm. How many teachers were at that school?
EB: They had one when I went to school there. I think her name was um, _____ (chuckles).
Yes, she come from Elgin.
AC: She came from Elgin to teach?
EB: She came from Elgin and taught out there. Um,
AC: And did she teach all of your family?
EB: She had all eight, eight grades.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And she taught all eight grades. And then,
AC: Could you describe your um, your day at, at school? What, what did you do there when
you got there to the Fruitdale School?
EB: Well, we had a great big old stove with a big thing around it, about as big as this table
(chuckles). And we'd _____, and keep warm
AC: (laughs).
EB: for awhile anyway. And I can't remember we, I didn't think we'd had much school. I
didn't call it much school, I guess.
AC: Mm-hm. So, did you, did you all, um, were you all in one big room, or did you have two
rooms?
EB: Yes, it was all in one big room.
AC: And were you sitting facing a chalkboard, or
EB: We, we were um, have the seats, and they were all facing the north, as I remember.
There was windows to the back of us, and I don't think we ever had any lights in there.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: We had two clothes closets, one for the boys and one for the girls.
AC: (chuckles).
EB: (chuckles). And there was a big door. I know what, um, with you know, Wanda Berry?
AC: I've heard of her.
EB: Well, she was my son's first grade teacher out there in Fruitdale when well, he was a,
what, an insurance man?
AC: Mm?
EB: Her dad was an insurance man.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh,
AC: Do you remember what your, the name of your teacher was?
EB: The name?
AC: Your teacher's name? Do you remember your teacher's name?
EB: Oh yes I, Cruikshank.
AC: Cruikshank?
EB: I believe it was Cruikshank.
AC: Uh-huh. Ohhhh.
EB: Kenneth, that's, that's my son.
[Kenneth Berry enters. Referred to as "K."]
AC: Oh, let me, let me stop this for a second.
EB: Was that my teacher's name, Cruikshank?
K: Hey, don't ask me.
AC: So,
EB: Well, your teacher's name was Wanda Berry, wasn't it, when you went to school
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: out there?
AC: So, it was Cruikshank, Miss Cruikshank?
EB: I'm pretty sure that's, well, can I change things?

AC: Yeah (chuckles).
EB: (chuckles).
AC: Do you remember what she looked, well, how she looked?
EB: Oh,
AC: Did she wear a long dress, or what did she, what did she wear?
EB: She wasn't too tall, and she was kind of stout, as I remember.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: She wasn't, wasn't a thin girl.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: She was an older lady.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I think her name was Cruikshank.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: Let's hope it is.
AC: (laughs). Did you, did, did she ever uh, swat anybody, or, I mean did, did uh, when kids did, misbehaved? What was she like? What did, I mean what did she do when kids misbehaved?
EB: I'd get, well, see, I could remember that uh, what did we do I and the other girl that lived over here (chuckles)?
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: We was pretty ornery (chuckles). And I think she told us we, she's gonna do something that we didn't like. Course, we wouldn't. And she us, took us out to the back of the schoolhouse. Well, they had, you know, they had toilets out there then.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And boy, we'd, we'd go to the toilet quite often.
AC: (laughs).
EB: But I think she took us out there and was gonna do something to us, but I don't think she ever did it because I think we was too ornery.
AC: (laughs). Do you think she was gonna spank you or what?
EB: I don't think she was ever gonna spank us. But Kenneth crawled up the tree, and, and the, what was the lady with the, well the teacher that crawled up after you? What was her name, Kenneth?
AC: (chuckles).
K: _____.
EB: Well, she was uh, had a, they had a, do you remember what her name was?
K: No, _____, not right now.
EB: And, if she got pretty close to him, he'd go a little bit farther up the tree.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And they was clear up at the top of that tree.
AC: Um, so when you went to high school, did you go to La Grande High School?
EB: Uh-huh, I went to La Grande High School.
AC: And you said you walked to school?
EB: I walked to school most of the time. Sometimes dad would be going to town and I'd get to ride with him. And there was a Mr. Proctor that lived over here some place, and he worked at the courthouse. And if I'd get up to the corner before he come along, I'd get to ride to school. Well, he'd drop me off right there at that _____.
AC: Did you walk with your brothers to school then?
EB: I, my, no, I don't think any of my brothers went to our school.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm. So, how did you meet your husband?
EB: At a dance, I think.
AC: Yeah?

EB: We used to go to dances at the Eagles Hall was up by, wasn't the Elks Hall up there? Isn't, isn't the Elks up there, still up there on the corner?

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: Well, there was a little dance hall right out to the west side of that that I think that's where we met.

AC: Uh-huh. What was your husband's name?

EB: Floyd.

AC: Okay.

EB: Berry.

AC: Floyd Berry. And did, did you meet him when you were in high school, or when did you meet him?

EB: Well, I think it was in high school.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: He was uh, he was quite an athletic person. He played base, err, basketball. He played with the high school team.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And I think, didn't they go to state that year that he was a senior?

AC: Would, would that have been in the 30's, or, or earlier?

EB: Well, he graduated in '29,

AC: '29.

EB: or '27. I graduated in '29.

AC: 1929, you graduated? Uh-huh.

EB: Yeah.

AC: And you graduated from the, from the high school in 1929?

EB: Yes.

AC: Do you remember anything about going to high school, what your favorite subjects were, or what you uh, what you did when you were in high school?

EB: I, I don't think we did very much like they do today. They'd usually have a, uh, well, I could have played some kind of ball. I can't remember.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I wasn't very creative. Oh, I had a son that was!

AC: Mm-hm. So, did you work while you were in high school?

EB: No. Oh, well just helping dad and mom out here. I didn't, I didn't do, I picked strawberries and cherries and apples, and things like that.

AC: Mm-hm. So what, what did you do after you were married? Did you move to another house, or would, did you guys stay in this area, or

EB: We've been here in this house, oh, seventy-one, seventy-two years.

AC: So, when you got married your husband and you moved into this house?

EB: Yeah.

AC: Uh-huh. And what did your husband do for a living?

EB: Well, he was a farmer, and he worked on the farm. Why he worked for um, well, the Zauggs or others went out and worked at farming until he went, became West Branch out, you know where that is out

AC: The Zauggs? Z-O-G-G-S? Is that how you spell their name? Zauggs?

EB: West is W-E-S-T.

AC: Oh, okay. You said something about the Zauggs. Did you

EB: Oh, John Deere! Floyd worked for John Deere and so did Kenneth.

AC: Uh-huh. Ken went to Korea. What years you, was you in Korea?

K: '52, '53, ____.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: And then he went to, he went to work with his dad.

AC: Uh-huh. So when, your, right after you got married your husband worked on a family farm here?

EB: No, they, they got

K: He did work for farmers ____.

AC: Oh, he worked for,

EB: farmers.

AC: straight for farmers? Uh-huh.

EB: Yeah, he was a, what do you call him, trouble man?

K: ____ earlier in his life he ____ on the farms. Then he went to, he was a John Deere mechanic.

AC: Oh, he was a John Deere mechanic? Oh! Oh, so where was John Deere at that time?

K: He started to work for Claude Rice. That's where the Elks, or the, uh, the Eagles Hall is now.

AC: Uh-huh.

K: And right in that area ____, that building.

AC: Huh.

K: ____.

AC: So, he worked at John Deere. What do you remember about him working at John Deere at that time, do you know?

EB: Well, he was working there when you come back from Korea, wasn't he?

K: ____.

EB: Wasn't he still with John, with Claude Rice?

K: Yep. No! Not at that time. ____.

EB: Oh, he was in the machinery, wasn't he?

K: He was in the machinery, and he bought Claude ____ out.

AC: Mm.

K: ____.

EB: And who was in, who was in the machinery? What was their names?

K: Inland Machinery? They had Caterpillar, Caterpillar machinery.

AC: Oh, what was the name of it, Andel machinery?

K: Inland.

AC: Inland Machinery. Okay, so he worked there when, right after you first got married after he worked as a, on farms and things? He worked for John Deere?

K: That that was in, uh, uh _____. I think he started working for John Deere in about '47, or '48.

AC: He worked at John Deere in '47 or '48. But right after you, the two of you got married he worked, he came here and worked with your family on the farm? Was that right?

K: He just worked ____.

EB: He just uh, worked out on the

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: big farms.

AC: Okay. And what, what, what did he do on those farms?

EB: Well he,

K: drove tractor,

EB: drove tractor,

K: and combine,

EB: and combine,

AC: Mm-hm. And what, what were you doing while he was

EB: ____?

AC: working on the farm? Yes!

EB: Not much.

AC: (laughs).
EB: Well, I had a garden too.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: I worked down here on the garden.
AC: So, you still continued to work for your father,
EB: Yeah.
AC: and that kind of thing? Uh-huh, uh-huh.
EB: I doubt that.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I picked strawberries a lot, didn't I?
K: _____ (laughs).
AC: (laughs).
K: I think you can sorta tell.
AC: Uh-huh. Yeah. So, um, let me ask, um, a little bit about, um, uh, what La Grande was like that, what you remember, what you remember about La Grande, um, when you were growing up?
EB: Well, when I was growing up I didn't remember a lot because, well, you didn't go to town like they do today.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But, when Wayne got to going to, uh, to high school, he done a lot of athletics.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And we were involved in that quite a bit.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Course, Floyd done it when he went to high school. He was a, played football, and
AC: Do you remember watching him play football?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Sitting in the stands?
EB: Yep, I do. And basketball, basketball
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And then when we got to, when Wayne got into high school, we got involved because he was in basketball and football. Didn't he, uh, didn't he have picture of ball,
K: Baseball.
EB: baseball?
K: Right.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And track?
K: He lettered in _____.
AC: So, your husband lettered in four sports?
EB: No, our son.
AC: Oh, you did. You lettered in four sports.
EB: No!
K: Not me.
EB: Not him.
AC: Oh, okay.
EB: He'd tend his cows and things
AC: I see.
EB: like calves.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: 4-H Club things _____.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: _____.

AC: That that would be an interesting thing to, to talk about, um, 4-H. Were you involved in 4-H when you were younger? Emma, were you involved in 4-H Club, or? So, your children were involved in 4-H?

EB: Yes.

AC: Yeah, and what did they do in 4-H?

EB: Kenneth, help me.

AC: (laughs).

K: (laughs).

AC: You're doing fine on your own! You're doing just fine.

K: _____.

EB: I don't know whether you done much 4-H, did you?

K: No, we didn't. We _____

AC: Mm-hm.

K: _____.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I can remember when he started to high school. He and his cousin over here, Bob, and another cousin, Lester Chandler played a lot of hooky!

AC: Oh!

EB: And I was confronted with a guy that said that they'd rather see him stay home than playing hooky and not going to school, so I kept him home.

AC: Uh-huh. So, did you home-school him?

EB: And he didn't, he didn't uh, did you ever graduate from high school Kenneth?

K: I never did.

EB: But they learned

K: She don't, she don't care about me.

EB: Oh, yes I do! You would have been a, you would have been a better athletic, athletic guy than Wayne ever thought of being!

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Because he would, had a better build to him.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: _____.

AC: So when, when your kids were small were you, uh, raising animals as well as, um, um, crops and things like that?

EB: Oh yeah.

AC: Mm-hm. What kind of animals?

EB: We had a _____, calves to raise for 4-H Club, you know?

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And that kind of thing. Did you ever have any pigs? I don't remember you had

K: Yes, we had pigs.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Did you?

AC: Now, you said that your, that you raised, your father had pigs here too, had, when you were young. Where did you keep them?

EB: Oh, out here in a pen.

AC: Mm-hm. What was it, what, what is raising pigs like for people that don't know anything about it?

EB: Well, they just get little pigs and raise little pigs, uh, to butcher and size _____.

AC: What do you feed them?

K: The slops.

EB: Slop.

AC: Oh, what do you mean, just anything that you?

EB: Well,
K: Leftovers from the table.
EB: the table and things like that.
K: We always milked cows, and had milk.
EB: Had milk.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
EB: And things like that.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm. So, how many children do you have?
EB: Three.
AC: Three children, uh-huh. So, you've lived here your, almost your whole life, your whole entire life in, in this area.
EB: I was born over in that other house, not this one that's there now.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Dad built that house in '30.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And uh, it was a different house than what they have. We just had, oh, a little house. It, it was a two-story house.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And had Grandpa and Grandma's bedroom back out here, a dining area, a kitchen, mom and dad's bedroom out here, and ours (chuckles).
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And, and I guess they had one room up, well, they had two rooms upstairs, but we only used one, and made a bedroom out of it for the boys.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And the boys had their bedroom upstairs.
AC: Mm-hm. So, they built the house next door by themselves, or did they have company come and help build it, or
EB: Oh, they had a builder. Do you remember who the builder was? I can't remember his name right now.
K: _____.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Who helped dad build that house Kenneth?
K: _____.
AC: Yeah. Here's another question for you, Emma. When you were young, what did you, what did you and your brothers do for fun?
EB: Fight.
AC: (laughs).
EB: (laughs). Oh, it, the, dad, dad used, well, we all had skates, and we skated on the river down here. That was part of our
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: skills. We've always skated. Well, uh, I spent a lot of time down where my mother was born, down there on that Shafer place.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: We'd, done, we, we'd usually go down there for, you know, the holiday meals and things.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I had cousins down there, but, do you think, can remember any other thing I done, Kenneth?
AC: (laughs).
EB: That I should be tellin'?
AC: Uh-huh.
K: You know I wouldn't _____.

EB: Well, I know you wasn't.
AC: _____ after you got your (throat clearing) Shafer grandparents, what did you grandfather do, your grandfather Shafer?
EB: I don't remember grandpa, only tellin' me when I played the piano I'd uh, dad got me a piano.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh, mom and grandma made butter here.
AC: How'd they make butter?
EB: With a churn.
AC: Oh!
EB: It had a churn you churn, or churn, churn, churn.
AC: Uh-huh. So, how did, how did they actually make it, did they _____?
EB: They milked the cow for the cream. You put the cream in this thing, and then you either pushed the thing back and forth, um, and it made butter.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Well, I _____ it. It did it _____.
AC: Did you ever have to do it?
EB: Oh yeah, we'd, well, a lot of us turned the
AC: Turned the crank?
EB: handle on the churn, and kept the go, made butter. Then they had an old wooden bowl, oh, about so big. And we'd, they'd take the butter out and work the butter, and make it into squares.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Or they had, had a wood, I think I've got the old wood pound butter thing.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: That they used to put it in, and make a pound of butter.
AC: Hm.
EB: And they'd had some kind of paper that they put on it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And, well, finally we got a refridge., and old refrigerator that you put ice in
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: to keep the milk and butter,
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: or cream after they separated it.
AC: What did, what did the icebox, how did the icebox work?
EB: Well, it had uh, a kind of a top on the thing, and you raise the top up, and there, it was sort of a metal box in here.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And, you put the ice in here. Then the door opened, and here you had where you kept, you know.
AC: Where did you get your ice?
EB: Well, up there at Young's. You know, right there this side of the, where the bridge is today?
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: There was a lane down there and they had an ice. They took it out of the river, the ice, the ice out of the river.
AC: Did you ever watch them cutting it out of the river?
EB: Oh yeah, I did.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They'd take it in there and put it in sawdust. Didn't they Kenneth?
K: _____.

AC: Sawdust, uh-huh.
K: _____ sawdust.
AC: So, would they, how would they cut it out of the river? Do you remember seeing that?
K: They used saws.
AC: Mm-hm. They sawed it right out of the river and put it in the
K: _____.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And they, then they'd put it in this sawdust, wouldn't they, and they'd cover it all up?
K: _____.
AC: Mm-hm. How did you get your ice back here? Did you use a truck to bring it back and forth, or wagon, or
K: Wagon mostly.
AC: Yeah, used a wagon, and did you have horses? Did you have a wagon and horses when you were _____?
EB: Oh yes, I rode a horse a lot. My brother had a nice horse named, Tip. [Kip?]
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I rode, rode that horse a lot, a lot. And we had an old, dad and mom had an older horse named, Daisy, that uh, dad had when he first came out here.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I remember him telling us that they took them over to the Minam, the Little Minam cross, in the mountains up here.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And, the bear got in their tent. The horse broke loose and come home. They had to walk home (chuckles).
AC: Oh! So, did they go hunting in the winter, or in the fall?
EB: They went, they went fishing or something _____.
AC: Mm-hm. Would your, would your dad go hunting to, to get
EB: Well, he did, but he didn't hunt like the boys did. Did he Kenneth?
K: _____.
AC: Mm? Mm-hm.
K: _____.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Well, I don't remember. Well, I don't remember him hunting, not like Atley and them did.
AC: Mm-hm. So, when you, uh, went to town, did somebody, you took the horse and buggy when you were young, or
EB: Yes.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And then dad got an old Ford pick-up
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: for a car that, well, what did it have? It had just two seats in it, two seats in it, one here, and one back. But they had, oops, handles (chuckles) or sticks, uh, sticking up. They weren't sticks. They were metal bars,
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: and held a top up here on. And it was over the top of this two-seated thing.
AC: Uh-huh, uh-huh. And that's where the vegetables and things were put. Did he have anything painted on the side of his truck, so people knew?
EB: No, there
AC: Uh-huh. And so, when you sold your fruit, they, there wasn't a name on the box for, was it Chandler fruit, or did it
EB: Uh, he had a lot of his boxes.
AC: Uh-huh.

EB: I can remember when he had to put something on when he took that carload of apples to Des Moines, Iowa that winter.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Now that was about Christmas time

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: when he went back there with that.

AC: So, he took apples all the way to Iowa to sell?

EB: On, on, on the train, on the train.

AC: Oh.

EB: We, we, they had something stamped on those, ends of those boxes. Didn't they Kenneth?

K: I _____. I don't know. _____.

EB: I don't know either, but _____

AC: So, there was some name for the, the company, the fruit company that, that you guys had here?

EB: Well, I can't remember the, seeing anything on them, Kenneth. _____ when I think about it.

AC: Mm-hm.

K: _____ had his, uh, boxes all

[Recording ends]

[Recording begins]

AC: Her home. This is July 7th. Um, so this is part two of our interview. And um, Mrs. Berry, we were, you were talking a lot about your childhood, and um, I'm

EB: Well, I grew up right here!

AC: Yeah! And I'm wondering if you can talk a little bit about the Shafers, the Shafer family. And they lived over in where?

EB: Down on Hunter Lane.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: Well, you know where the road goes down over here, the Fruitdale road?

AC: Right.

EB: Well, you go to the, back to that road and turn

AC: And they live about?

EB: north.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: And its, well, I'm not sure now. I think there's one house. There might be two houses, and then there's a big yellow house, or a big

AC: A big yellow house. Do you remember the address on Hunter Lane? Did they have an address, or

EB: I don't know.

AC: Uh-huh. Well, could you tell me about your, your, your Shafer family, the Shafer family?

EB: Well the, it was my mother's family.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: But it, that's where she was born was in that

AC: What was your mother's name?

EB: Margaret Ann, Margaret Ann Shafer.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: And they had, what, Aunt Allie. Huh, now let me think so I can get this right.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Aunt Allie Pearson. She married a Pearson. And Aunt Claire, she married, uh, a House. Now that was my Uncle Ike's wife's name too.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: He married a House. And she married, she marry, my Aunt Clara married her brother, that they were brothers,
AC: Oh, uh-huh.
EB: or brothers, brother and sister.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And of course, then she married, she married four other guys
AC: Oh!
EB: before she got through (chuckles).
AC: Oh, is that right? So, how many children?
EB: She had two.
AC: Two children.
EB: And they were Shafers.
AC: Uh-huh. Now,
EB: Oh, they were Houses.
AC: They were
EB: There last name were House.
AC: So the, with the Shafer family, how children were there in the Shafer family?
EB: Well, there was Bud and Ethel, Bud, Ethel, Tula, and Anna May.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: There was the four of them.
AC: So, when you went over to uh, visit them, what would you do?
EB: Well you see, they lived uh, along um, they had uh, springs out along there. And we'd, we'd go skating in the winter time on the creek that went down through there. And we'd just play, you know, down along the creek. We'd play down along the creek, and uh
AC: So, these were your grandparents, or your pare, your, your grandparents?
EB: Yes, they were my grandparents.
AC: Uh-huh, and their two names were what?
EB: Isaac, Isaac Shafer, and Emma Shafer.
AC: Emma. So, you got _____ one of your names?
EB: Yes, I was named after my two grandmothers.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
EB: And uh,
AC: You would go over there and you'd skate. What else did you do?
EB: Oh, we had, we went over there usually on holidays, you know. Mother would, and dad would go down. And there was, let's see how many brothers did I have? I did, I didn't have any sisters that I knew of.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They said I had a sister, but she had, uh, been born and died before I
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: come along.
AC: So, you had four brothers? Is that right?
EB: Atley, Russell, I still got one.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Atley was the oldest. He was four years older than I, and then I had a, another one that was three years younger.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And then, I still, the one that I still have is seven years younger.
AC: And what's his name?
EB: John.
AC: John.
EB: Isaac.

AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Or, John Shafer Chandler is what his name is.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm. So, when you went to the, the, your brothers and you went to the Shafer house for holidays, what did you do, and what did, what, what?
EB: Well, they usually always had a big turkey.
AC: (laughs).
EB: (laughs). I can remember that! Oh, my grandfather had turkeys, or raised turkeys, you know, for these holidays. Well, I guess he did. I don't know. Well, we had a turkey.
AC: I see, mm-hm. What did your grandfather do?
EB: Well, he'd, he'd had a, come along now. See he, uh, come out from Iowa and on a wagon train, and he come through here some way. I don't know just exactly how he come, but anyway, it was out through M_____, through Tollgate, and out to Walla Walla.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: From, from Iowa.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh, I don't know whether he had anything in his wagon train or not. But he, he came from there. And evidently, they were selling places when he come through here. And, he sorta liked that one, and he bought a hundred and sixty acres.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh, they lived there.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I can't remember. I can remember him dying when I wasn't very big.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But uh, I don't. And I thought I should have asked you what you was gonna ask me about. I could have found more.
AC: (chuckles).
EB: I could have got more (chuckles). Information, you know.
AC: Uh-huh. So when you went to their house, um, and uh, so he, after he settled in the house, um, what was his job? What did he do?
EB: Well, he just farmed.
AC: Just farmed?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Mm-hm. And what did, what crops did he farm?
EB: Well, wheat I guess.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Now some of this you'd better take as a, with a
AC: (chuckles).
EB: grain of salt.
AC: (laughs).
EB: (laughs). He does. I'm not too sure. But I don't remember him. He had a grain when I was small.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And we used to play. Well uh, they built several houses down there too. But, I can remember when there was a gate down along the road there, and they had a house out in, well, it's an orchard.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I remember there was orchard out in there. There was a house in there, but I think a grandparent lived in it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But, don't take me for
AC: Mm-hm. What kind of, what kind of fruit?

EB: Well uh, it had to be apples. Is all I ever remember him doing.

AC: Mm-hm. What was your grandmother like? What would, what would, what'd you remember about your grandmother?

EB: Well, I loved her.

AC: Mm-hm!

EB: Very much. And, I can remember mother being hard of hearing. That she was uh, when she went, she was younger she went out to, I had uh. One of her brothers lived over in Enterprise, and she went over there and worked in the restaurant. But then, some of grandma's family got sick with some kind of a flu or something. I call it a flu. That not, may not be what it was. And, they called her home to help with them. And, she had to go out and hang clothes on the line that froze before they got hung up.

AC: Mm.

EB: Those were the kind of winters they had. But she, she lost her hearing, and my mother was hard of hearing.

AC: She from, from the sickness, or _____?

EB: From the sickness

AC: Huh, so

EB: that she

AC: like an influenza _____?

EB: I, it's something. Um, it was a cold or something. The called it, they had name for it, but I can't remember the name.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Okay, now where shall I go?

AC: (laughs). So, after your grandfather died, what did your grandmother do?

EB: Well, she stayed down there on the farm.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, and her son lived down there with them too.

AC: Did he continue to farm and

EB: He continued to grow crops on there.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, I can remember, um, dad and my mother. They divided up the hundred and sixty acres with the children. And, each one of them had twenty-six acres, I think. And, dad farmed out there too.

AC: So, he farmed up here and down there?

EB: Yeah, he had, was up here. And, over here you had the field. I could always, course I wasn't very big. He raised strawberries, and uh, we had strawberries. I picked strawberries out here and then over on the corner. I don't know how, whether he bought it or what he did with it.

AC: Mm-hm. So, what did he plant the twenty-six acres

EB: Uh, they had,

AC: _____ Shafer place _____?

EB: they had grain down there.

AC: Uh-huh. Did you remember grain elevators, or, or how they, how they, uh stored their grain at that time?

EB: They had a, there was a guy lived down there. He had a thrashing machine, and they would. Now, wait just a minute until I can get my mind going (chuckles). That the, I don't know. Do you remember those binders they used to have that they would cut the grain, and bind it, and put a string around it? And, what do they call those things? Let me think a minute. They weren't bales. They were, and they stored these bales. I can remember dad having some over here that they put them on, like a flatbed, until the

threshing machine come in. And then, they'd take these to the threshing machine and throw them in wherever it was a thrashing up the grain.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And uh, and then they'd have the, well, the straw would come out. Course the grain would come out of the heads. It was in these crazy things (chuckles).

AC: Mm-hm, and what would they do with the heads of the grain?

EB: Well, they uh, they would _____ in these here, what do I want to call them? I can't think of the right name for them. They'd bind them up. They'd cut them up, and they'd cut a, you know, made these stalks that tall.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But, they'd put a string around the top of them.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And then,

AC: About eight inch tall?

EB: And, and then all these heads that they'd screen would be up above this string.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And when they'd throw them in, they'd just would, grain would just come out of

AC: The tops of them?

EB: the tops of them.

AC: Uh-huh. Do you know where they sent there grain, or did they keep it here?

EB: Well, yes. I think, oh, I can't remember. They had trucks

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: that they put the grain in them. They'd take it to the, out in Island City they had a mill.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And they

AC: Did you ever ride on one of the trucks to the mill?

EB: They, well, it would be like, like in uh, a bed, a flatbed.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, not a flatbed.

AC: Did you ever drive one of the trucks, or would you ride in the truck to the mill, or

EB: I don't remember doing that.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I didn't. No, well there was too many boys in my family.

AC: (laughs).

EB: (laughs) _____.

AC: So, what was considered women's work, _____?

EB: Well, we picked strawberries. I picked strawberries when I was younger.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: A lot of strawberries. Uh, dad would get me up at four o'clock. I can remember that.

AC: Mm.

EB: And we'd go to the strawberry patch, and I picked strawberries. _____ I picked ten twenty-four boxes of straw., not just flat, you know.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: The flat only has what, twelve in it today?

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, they'd be twenty-four of the ones I picked

AC: Wow.

EB: ever. Dad would pay me fifteen cents for picking this flat.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And they'd, had other people come pick to, you know?

AC: Mm-hm. So, what else, what kind of, um, chores were the women doing around the farm?

EB: Well, I don't remember mother doing a lot. But, well, they always had to cook dinner for the men that worked on the farm. I remember that. And,

AC: What kinds of things would you cook?

EB: Oh, regular things, potatoes and corn, and we always had roasted ears.

AC: Mm-hm, from your garden?

EB: From the garden.

AC: What kind of meat?

EB: Well, I can only remember pork.

AC: From the pigs that you kept?

EB: From the pigs they, and once in awhile we'd, dad would raise a calf up and kill it.

AC: Mm-hm. So where, where did you keep the pigs? Did you have pig houses or _____?

EB: Oh yeah, they had pig houses, and you kept slop from the house washing dishes.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Milk from, from the cows. Things, and that's what they fed them.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Yeah, I can remember when I was, well, when I moved over here, when after we was married, dad had a pig house out on that corner out there. And, oh it stunk!

AC: (laughs).

EB: And I didn't like that very well, but

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: he didn't have that very long either. He didn't.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I guess I, I have lived too long (chuckles).

AC: No! What other kinds of things do you remember doing with your brothers when you guys were young for fun?

EB: (chuckles). For fun?

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, let me think. I had some neighbors next door that we always, oh, played together. And I can remember we was going to the carnival one night with the two neighbors, was across the field here.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And _____, they lived over there. And I went out, I got ready too soon and I thought well, I'll get a flower and wear a flower out on my blouse or something. And, mom had a wire around her flowers. And I caught my toe and fell and hit the corner of the sidewalk with my arm, and broke my arm.

AC: Oh no!

EB: And the bones come out, and blood started, "bloot, bloot, bloot."

AC: Oh no!

EB: And I went to the house. Dad was still sitting at the sup table, and he put a tourniquet around my arm up here.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And took, well, then the neighbor boy come, and he got him and went to the doctor then.

AC: Which doctor, do you remember?

EB: Doctor Biggers, as I remember. And he was in uh, where the drugstore with the, up on the corner of, what was it, Depot?

AC: Mm.

EB: I think they were there.

AC: So, the doctor that was up, up above the drugstore?

EB: Well, he was in the back of the drugstore there.

AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But it was a room back there, and if I remember right, that's where I went.
AC: How did he set it?
EB: Well, they had two boards. You know, then they put boards on it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And they wrapped it around these boards. What do they call them, splints?
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I think they call them splints. And they, they'd, anyway when I went back and they checked it, they cut this bandage that they had on it. Up, and spread the boards out and
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: checked my arm all the time. And then they wrapped, bale it up again (chuckles).
AC: (chuckles). So, is he a pretty good doctor?
EB: Well, I thought he was, but I don't know. Dad didn't think very much of him (laughs). So, I don't know!
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: There's only _____.
AC: What carnival were you going to?
EB: What?
AC: What carnival were you going to?
EB: Oh, uh, they used to have carnivals come in. They'd bring them in.
AC: Where would they be, at the, at the fairgrounds, or where?
EB: Well, I can remember one being over on the Island City strip. There some place in a, well, a big open, just an open place that they come in and set up the carnival.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Oh, I can't think of what, it seemed like they had, we threw darts or something.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Or something _____ carnival. See?
AC: And were there animals and rides and things like that?
EB: Oh yeah, they had um, they had different kinds of animals, like, that we didn't have.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I can't remember what they had. I think they had some elephants or something one time.
AC: Mm-hm, and a Ferris wheel, or?
EB: Well yeah, they always had uh, a Ferris wheel too.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: You're helping me.
AC: (laughs).
EB: Yeah, we did that. And,
AC: What other kinds of, of fun did you and your brothers have?
EB: Yeah, it was a fun thing to go to, I thought.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Course I didn't that night.
AC: No! of course not.
EB: I didn't get to go either. Nobody else went.
AC: (chuckles).
EB: I could remember that, that, that, they've always told me that the boy that they went, that dad took with him, the neighbor boy, they, they told him to hold my feet down. And I guess I just picked him up and threw him up in the air with my feet!
AC: Oh! _____.
EB: They always told me about it anyway.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: So, see what kind of a gal I was (chuckles).
AC: (laughs). Uh-huh.
EB: Well, I always did a lot of, I picked apples, and I picked cherries, and things like that. Dad always had an orchard down behind the house to the river. And I, and we had cherry trees. Not very many peach trees, but quite a few cherry trees, and that's the kinds of things I did.
AC: Mm-hm. Sounds like hard work.
EB: No, wasn't hard work. It was consuming. You'd, I'd go out in the morning, and well, like strawberries, dad would always get me up at four o'clock. And go out and pick strawberries in the morning, and maybe I could pick ten of those crates.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I got fifteen cents.
AC: (chuckles). What'd you spend your money on?
EB: Well, you know, do you remember, has anybody told you about the N.K. West place that was uptown?
AC: Not much.
EB: Or,
AC: Huh-uh.
EB: Well, I can remember going up there with my, well, course I didn't have a purse or anything in those days. I had my money in my pocket, I _____ think. And I was standing up there in front of that big door, and I wuh, had, there was cars out along, you know, the sidewalk there. And there was a couple in that one car that set there and watched me. And evidently, I must have lost some of my money because I don't, didn't have a lot of it when I got through.
AC: (chuckles). So, what would you buy when you went in N.K. West?
EB: Oh, I can't remember, maybe a pair of socks or slippers or something.
AC: So, uh, they sold clothing there mostly, or what else did they sell at N.K. West?
EB: Oh they, they had a lot of, well, like yardage, and things like that.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Towels, and, but I don't think I ever bought a lot of towels or anything.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: My mother might have.
AC: So, if you can remember walking in to that N.K. West, what did you see when you went inside?
EB: Well, they had, what do I want to say? Places that they had yardage, you know,
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: on the table, and, and uh
AC: Did they have groceries there too?
EB: What?
AC: Did they sell groceries too, or?
EB: Well, I don't think so, not in the store, I don't think they had that. Uh, what did they have? Um, they had some, I know we went downstairs, went upstairs, went down and up stairs to different things. But I can't, just put a name on
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: right this minute (chuckles).
AC: (chuckles). Mm-hm-hm.
EB: Aren't I terrible?
AC: Hm-mm, not at all. What else do you remember about downtown La Grande?
EB: Well, I can remember, uh, my grandmother and mother, they always churned butter. And uh, there was a lawyer and his wife that dad always took a pound of butter to. And they lived on the corner of, I think it was Second and, I can't think of the other, but it was

on Second anyway. And dad would not take all of us kids with him when he went to town cuz he took butter here and butter there,

AC: Mm-hm

EB: pounds of butter. And uh, there used to be uh, off this side of the uh, railroad where you went across there, where we would, from Jefferson down

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: back when the railroad goes across.

AC: Yep, yep.

EB: Okay, right across there, and there was uh, a store. What was, it was a, they made cookies and things, oh bakery!

AC: Oh!

EB: That's what it, and they had uh, a bin with ice cream in it.

AC: Mm!

EB: And we'd always, he'd always stop and get whichever one of us went with him an ice cream cone. And that's what we'd, we was awful glad to get it (chuckles)!

AC: (laughs). Do you remember the name of the bakery?

EB: No.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I might have if I'd have thought long enough, but it was a bakery, just a bakery.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: That's terrible when we don't, can't think,

AC: Yeah.

EB: can't remember things!

AC: (chuckles). You do remember a lot though. Any other memories of your childhood that, um, things that you've told your, your, your children about what you would do when you were younger, any more memories that you have?

EB: Oh, let me think. I can remember one day about uh, I don't know what I told her, but. And she was here, she just went home

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Monday, I guess it was. Maybe it was Tuesday (chuckles), and I wish she'd uh, hadn't come out, well, she might have reminded me of things I should, didn't want to remember.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: But I remember one day, I don't know what I did to her, but she was down, went down in the pasture down there and was sitting on the bank of uh, along the fence line a cryin'. And I went down there, something I did to her. And she was crying and, and I felt so bad, and I thought _____ well, I won't do that again. And I don't think I ever did.

AC: (laughs). This is your daughter?

EB: Yeah,

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: The daughter was here.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, they had the three children.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Kenneth, you met him the other day.

AC: Yes, uh-huh, mm-hm.

EB: And Wayne and Patricia.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: Yeah.

AC: So, when the

EB: And I told you about Wayne?

AC: Yeah, you told me all about Wayne. Yeah, you did well. So, when the children were young, did they do chores around the house like you did when you were a child?

EB: Oh, yes.

AC: What did you have them do?

EB: Oh, she always had to help do dishes. You know, we always ate and done dishes. I don't know whether everybody did that or not, but

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: we did. And, she done dishes. Oh, she done some cooking too.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Wayne done a lot of, well we'd go, well, I went with dad a lot when I was younger cuz we went huckleberryin', and

AC: Where did you go huckleberryin'?

EB: Up on the mountain, up Fox Hill. I can remember when I was younger that uh, dad would take mom, but he'd always take the buggy and the horse because she'd, wasn't, well, I didn't think she was too well. I guess she was weller than I thought she was.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But anyway, he, he'd always take the buggy and we, we had to walk up Fox Hill, up that road, Fox Hill. But, she could ride, and after we got up on top of the hill we could all get in the buggy and ride.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But we couldn't ride up that hill.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, why couldn't the horses have pulled us (chuckles) just as well as

AC: (laughs).

EB: they could my, (laughs), they could the vehicle (laughs).

AC: Uh-huh. What kind of buggy was it?

EB: Oh, it had a horse on the front of it.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And a seat up there.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Maybe two seats, I don't remember. But, we could always get in the back of it.

AC: So how many, how much huckleberrying, what kind of a, uh, a score with the huckleberries did you bring home? Did you bring home

EB: Oh, we

AC: a bucket, or?

EB: Yeah, we picked them in buckets like, well, didn't we always have those lard buckets that they

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: kept lard in, you know? It was about that tall and

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: come up.

AC: About six inches tall? Uh-huh, uh-huh.

EB: Yeah. We had those we always took, took them and put huckleberries in, picked huckleberries.

AC: Mm-hm. Did you sell them, or were they for you?

EB: Oh, we just used them.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: They made pies and things. Course, we didn't always have freezers when I was young either. I can remember the old freezers that had, had, you'd put a hunk of ice in the top of them.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And uh, we'd set things in the freezer. They had shelves on them.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And that hunk of ice kept things cool. Oh, it's not like it used to be.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
EB: Okay.
AC: What kind of chores did you have your boys do?
EB: Well, Kenneth, I told you he'd, was a little naughty, and would um, played hooky when he went to school.
AC: (chuckles).
EB: So, they told me to keep him home.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: So he helped in the garden pull weeds.
AC: Oh? Uh-huh.
EB: And uh, he uh
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AC: What do you think the difference was when your children were young and what they had to do and what you did when you were a girl?
EB: Well, I don't think that we had all those little chores to do when they were young.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Of course, they did, we, we, we had raspberries and things. It was a little different. And I'd done still picking strawberries.
AC: Mm-hm. You still have strawberries on the place?
EB: Oh yes.
AC: Mm-hm. So, who does the picking now?
EB: Well, we'd still don't have them. Uh, Kenneth went over and picked strawberries over her at the Grants.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Now, is she up at the college? Do you know her?
AC: Jackie Grant?
EB: Jackie Grant?
AC: Uh-huh, yeah, yeah.
EB: Well we'd, Kenneth's take the bucket and went over there and picked strawberries over there.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And got some over there. But uh, Kenneth doesn't like that kind of work. He likes work with a tractor.
AC: Mm-hm. So, does he work?
EB: But he's
AC: he works around the place then? He, he
EB: Well, over here, and then he's got a place over there.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: Do you know Myrtis Ferry?
AC: No, uh-uh.
EB: Well, she lives over there in his house.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: She was married to Raymond, and Raymond was a school teacher.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm. Now um, so you still have, um, an orchard here? Do you still have cherries
EB: Oh,
AC: and apples, or?

EB: We got some apple trees, and I'd, I don't think we got very many raspberries any more.
AC: Mm-hm. So um, do you still own most of the land around your house, and?
EB: Oh we got, see, dad gave us this place when we were married.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And if, I think there's still about seven and a half acres
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: that we got. Well, and then we got another five that, where his brother lived down here that, that we bought.
AC: Mm-hm. And did, does someone farm that, or does _____ work?
EB: Well, Kenneth does.
AC: Kenneth does.
EB: Yeah.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: He farms that too.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And it, course this was a, an old, what do I want to say, riverbed through here without that.
AC: Oh? Uh-huh.
EB: The river come down through here. I remember when the bridge went out up there and it broke through and come down. It was just right up here. And we took everything out of the house!
AC: Oh no! So, what happened to the house? Did it?
EB: They [stutters], it didn't get across, (chuckles), it didn't come across the road.
AC: Oh, it didn't? Uh-huh.
EB: No. It didn't get across the road. My brother come over and, that night and, one of my brothers was a runnin' a, uh, freight truck or something. Brought the truck out here and piled everything in the truck.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And it didn't come across the road right out here.
AC: Mm.
EB: It come down into there, but it didn't get across the road.
AC: Mm.
EB: Put all the things up on the, (chuckles), like the drapes up on the top of the
AC: The rods _____?
EB: The rods and things like that.
AC: Yeah, yeah. Well, it sounds like you had a really good life here.
EB: We did.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: When we think of some of the other things that happened today, and they're terrible.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I had a good life. Maybe it wasn't very rich, but
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: but I, it was, it was better than what they're having some of them today.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I walked to school four years. I walked to high school.
AC: All the way into La Grande?
EB: Into La Grande.
AC: Mm-hm. How long did it take you to get to school?
EB: Well, I could get down to the, where Fitzgerald's corner is. You remember where that was?
AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, I could get down there and look up at the clock that was on the bank. And I could make it home in twenty minutes with all the short cuts I went through (chuckles).

AC: So, did you have to cross a train tracks, or?

EB: A what?

AC: Did you have to cross the, the train tracks, or did you?

EB: Yeah, we crossed the train, train tracks.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And the, it was up on Fourth Street.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: What is that street up there that goes east and west? Uh, what did, would you remember where the old

AC: Jefferson Street Depot?

EB: high school?

AC: No, I don't know where the old high school was.

EB: Oh, it was up on Fourth Street, up, oh dear. I wasn't too familiar with the streets in town.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But we went up the hill and it was at the top, went up Fourth Street.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: So, that's where the Post Office, no, the, oh now let me think. I want to say the Post Office. It was the, down on Adams where the

AC: City Hall building? Are you thinking about City Hall?

EB: I was, I was thinking about the Safeway store

AC: Oh yeah.

EB: down there. And uh, what was it, was kind of catty-cornered on that corner?

AC: Hm.

EB: Well, it was the Post Office

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: there. The Liberty Theater was right next.

AC: Did you ever go to the theater?

EB: Yeah, we went, and the uh, other one that was down on, by the Fitzgerald's store.

AC: Mm-hm. The Granada?

EB: Granada,

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: yeah. We went to that. Let's see, I, and we always used to go up to the Chinese place! Up, it went up the stairs

AC: Was it a restaurant?

EB: across, across from the Liberty, or the Granada Theater.

AC: Was it Chinese, was it a restaurant?

EB: Yeah it, it, we used to go up there and eat a lot.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: Across from, well, Penney's was right there too, I'm

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Yeah.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And the Fifteen Cents store, and Bohnenkamp's.

AC: Mm-hm. So, Fifteen Cents store, you could buy anything for fifteen cents?

EB: Oh, you used to.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: We used to go in there. Course, you could go quite, you could go from Bone, uh, Bohnenkamp's right, they had a little hallway you could go in Bohnenkamp's in there. We'd done a lot of them.

AC: What could you buy for fifteen cents?
EB: Now you would ask (chuckles).
AC: (laughs).
EB: (laughs). I don't remember what I bought.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: I should because I didn't have a lot of money at that, in those days either.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: Still haven't (chuckles)!
AC: (chuckles). So, when you were in high school do you remember much about your high school years?
EB: Oh yeah, yeah.
AC: What are your, your best memories of high school?
EB: That I wasn't very smart.
AC: Oh!
EB: (laughs). Oh, I thought I could, should have been a lot smarter than I was. My dad helped me with my, when I first started to high school, he helped me a lot
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: with my lessons. We'd set at night. I could remember settin' at night in our old house over there with, we had electricity and no, none of the neighbors did. And we'd set at night, and he'd help me
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: with my lessons. I don't remember mother ever helpin' me. Course, she maybe did more than I thought she did.
AC: Mm-hm. Was there a class that you liked, that you enjoyed more than the other ones?
EB: What?
AC: Did you, which, which class did you enjoy the most?
EB: Oh, I enjoyed the Home-ec stuff that we had.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: I didn't remember. I didn't like English,
AC: (laughs).
EB: or the History part of it.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: As I remember very well. Well, I remember all my lessons got learnt a coming from school, or going back and forth.
AC: Oh,
EB: That's where I memorized everything.
AC: (laughs).
EB: And I did a lot of that too.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Well it, I didn't always do it in twenty minutes either. I, it took me a lot longer. And I can remember the, the place from the bridge, where the bridge is today, up to the city limits, that wind was just a comin' through there terrible. I about froze every time, and there was a burger store up on the corner of "Y" and there. They always had a fire in that store. When I got there, I went in!
AC: (chuckles).
EB: And I got warmed. And then go from there up to the Fifteen Cents store, and it was always warm in there when we got that far up. And then I had to go on up to the high school.
AC: (chuckles).
EB: But that, those are the, I don't remember a lot about high school. Oh, I did when I was a going there on. Now, it had kind of left me.

AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Like I say, you might just want to throw a lot of this out (chuckles). I don't care.
AC: Oh, don't worry about it.
EB: Now, get me on something else.
AC: We've talked about your growing up years, and we talked about your husband. Um, I think we talked, I think we got it all. I think we've got all of your, all _____.
EB: Yeah we, I used to walk to town at night, uh, on a Saturday night, but there was a, uh, an Eagles place up by the, where the Elks Club is.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And we'd go to dances there, and with Zuber Hall. I can remember those places.
AC: Zuber Hall? What's Zuber Hall?
EB: Well, it was down, oh, where in the heck was it? It was down, what it, where is the high school? Or not the high school, but um
AC: Was it near the Eagles or the Elks?
EB: [stutters] The Elks Club, the Eagles was right, a little place up above the Elks Club there.
AC: Oh, uh-huh.
EB: But the Zuber was down that same street, only on down that.
AC: Mm-hm, on Washington?
EB: Yes.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: On Washington.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: On that _____.
AC: What kind of music did, was playing at that time?
EB: Oh, they had, I don't know (chuckles). Always violins, we used to go to a lot of dances out here in the, they'd have house dances.
AC: House dances? What's that?
EB: Yeah. Well, like this house.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They'd, on Saturday night they'd clean everything out of the, like the living room in there.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And, we'd dance.
AC: Mm.
EB: Have cadrills and waltzes and
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: things like that.
AC: Did you listen to the record, records? Is that where record players would be playing the music?
EB: Well, there's a lot of, um, like guys that played violin. I had a cousin that played the violin a lot. And they played a piano. They played a piano and the violin.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And they had callers for, to call cadrills and things.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And that kind of thing.
AC: So, you and your husband did that, went dancing?
EB: We went to, went to a lot of house dances out here.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: We had some in this house too, but our floors wasn't the best. We didn't have very many.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: But dad had had them over there. He had harder, he had put in hard wood floors.

AC: Oh, yeah.
EB: And, he had them over there. And they didn't bother, well course they always had the refinish the hard wood floors, or do them over again when they got through with these dances.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: We had, like, quite a few. We'd go, had some up in town too that we went to. People would come out here to the dances.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And we'd go back up there.
AC: Sounds like fun.
EB: Yeah, they're a lot of fun.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And we'd take the kids when the kids was little. Lay them out on chairs (chuckles)!
AC: (laughs). Uh-huh.
EB: Put a coat over them (chuckles)!
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: Pick them up and carry them home (chuckles)!
AC: (laughs).
EB: Whatever _____ (chuckles)!
AC: (chuckles).
EB: Oh, we done a lot of things like that. Of course, my husband's folks all belonged to the Mormon Church.
AC: Mm? Mm-hm.
EB: And, he went to church a lot, but you know, I never did.
AC: Hm!
EB: I went once in awhile, but not like they did.
AC: Mm-hm. So, his family was all Mormon?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Mm-hm. So, where did they go to church?
EB: Well, they went out in Mt. Glen when we were first married, and then over to _____.
AC: So, there was a church in Mt. Glen?
EB: Out there in Mt. Glen when, well, he lived out on the Stoddard farm. Do you know where the Stoddard farm was out on Hunter Lane?
AC: Hm-mm.
EB: Well, that's where his family lived was on the Stoddard place out there. And he'd, got farm, farmed at the ground out there, combined, and things like that.
AC: Hm. So, there was a, there was a church of some kind out on Mt. Glen Road, a Mormon church?
EB: There was,
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: yes.
AC: Where else did he go besides Mt. Glen Mormon Church?
EB: Well, we, we went to the dances out at, at Pleasant Grove.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: They had a, uh, a Grange Hall, I guess it was out there. We went to a lot of dances out there.
AC: Mm-hm, was there a lot of Mormon people in the Valley at that time?
EB: Well, there was quite a few
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Out, out in the Mt. Glen area.
AC: Hm.

EB: Let's see, there was Whitings, and uh, oh, I can see them, but I can't tell you their names. Their gone (chuckles)!

AC: Mm-hm. Did they want you to get married in the Mormon Church?

EB: They never, never said a thing about me marry, getting married. Of course my dad was not! He didn't think much of them (chuckles).

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: But, I was never told not to go to church.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And I was never asked to join the church. I never did.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I went to Conference with him a lot, but

AC: What was that?

EB: Well, they have it up, uh, in town. Let me tell, remember where, where was the church? It was up, well, what is the street that comes up from where you come from the end of _____ and go up?

AC: Second Street?

EB: Well, it was on Second Street going up from the Post Office.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Up, uh, there. Oh dear, I know the street just as well as _____, but I can't think of the name of it.

AC: It wasn't Island City Avenue, was it? Was it that other bridge, or which bridge?

EB: No, it was a, it was from the, well, from where Fourth Street goes up.

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: Well, it was on Fourth Street up there,

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: but not clear, clear up as high, as high as, well, where the

AC: The Mormon Church is now, which is on "C" Street. It was on "C", Gekeler?

EB: No, it's, it's not, wasn't that high up.

AC: Mm-hm. And what, what happened at a Conference? What would you do at a Conference?

EB: Oh, they'd have people come in from Salt Lake and give the, give the lessons.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And the, whatever they had _____, what do you call, what they have?

AC: Like a Conference, the?

EB: Yeah.

AC: Yeah, uh-huh.

EB: Yeah. They'd give that.

AC: Hm.

EB: And they all went. I can remember when we were first married his family would come out here for Sunday dinner when they had church, you know. And I'd fix dinner. I wouldn't go to church, but I'd fix dinner for them. See, you can talk to me long enough (laughs), and I'll come up with something.

AC: (laughs).

EB: But they, I'd have them out here for dinner.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And then they'd be, come out and eat dinner and go back to church in the afternoon.

AC: Mm-hm. So, your husband would go back to church in the afternoon also?

EB: Yeah,

AC: Uh-huh.

EB: they had it in the afternoon too. In the morning, and Conference was an all day affair.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.

EB: Let me think (chuckles), but isn't there still a little, I need to go to town, don't I?
AC: (laughs).
EB: A church, what was the name of it, along Fourth Street there?
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: For, it was a little, well, up just up right before where the library was?
AC: Mm-hm. Yes, there's a Methodist Church there. There's a big Methodist Church on Fourth Street.
EB: Is it?
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Maybe that's what I
AC: It looks, it's made out of stucco. Some big old, some kind of big old church there?
EB: You know when the, what happened to the high school? We, we went all to these different churches and had, held classes.
AC: Oh really? Oh, when they were building the new high school?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Yeah the, what did it do, burn? The high, did the high school burn?
AC: I don't know.
EB: I think it did.
AC: Hm, and then you had to go to school in the church?
EB: They, yeah, they had classes, they had different classes. Oh let's see, we went down, we went down and had, in that Mormon Church. We had a class in that.
AC: Hm.
EB: And then there was one on down, well just, just above where the library was.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Well, we had one in that. And then we went clear down to the Methodist Church, isn't it, down there on the corner of Fourth and Spring?
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
EB: Well, we had class clear down there.
AC: Wow.
EB: And, then there was another one over there where we had a class.
AC: So, your school caught fire, so you had to go to school in churches, huh?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Huh.
EB: Yeah, we used to get up, go run down the street!
AC: (laughs).
EB: (laughs). Oh, that was lots, a lot nicer going to school!
AC: (laughs). So, what did you like to do instead of going to school? What would you have rather been doing than going to school?
EB: Well, we done a lot of ice skating when, in the winter time.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And my dad was always the one that took us, and he'd take a whole group of us. Or we would walk down to my other grandparents down on Hunter Lane,
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And go out on the Spring Creek. Build a fire, you know.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And play, and skate, and a whole bunch of us kids would do that.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Course, we'd all, sometimes we'd always walk too down there.
AC: Mm-hm. Did you have a bicycle?
EB: Oh yeah, I had an excellent one. I rode a bicycle to school too.

AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
EB: I went to Greenwood a lot. I [stutters] went there. When I was in the third grade they told me that I had to go to Riveria. I told them, "No I didn't" (chuckles). But they had a school out here in Fruitdale,
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: and uh, I, uh, was not gonna walk that much further to school.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: So, I quit and went down here.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And then, when I got to the sixth grade, had to go back to Greenwood for two, two years, and then I finished up at high school.
AC: Mm-hm, mm-hm.
EB: So, and I done a lot of walking,
AC: Yes, so
EB: and it didn't hurt me a darn bit.
AC: (laughs). _____
EB: _____ a lot of things _____
AC: So, you'd got, you started taking music from whom?
EB: Mrs. Wilkerson.
AC: At the, at the
EB: Uh,
AC: Fruitdale School?
EB: Uh, well when I was going to Greenwood.
AC: Oh, uh-huh.
EB: It was, I was, he was the principal of Greenwood.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I would
AC: Mr. Wilkerson?
EB: Mr. Wilkerson.
AC: Uh-huh.
EB: And I think they come from Colorado. That, he was a teacher from Colorado up at Greenwood.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And it, I'd start taking music from her, and my granddad when I played, well, I've still got the piano in here that dad got me. And I paid for it. They made butter. You understood all that?
AC: Yeah, uh-huh.
EB: Well, they'd, I had a pound of butter every time I took a music lesson (chuckles).
AC: (laughs). Oh! That's what you paid for your lessons?
EB: That's what I paid for my lessons.
AC: So, did they have electric churns, or did they hand churn the butter?
EB: They had a hand churn, but it was one that had a big barrel on it. And you took hold of the handle and go like this, and it'd go back and forth.
AC: So, you took the handle back and forth and back and forth?
EB: Yeah.
AC: How long did it take to make?
EB: Oh, I'd say maybe an hour.
AC: Oh, so you had to just churn it that long, an hour?
EB: Yeah.
AC: Did you churn butter too, or?
EB: Yeah, we all did!

AC: (laughs).
EB: And then they'd take it out, and you'd have the buttermilk. And uh, uh, up at the park, Mr. Thomas, and he, I had to take a gallon of buttermilk to him every time I churned.
AC: Oh, really?
EB: Yeah.
AC: What does he, what does he do? Mr. Thomas?
EB: They just run the par, uh, thing there, park.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: But uh, they'd, well, that was years ago too.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And uh,
AC: So, you had, uh,
EB: _____
AC: customers that you brought butter to every, every day?
EB: Yeah, there was people they took butter to every, here, like
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Mrs. Slater an, an, another one. I can't remember their name, down on this side of town some place that they took butter. But anyways, when I was practicing the music with the piano, my granddad set there, and he'd help me a lot. He'd say, "Pound a butter. Pound a butter."
AC: (laughs).
EB: "Pound a butter" (laughs). And that's why (still laughing), I got so I just hated to, to practice because I disliked that.
AC: Why do you think he was saying, "Pound a butter" to you? Because he didn't think it was worth it, or did he think _____?
EB: He thought that was crazy (chuckles)!
AC: (laughs).
EB: (chuckles) But that's what was paying for my music lesson
AC: Mm-hm. Hm.
EB: was a pound of butter.
AC: Hm. So, do you still play?
EB: What?
AC: Do you still play the piano, or?
EB: I don't anymore because I quit (chuckles). Oh well, I didn't do a very good job anyway.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And I had a brother that really, well, Wayne, if he'd have carried it on, that was my son.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: He would've done a good job.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: He took from, let's see, who was the teacher up at? I can't think of her name now, but she was a, she was a good Mormon.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: And, she took from, I took, or he took from her. Well, both my daughter and
AC: Did your children go to church in the Mormon Church?
EB: Uh, my daughter did.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: She, uh, she, her uh, cousins all did, and she liked to go. The boys didn't want to.
AC: Mm-hm.
EB: Never did. They never went to church.
AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Well, I guess they did too. I'll take that back. Back when we was down in, in Elgin, Floyd helped start the Mormon Church down there.

AC: He did?

EB: Yeah.

AC: How did he do that?

EB: Well, they had a building and they just started having classes. And there was some people down there that belonged, and they wanted to start a church, so helped to start it.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And uh, what was I gonna say? The Weston's _____ boy just come back off of a mission, and he helped with it.

AC: Mm-hm. Hm.

EB: So, so that's how it got started

AC: Huh?

EB: down in Elgin.

AC: Mm-hm. Is it still there today? Do you know?

EB: I don't know.

AC: Hm.

EB: You can see how much I was into church.

AC: Okay now, your mother used to do what?

EB: Take, they used to take eggs over to Hot Lake and boil eggs in Hot Lake!

AC: (chuckles). Your mother used to do this?

EB: That's what I was told!

AC: Yeah, so they used to just take the eggs over and stick them in the water?

EB: They had, they took buckets with them, and they'd drop them down in the, in Hot Lake, and they would boil!

AC: (laughs). Do you remember anything about Hot Lake?

EB: I went with a, when I was going to high school, uh, a gal and two guys. They took us boat ridin' over in Hot Lake.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: I remember that.

AC: At that time was it a hospital at that time, or was it a resort, or what?

EB: Yes, it was a, more of a hospital than a, my brother had back surgery over there.

AC: Wow.

EB: So, it was Hot Lake!

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: And,

AC: Did you ever go swimming?

EB: What?

AC: Did you ever go swimming in Hot Lake?

EB: I don't think so. I don't

AC: (laughs).

EB: (laughing). I think it was kind of hot if they boiled eggs!

AC: (still laughing). Ohh. I know they had a big pool there, right?

EB: Oh yes, there

AC: An indoor pool. Did you ever go in that?

EB: No.

AC: Mm-hm.

EB: Huh-uh, I never did.

AC: Mm-hm. Well, that's pretty great that they boiled eggs in Hot Lake.

EB: Well, that's what my mother said.

AC: (laughs).

EB: (laughs). I can't imagine what the eggs might have taste like!

AC: Yeah! Sulfur!

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