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JB [Introductions; :50] I should ask you as long as we were talking about house being the only place here, when was this built?

GL I got back to 1831, and I've got some more to go. I couldn't read the last part, so I've got to back and check some more.

JB And it was a farm in those days.

GL Ya, it's pretty hard to , because sometimes one family there'd be 3 or 4 names in the own family and they'd divide it up, sell it out and buy it back, to follow back.

JB And how big a farm was it originally?

GL About 160 acres.

JB And it had how many cows would you say?

GL I don't know, they didn't have too big a herd in those days. I should say probably 15 head, maybe 20 head with the young cattle. I'd say that but I don't know. There

was 3 barns down there. I got this barn that's still here, then another barn that was 90 degree angle to it, that's the horse barn, and then there's another 30 to 40 barn looked the other way. So you had a U shaped barn there in between. And that broke most the wind that come from the west. [2:14]

JB And the house obviously had a view.

GL Yes, this was added on sometime later, but I don't know when. It was on when my grandfather bought it in 1885.

JB So did your father farm here too?

GL He was for awhile, then he and my uncle took the place over. The house, building part _____ on for a number of years, but they kept 27 acre, they used to call it sheep pasture, they kept that in the family. Was over about a half a mile from here further out toward the mountain.

JB Your father and uncle were over, (No, they were here.) They were here. [3:10]

GL My grandmother had 6 boys, my father was the youngest boy. And he and next older brother had it in the family, quite awhile, several years. Then they got rid of all except that sheep pasture. Finally I got this back in

'43. They _____ before I went overseas. Five days to home in 4 years.

JB Did it go out of the family then before you?

GL Ya, the buildings and that did. They had a piece of the land, but they sold, a couple of other owned it before then. But the Richardson boys that used to have the mill down here, they always called it the Livingston place. [4:00] I can't remember what the other fellow's name was that had it for awhile. But when I bought it it was a estate from the Smiths over here, probably tell you about those. I think it was his grandmother that was related to Smiths. And the Smiths bought what we used to call the Smith place, where my oldest daughter lives, in 1850. [can't hear.] _____ One of them just died, the last of them I guess, Harry Smith up in Waitsfield Common, he died this last year. (JB: Yes, I met him.) And _____ handling the estate, he was related to him somehow. And there was the Smiths down in the village. But none of them around now.

JB Now you were telling me about the sugaring, but that was over,

GL Up the hill, _____ lodge, just below Mill

Brook Lodge, the old Tucker Hill. My uncle Rob, that's Sterling's father, lived up there. [5:14] As I said the one sugaring they finished tapping I think it was the day that the Irishs over the ridge from them on the south started washing their buckets. My uncle had a big Holstein bull, and they had to put him in front of his horses to help break the road, _____ was exhausted they had to bring it back to the barn, the snow was so deep. And it wasn't too many years ago when I was younger, wintertime, slide right over the barbed wire fences.

JB And now they're really hurting.

GL When I was in my teens, my late uncle, my grandmother's uncle, Billy John Maxwell, he had a place up here, going up to Pigeon Hollow, up toward Mad River Glen. It's the red house there now and the barn is gone, it's about the second place up, where you turn on to Sherman Flats road. [6:22] He wanted me to stay there, he lost his wife, wanted me to stay up there for about a week. While I was there he told me that his father had bought a wagon, it come up on the barge to Burlington I guess it was. And they brought it up as far as they could up the other side

of the mountain, probably up in Starksboro maybe. But anyway his father or grandfather, I'm pretty sure he told me it was his father, he was an old man then, up in his 80's, my uncle John Maxwell, Billy John they called him, he says his father went over each day and carried a wheel over, or an axle over, and he took a little over about a week, 10 days to bring it all over. And he had the first 4 wheeled wagon, lumber wagon in the valley. [7;15] Before that it was all 2 wheel carts.

JB Of course they couldn't get it over the mountain.

GL There was no road there, just the past 20 30 years.

JB When do you figure this was?

GL Back in the early or middle 1800s. Because he was an old man then, that was back about in the 30's. He must of been about 80 then. He said when his father was a young man. But he said he had the first 4 wheeled wagon in the valley. He had to lug it over a piece at a time. [8:00]

HL You wouldn't see anybody doing that today.

GL He said he'd start out daylight, and get back be about dark, he'd do a couple of chores he had. He said a little over a week, so I figure a week to 10 days.

HL That was quite a walk too you know it?

GL He said he strapped it on his back, it take him a whole day to get back at dark at night.

JB And I suppose he was coming up what is,

GL Route 17 now, up the gap there.

HL Over the McCullough Turnpike.

GL You know what the other side is like, _____ before they got down over there, they'd lug it up over that.

JB And he lived in Pigeon Hollow?

GL Ya, my uncle, Billy John, great uncle. But he said his father lived up just a little ways up where the German Flats road is now. He told me where it was, but that building is long gone. It was even gone when he was telling me about it. He told me about where it was, up German Flats road. [9:00]

JB Now why was it called Pigeon Hollow?

GL There was I was going to say millions of pigeons. There was so many that people heard about it and they come clear from Barre, they'd go in at night and club them to death. They ate them and it wiped them out. They said from where German Flats, up through there, what's called Pigeon Hollow.

JB And why was it German Flats?

GL I don't know how that was named. My father lived on that where little John Maxwell lived, and my uncle Billy owned it, and took it over from my father then. But my father was there about the time I remember 4 or 5 years old. I remember one time they took some gravel up just up behind, you can still see sighting of it, took it out by lumber wagons. And they took it down, there was a covered bridge there where you turn up to German Flats. And just before they got up to that they were the road. [10:07] And how they did they had 2 by 4s rounded out each end.

JB They were doing what to the road?

GL They were graveling it. I went down with them once or twice, my father was on it too. They had these 2 by 4s going the length of the wagon for bottom. And they rounded out each end, and then some man got on each end of it, _____ road, and then pull that up through. And they pulled them across, that's how they dumped the gravel, instead of shoveling it. I always remember that, that's the only time I ever see it done. I saw that snow roller once when I was smaller, bit snow roller for packing the snow. [can't hear.] foot of the hill here in that little house, he was doing the driving. (JB: Who

was?)

HL Raleigh Moulton. He's gone.

JB Yes, because I've seen is it Moulton Road?

HL I don't think there's one.

GL He'd be grandfather or great grandfather to these
Moultons that's down here. [11:11]

HL She thought she'd seen a road by the name of Moulton.

GL Could be. They change the names around.

HL Is the one over to the old Raleigh Moulton?

GL Could be. One time Raleigh lived down this little house
at the foot of the hill, and before that he lived up on,
I don't know if the old farmhouse is still standing or
not, just above that when you go out past the Valley Ski
School there, clear up the end of the road. And that's
where he used to live. But he was driving this snow
roller. And it packed snow 2 feet, 4 and 6 inches. He was
driving that. I think that was when my father from
Waterbury. One time before he bought the farm I guess he
used to be teaming, freighting. So they sent him over to
get it. He had a big pair of horses for those days.
[12:10] I remember him sputtering about it afterwards, he
say he went over there, they told him how much it weighed

and it just about twice as heavy as they told him it was. He had to come up over Duxbury hill with it, and he had to resting his team every few feet because it was such a load for them.

JB Usually they had a double team.

GL Summertime, when they told him how much it weighed, summertime with no rolling, no snow to go through, they figured _____ team. Said he'd known how heavy it was he'd of taken a double team. He didn't appreciate that at all. He had the farm there I think 2 or 3 years. Then lost all his cattle to T.B. And then he sold out _____ . [13:00] They had a T.B. epidemic of the cattle, it went all over the state, a lot of herds got cleaned out.

JB When was that?

GL 1920, something along in there. Last I remember I was old enough to see them all going down the road. They paid the farmers a little bit it wasn't near what they were worth.

JB I've heard about rolling the roads. I've always heard that they rolled the people's houses that had hard cider first. [Hesta repeats.]

GL No, not that! [name] _____ tells me had to put the

stairs here. My grandfather, he used to put up 6 bottles every year fall. [Guy thinking; 14:08]

JB I was also interested, we were talking before about your mother, and the songs that she knew. I wondered where she learned them. (GL: From her mother.) Would she sing all the time?

GL Oh yes, she sang a lot. She got older got where she didn't much. When she was a younger woman she always singing. She had quite a variety of songs, way back.

JB And would she sing while she was doing the wash or making bread?

GL She was one of these kind that she always busy because she'd take ten steps when all she needed was one. She always worked hard.

JB Does your father sing as well?

GL Not very often. Once and awhile he'd have one, not too often. He's awful hard worker. He's a regular workaholic I guess. [15:09] He kept right up till early 80's working. He lived to be 88, and my mother lived to be 88. He was unhappy when he got to where he couldn't work. [can't understand] _____ , time we lived up where Putnam Hill, Myrtle Johnson lives up there now

in a little house. He come home at night and go down on the river bank, and Merrick Bragg lived there then. Merrick give him all the wood if he want to cut it along that river bank, they were good size trees. And he cut all the bigger stuff at night, get up the woodpile that way after doing a day's work, when the day was 9, 10 hours a day then. [16:00]

JB In the wintertime would he do logging for some of the mills?

GL No. He worked in mills , he worked for Wards and that. He worked for Carl Long quite a few years. The Long store down in the village. Then I can remember, I must of been 4 or 5 years old, my grandmother lived in what they called the Old Hotel down there. (JB: In Waitsfield.) I was down there, spent a few days one summer, must of been about a week. There used to be a livery stable on that one end that was over toward the south there. There was the livery stable first, and then they put it over into a garage. And the _____ boys from Barre started using it for a garage one summer. [17:03] Some of them horsing up and down the roads with a motorcycle, there was a lot of noise and dust in those days. And the motorcycles,

most of them were 1918, surplus in the first World War. And I was there one day when they brought one of the fellows in, one of the boys, and he lost control of the motorcycle, run into a telephone pole down by the old high school. And he come in, he had a bone sticking out his ankle, he was in a lot of pain. They could go in had a doctor for him. (JB: Dr. Shaw?) At that time I don't know if he was here, but there was 5 or 6 doctors in the valley. _____ probably tell you, _____ better than that. I know there was a Dr. Warren I think was, and a Dr. Kent who lived down to Burlington years later, head of a hospital down there for years. [18:00]

JB When was your grandfather or your great grandfather, do you know where they came from?

GL My grandfather come out of Canada. The oldest of the boys was born here in Vermont, I think that be Will, and the youngest, my father was born here. The rest were all born in Canada, the other 4 boys. So they moved up there and back. And my grandmother Livingston, she was Maxwell before that, they were in the valley here back in 1840's. I think there was several of them served in the Civil War. And one of them had a house just across from the Den

down there, _____ little house, as you go down and turn toward Warren, the first house on the hill there. [19:00] There was a lot of _____ then in those days. There was 6 or 7 Jim Had several Maxwells with the same name, there was big Sam and Little Sam, Black Sam, White Sam, you name it. And there were a lot of Richardsons, most all those names have died out now. There's not many of them around anymore. _____ that are dying out, they'd be gone in a few years.

JB So whereabouts in Canada did they come from?

GL I don't know, but when my uncles died, my father, and Sterling can probably tell you, I heard my father say 110 miles north of Montreal, or 210, but I think it was 110, north of Montreal. And of course it be more Scotch Irish.
[20:00]

JB I was going to say with the name Sterling it's not French.

GL A lot of Scotch and Irish. Somebody asked _____ my granddaughter the other day, I told her there's Scotch, Irish, and I guess a little Welsh, English and French. My mother claimed one time that her great grandmother said that her great, great great grandmother was a daughter of

an Indian chief Blackhawk. That was just passed down through the thing. So you can take it for what it's worth.

JB I think that many of the older families have some.

GL I know on my mother's side, on the grandmother, all her relation were quite dark, dark features and black hair. It's just the last generation or so it's lighter hair and stuff. [21:00] Some of the older ones I know, the older timers had the higher cheekbones.

JB Did you have many folk remedies passed down in your family? Often with the Indians, there would be a lot of use of teas.

GL No, it's mostly loose grease and mustard plasters, and all that most the others around here. When the people first come around here they used to say, it isn't just the way it is today, it's entirely different. All these people coming up from down country. You aren't native are you?

JB I'm from New Hampshire.

GL New Hampshire and Vermont, pretty much like that. I can get along with people from New Hampshire pretty good! A lot of people come up from down country are pretty nice

people. [22:02] But there's a lot of others, this isn't a free country anymore. I would say right now this state in the country is just about what Germany was in the middle 30's, and a little more _____ about it. And I don't care who knows it, that's the way I think about it. They have their informers, this and that. There's always so many complaining about something, they're always afraid that somebody's going to make something, you see about that water thing down in the valley, the snow making and that. And they'll wait in that, keep bringing it up, through that same thing over and over again. Even if I'm against it, lots of times I don't think it's right, permits or stuff. But it's not free. [23:00] I remember when I was in the service we had to turn our weapon in first thing. One fellow says we should take turn these in, we should go back to the states and straighten them out. That was in World War II. Then it wasn't so bad, but today, it's too bad the _____ the boys didn't come back.

JB There's no question there have been just huge changes.

GL I was always pretty disgusted, I had some of the boys tell me things that they wouldn't tell others I think

because they knew I had been in the service too. And they had to keep their mouth shut. I was talking to a lawyer awhile ago. And _____ I said I think they got _____ all the people in this country, I see they're trying to change it around now. And I says I know something, I says I'll never forget how they treated them. [24:08] He said ya, I served a hitch over there. He said I come back, and he said I walked down the street and they'd spit at me. And he got all upset about it, and he said well we'll forget it, but he was getting all upset. _____ And I didn't even know he was in the service, he kept quiet about it. But I told him I didn't think much the way they were doing.

JB [24:32] I'm interested in the changes. When your grandparents came here, this whole valley must of been very very different.

GL I was talking with Andrew Bard, that was young Andrew's father, Chappy they call him, we do. He don't mind he says his friends call him that, but he doesn't like it from others! I used to do that to keep him separated from his father. His father told me that years ago somebody come into the valley from Ireland or Scotland. [25:05]

They get a hold a little piece of land. The neighbor _____ if they wanted to keep [can't hear] _____ so he wouldn't have to feed it. [can't hear.] if he had a runt pig, he'd give them a pig, it might be runt it might not. Then some would have a few chickens or eggs or something _____. And they'd set them up, after they got _____ the rest of them someone else come in, they all _____. They did things and kept it quiet. They tried to let on, the ones that got it knew they was being helped, and they'd appreciate it. And the ones that did it. The ones that are helping is doing them a favor. But today it's entirely different. You do something today, they want it in, and if they don't get their name in the paper, they'd have to add it on the next week. The ones that receive it, they figure they should go out and give them a big write up, a big thank you. Years ago they didn't do that. Folks say much obliged and left it at that. [26:18] I know I got help twice here when we were first starting in up here. Today I don't know who some of them are, they kept quiet. We had a rough time the first few years. They'd do it one way or another, it's entirely different today. Back in

those days a person could keep his pride, accept it and pass it on.

JB There was a whole different ethic, no question.

GL I had people out here _____ , I don't think I know a dozen of them, probably half of them, the people I would trust. Otherwise I wouldn't turn my back to them. [27:06]
It used to be when I first built up here I wouldn't know them, but they'd come in the night and say I went off the road, we need to take your tractor and pull me out. Well my tractor usually laid up, parked for the winter. But I'd tell them they could call a wrecker or something. But I didn't know them from adam, they'd come in here, _____ I didn't know who they were, neighbors or not. But they come in all of a sudden they're my neighbor. People don't mingle with you.

JB You said you were the only farm here. There wasn't much behind you.

GL Not after the war. When I come home I had 5 days delay, and I bought this place while I was home. I don't know _____ time, I bought that when I come back from California, it was in my folks name. Before that along what they call Jack _____ , and he had the one leg,

he lost in Civil War. I don't remember what year he was town clerk for years. [28:12] _____ more than we get them today.

JB The ski industry has both been the biggest cause of change.

GL I suppose it's been a big boom to the valley, it has it's drawbacks too. I think my wife and I enjoyed the valley a lot better when we were the last ones on the road. I know I did.

HL Our kids could go out and play and not have to worry about being run down.

GL I used to park the car up in the road there a week at a time.

HL If I had any company during the day he could tell that I had company, just by the tracks. [29:04]

JB Before the ski areas came in, it was mostly a mill, there were mills up and down the valley.

GL Ward was the biggest, and I worked for them for a number of years. About I'd decide to blow my top and get in an argument with him. They turned around and give newly raises in pay. Ended up I think I don't know I got more pay than _____ outside the Wards themselves

_____! We [can't hear.] We'd have a row you know. I liked him. I think they liked me. Merlin come in one time, I was working in the mill on the clipper they call it. You drop the board on it, cut, squared up both ends, it went up over automatic. [30:00] I had to take the things off the rolls after it sawed from the log. Had a hog behind me and all the slabs went down through that. He got so he knew me. So he stayed away from me for part of a day, let me cool down. He come along, slapped me on the back one day, he says gee whiz, he says, you got an awful temper. He says I like you just the same. And that's the way I felt about them. But a lot of them nice to their face then talk about them behind their back.

JB I know there's a lot of mixed feelings about the Ward Lumber Col

GL The Ward now, it isn't the old one, they sold out years ago. The Wards themselves, they can say what they want, they remember [can't understand.] I always thought they were pretty fair.

JB And they came in, do you remember?

GL Way back, my father when he freight, he took something up for old Harlan Ward, originally started the mills. Then

there's Burton and then Merlin, and Owen and Holly.
[31:16] But the old man run something up to the mill by
the Hide Away is now. Harlon paid him a little extra to
do it. My father said he was always fair, and father used
to stop in there, he worked on the stage for a while,
Henry Bettis. [End of tape 1, side A]

Tape 1, Side B

GL But I guess it's just the first, a short while, and then
he bought the farm and then after that he went out and
worked in the, a year or so in the quarries. Out to the
stone shed in Montpelier.

JB Oh no kidding.

GL And he was afraid he was catch that lung disease.

JB _____, yeah. [.10]

GL So he quit. Come back and, that's when he worked on the
stage, I rode with him I remember one time up to Warren,
it was real cold, and they had it on a traverse sled.

JB Um, hum.

GL And a pair of horses, and they'd take up there, and it
got so cold it was open in the front, and the back was
built like a box, and in there it had a, a little window
on the side where the door was, and that was about it. Go

in there and had some blankets, and straw on the floor, so Henry laying there and cover it up, it must of been about thirty below that night.

JB God!

GL And he took the horses after he got done and he took them down in, and left them down there, in well just before you get to the old hotel, where the gray building is now. That's where Henry Bettis lived. And before that, when we was on the farm, before we went to Montpelier, I remember that, let's see. _____ I was, so there was something I was gonna say and I forgot right now. I do remember riding in the sleigh and it had a buffalo robe, and my father had the only spring sleigh in town. And it had the springs under it, and I think this was just after the war, the Folsoms, I borrowed something from the, that would Linda Folsoms' folks, and I let them have the sleigh, and I guess the barn fell down, and I never asked for it back or anything of course, I don't quite had there, I can't remember but they had that, and that's the last of it, I never saw that spring sleigh. [2.03] But and, then they used to, they didn't take the hemlocks to the mills, very seldom, hemlock logs, and they cut.

JB Um, hum.

GL And they cut them, some of them.

JB They were.

GL Two, three foot through. And when I first bought the place it was still part of the hemlock bark down in the woods, and my father said he used to cut that down, peel the bark, when it was good, and then they'd take, after it set there awhile, I know, he must of taken more in the wintertime, he didn't say, but they'd load the bark up one day, the next day they'd take it over to Waterbury and come back. [2.40]

JB To a tannery wasn't it?

GL Yeah. It was in Waterbury. And every other day they took a load of hemlock bark over for tanning.

JB Well I'll be darned.

GL And they said the only thing that could stand up to that, one every other day and then loading up in the woods the following day was hem, the morgan horses. He said they killed a big team.

JB No kidding. One of the people I interviewed several years ago, was Earl Fuller, who also drove the mail.

GL I remember him. Yeah.

JB Across the mountain. And he talked about how cold it was and.

GL And when we still, on the farm now this is, I'm jumping back and forth.

JB That's all right.

GL We was still on the farm and I was well about five years old, and I remember my mother, my mother went to Barre, and John McClaughin lives where the, he had what they called a jitney.

JB Ah ha.

GL And, I remember it was a Dodge car, a _____ car, and he lived there where the Irasville country store is now, and I think I remember it was a dollar, I can't remember if it was a dollar both ways, or a dollar each way. [3.45] But he'd take a load of passengers up to Montpelier in the morning, and come back at night. And we'd come into Moretown, and where just past the graveyard, where the first bridge was, there was a covered bridge and we got there and they had it all ripped up, so what they did, they laid some planks down, made all the pasture to walk across the bridge, on the plank, and then they inched that car across, everybody was giving them

directions and stuff, and he drove that, he got across, I remember, like I said, I remember it was a Dodge car. JBGosh.

GL And he drove that across and went to Montpelier, and later on I think he, he bought a Buick, had a big Buick. They'd just stuff them in there and they've have, usually they had a pretty load of people going to Montpelier in that.

JB Gosh.

GL My father used to claim it was a good trotting horse, he would leave Waitsfield, an hour later, he would be in Montpelier. [4.40] Let the horse rest three, four hours, and do what we had to do and go back, back an hour with a good trotting horse. Well I wonder how much better they do today. And that was dirt roads and stuff. Of course they do it a lot then an hour see, say twenty minutes. But they.

JB And the roads were better and.

GL And the roads were straightened out.

JB Well when I, talked with Alden Bettis, he was talking about the roads and cause he drove milk truck, the milk truck, and gosh he talked about winching himself out, and all the problems he had with the roads.

GL Well when we were first up here, the first couple of years or so, it must of been about nineteen fifty, I started shipping a little milk, and I didn't have that many cattle, and I was trying to raise young cattle, and then build up a herd, we was up here for four days, and the night of the fourth day, they hadn't been around and the snow was so deep in the roads, this snow here used to drift six, and eight feet deep, or more. I took a horse and a sleigh, an old sleigh we had then, I went down through, where ever I could find it goes down, drifted towards where it wasn't so deep. Here I got down to the first place above the hill and down through the field there, went down to number nine hill and got down to George Sawyer's, they lived across the, from the mill brook lodge, he was hauling milk, and I got down there and unloading the milk, and I heard this, the plow, they had to call a tractor and they were coming down number nine, and that was four days to get us plowed out. Ha! Ha! And just a few years ago, I was too lazy to put chains on, so I went, they, well they were all over the hill here, so I saw he was up around the Vassars, around

the other way and then all over the hill there, so I just [6.25] pulled out, and I figured well they'd be along with the snow plow, and some woman was sputtering, she says, when they gonna be here, she says I've been here about twenty minutes, she said that when are they coming around with that plow, well I says well they've got a lot of roads to plow and, I said they'll be along in a little while, I says, that they got a lot of roads, before they got here, it wasn't more than fifteen minutes afterwards they come along with the plow and up, and I pulled them right up through and the cars they were all over the road, and that was what used to burn me up, whenever I was coming here. If they got, couldn't make the hill, I've had them come, time and again, and say like the persons buying it is backing out, they pulled out to the middle of the road and pump me up. [7.06] Ha! Ha! They did that one night, and I was going up the hill, there was some young fellows coming down, it was day light, and I had road enough to go by them, they were outside the road where they told me to pull right up and, in the middle of the road and stuck me. Ha! Ha! And they heard about it. Ha! Ha!

JB His temper, again. Ha! Ha! [7.27]

GL I won't repeat what I had to say. Ha! Ha! So and then another time we went and hassled him, and he, these two gentleman, and I still had the cattle, and I had a couple, three hundred grain in the car, and got up, and I just, last drive on the, before you got to the top of the hill there, and I was going along, didn't have any trouble and a car wheeled right out in front of me and I slammed the brakes on the stop, and I was burned up, I backed into the drive and I got stuck, so I was so bad, I didn't back into the drive way quite straight. So they got back down in the meantime and I tried to pull ahead, why there was just about room for a car to go by, and I got out and shoveled, and they went clear down to the foot of the hill and they come up, and I see they got up to me and they see, they don't quite dare to go by, so they backed down, and come up again and I think they did two, three times and the last time I got out, they was straightening the road, and they up part way and they stopped back down, and I loaded everybody in the back seat and, the minute I started right up to where I had to stop, and I felt a lot better, they, they tried to go up

four five times to make that hill, but.

JB Ha! Ha! [8.33]

GL Cause it was up hill. But that's what some of them would do when they first come around here, if they couldn't make it, they'd, they figured, I was gonna slip them, I guess, and I would be going along all right.

JB Well this Otis Wallace said they come, they came with a different set of values, and different set of ideas and.

HL What they ended up bringing up what they wanted to get away from.

GL Yup. Yeah, we have more fun in the valley here in one week, we used to have all week, all year. [9.05]

HL Only kids now won't even let their kids hike up the hill anymore alone.

GL Our kids did it.

HL Our kids did.

GL Think nothing of it.

HL Thought nothing of it.

GL In fact they used to, you know, the first, second grade for, at first they used to hike all the way up, and then they got where they, come around the pick them up, and George Boise, it's too bad you didn't know him.

HL He was a nice fellow.

GL Yeah. [9.30] He come around with a jeep and started carrying them in the jeep. And the teaching started, we had the, Geneva Howes, in this town of Moretown, she might be able to tell you a lot about the school, the schools and stuff in the valley here.

JB Geneva?

GL Howe.

HL Howes.

GL Up on the Howe farm up toward the, Moretown common, they got a farm there, and.

HL She was a very good teacher.

GL Yeah and she taught, she must of had about thirty pupils, all eight grades. And they come out with a better education than they get today. Today the.

HL Just a little one room school right down.

GL Right down at the foot of the hill, there.

HL Number nine down here.

GL What they call, _____, well they had two rooms [10.19] but there was just one teacher at that time and back, _____ will probably tell you, when he went, I think they had, I think he said one time they had four, to five

pupils in the two rooms.

JB Did you go down there? [10.30]

GL No. Not me, my folks lived in Waitsfield at the time, and
I was only six years out in, Toledo, and well, and.

JB And did you grow up here?

HL I grew up on the other side of the town, North Fayston.
JB North Fayston.

GL Yeah she went over there, her.

HL I was born over there, went to school over there.

GL She used to hike three four to school every day.

JB Now was your name, you said that you were Mr. Nelson's
niece.

HL And my name was Nelson.

JB And so, that, they had a farm in North Fayston?

HL Well, they tried to get a farm, but they ended up losing
it you know, times were hard, so he went down and lived
on his father's place and farmed down there for him.
[11.19]

JB Where? In?

GL Well that farm is gone now.

HL Yeah. That was in North Fayston, just down the hill from
where, my dad tried to get started. [11.29]

GL Just below the grave yard there, it's all gone, now, they had a barn one side of the road and the house on the other, every thing is gone.

HL Don't even, I can't even pick out where the house used to be anymore. Ha! Ha! Ha!

JB Gosh. [11.41] And did, did your grandfather first come here from somewhere else, or?

HL I have no idea what there, what his history was. Cause you know, they didn't talk back and forth too much, you know so.

GL Another thing, this ethnic thing they have now a days, I remember my uncles used to love, they used to brag about being Irish, having Irish blood, they'd brag about that and then they'd love to turn around to tell Irish jokes, on themselves they got a big kick out of it. Yeah, I remember my uncle was a contractor, and he moved out next to my father, he was the next youngest, he went out to Toledo years ago, and he was a small contractor, and I remember what he used to love to tell about the, Pat and Mike, he said one of them come over to the states here, and got a job, and Pat wrote back, he says Mike get over here as soon as you can, he says I got a beautiful job,

he says, big pay and he says, he says get over as soon as you can, he says. All you have to do is carry a _____ of brick up fourteen stories and the man up there does all the work. My uncle was a contractor, ha, ha and he loved to tell that joke. Well I told that to some fellow and he says well, a while ago, and he says well he says, something about he being Irish, and he didn't like it, and I says well, I says I'm Irish then too, I says, and I said my uncles used to love to telling jokes on themselves. And that's the way of all of them. And now they're all insulted.

JB Super sensitive.

GL Yeah. Look at the, like over here, they call it Marshfield pond now, they, there was a big controversy a few years ago about it being, called niger head pond and they were all insulted. I says well they should of thought of, look at it a different way, I says, niger head, they, it was a name for hardact, or iron wood, and I says that's supposed to be strong and tough and that and I said they were insulted cause they didn't like the thing of it, I said they, like it was inferring to them, I said, I don't know how many years that had been in

there, and what state helped in the north here, they did more to help the slaves and that up through, then to Canada, and upper New York and Vermont and New Hampshire. Up through there, all these.

JB Well the other thing, there too is, there's a niger hill, near where I live, and it was cause there was a black family that lived there, and in those days the term was.

GL Yeah just a common name for it.

JB And that was, so in a sense, it is a memory as well and tells us something about, well like I was asking about pidgeon hollow.

GL Yeah they clean right out, you know, I don't know whether Jim Flaxton's name come around, but there's a lot of that, like down in Granville woods, puddle dock and all that.

JB Yes and cod fish corners. [14.41]

GL What?

JB Cod fish corners.

GL Oh yeah. Um, hum.

HL I never heard of that one.

JB That was, down in Granville.

GL I don't know, that used to have a.

JB And it was puddle dock?

GL That's the middle of Granville woods.

JB And that was because it was a loading?

GL I don't know, it's just about, it's pretty close to where the White River goes down one way and the Mad River comes the other way. Right in the middle of, right along in there, that section somewhere, right, my father knew a lot more about it than I did. And then they used to have the road haulers, you know, down through Granville woods, you heard of that, you ever see a picture of it?

JB Yes, I did, yeah.

GL They claimed the fellow riding was steering that sled in the front, ha, and he must of had more nerve than brains. Ha! Cause they said that was the most dangerous job you could ever think of.

JB Well it was called actually going down, it was called hay hill, cause they.

GL One section of it used to have, put a lot of hay on, and try to keep them from, just sliding with that track. And they used to put up thousands of feet of logs, Sterling's brother was, when he was a young fellow he was a big, rugged fellow, over six foot, about six foot four, and I

remember Sterling telling me when he was young, their barn was a lot like Willey's on the side hill, up to the very end there, and every floor, you go in every floor from the ground, and where you come from the, a section where there, cattle were, the feed for them and that, they had a drum to surup, a fifty five gallon drum, and the syrup was eleven pounds to the gallon and the drum, I think an empty drum in those days weighed about ninety pounds, and Sterling said he went and tried to lift up one end of it and his brother reached over and pulled it with one hand, and when they come ready to put it in the wagon, the back, the wagon was probably as high as this shelf, above the floor, when they backed up to the thing, and my cousin reached down and pulled that, part up and rolled it in, and I figured it up in my head one time, I think it was a little over seven hundred pounds, you know.

JB Holy smokes!

GL But when he got older, he had a head injury, he was, he was doing janitor work for a lot of the apartment houses up in Barre, and he struck his head on the pipes, and he never was quite well after that. [16.56] But, then he

got, you know, more feeble after that but I think Clessen will tell you, that his father Roy Eurich and another, somebody else, I don't remember the fellow, the fellow's name, in trying to roll over a big, log they cut in the woods, and Cless come along, and he had a special can of over his shoulder, carrying it, walking down through and he met him, and they hollered at him, and they said, hey what the hell are you doing _____, and sure so, they said they went [17.24] and _____ hook up and he stuck his in, and give a heave and rolled the log over, and the two of them hadn't been able to roll it over before.

JB Gosh.

GL And they used to tell about it.

JB Well there are a lot of strong men were really admired, and there were a number of stories about, there was a guy that carried a barrel of flour home four miles.

GL Oh yeah that was Paul, well I know that the, Paul Vienns that was a, would be Gregory Vienns used to work.

JB How do you spell that?

GL Road commissioner here in Fayston. His brother lived down in Moretown, and he used to go through just where the iron bridge is out of Moretown and cut, up across, the

road goes.

JB Yeah.

GL It turns, you know, it goes up in there. They said he used to carry one hundred grain on his back, and carry it up hill to, when they lived on the farm up there. And Gregory Band told me about it one time, he said, oh I talked to my brother so see if I could do it, he said I carried it up, he says and then I shook for a week.

JB Ha! Ha! [18.16] This was Paul Vienns, that used to do that?

GL Yeah. And he later bought a farm right there, as you turn to go up North Fayston road. Right there in the corner and, go up that. My father he was pretty strong for, for his size, he never weighed more than a hundred and seventy I don't think. [18.36]

JB Gosh.

GL We lived up there where Merlin Nelson lives now. I had a multi car, the front wheels off it, and in the shed there, and they pulled it out and Otto, the one I was telling you about, that was so strong, he had a, grow up with a team that had one bunk sled, skidding logs out, and they was gonna move the cars, and so they used that

wood shed, it's in where the shed was, well my father drove up, and before he got off, father reached down and picked that, front end of that model T up, and sunk around and set in the bunk, and my cousin, madder than a hornet, he says why didn't you wait till I got to it. I couldn't even budge it, I don't think I could budge it on my best day. [19.12]

JB Incredible.

GL And when my father was fifteen years old, he took, he did all the farming here one year, and he still went to school. He'd get up at daylight, or before daylight, and work till the last bell, and the first bell he'd go down in time for the last bell, and when it come noon, he'd run up, and haul up another load of manure, it was all by hand, and get down to the class at noon, and back and forth and that, he did that one spring.

HL Was that went he went down here?

GL Yup.

HL Down here?

GL Yeah.

HL Down here at the corner. Where our son built his house.

GL Yeah. [19.44]

JB Gosh!

GL There's eighteen pupils there, just around in this section of the thing, besides the teacher. And, my father had a little house down on what they call loop road, the white house with the, he built. With a white picket fence around it, and I was there one time, just as I was leaving, a car drove in, and old _____ and she rode in the back seat, she was quite an old lady, and father, must of been early seventies, and got talking and [20.14] I left right afterwards but she'd been his teacher down here, and I think her name was Miss Roth Russell.

JB I'll be darned.

GL She taught down here. They all had big families, the next family over, was the Smail's place and my grandmother.

JB What's the Smails?

GL It was the Smail's place, that's where Jack Reynold lives now. And he moved it back, the house back, the house back from the road, the house there was just about like ours, right side of the road, he moved it back, from the boundary a feet or more. And, they lost the whole family to TB, the only one that lived was the father. [20.43]

JB Gosh.

GL Jack Smails. He had two, three daughters, I know there was two, and I think there was three, and a boy, and the mother all died of TB. And it, the old man, he'd, he went down, he was Carl Long's father-in-law, Carl Long, married one of my girls, and had a boy, and he was about twelve years old, and he was over in the mill and he lost a finger, and they took him to the hospital up in Montpelier, and something they didn't do right, and he died. [21.10] He was just twelve. And Carl lost his wife in the, and the boy was just a baby or, a small child. And my grandmother was pretty upset with that, and she thought well of the little boy. And she kept house, like I said, Carl Long's, it was Carl Long's father-in-law, she kept house for him, and he's, he used one of the front rooms in the old hotel, and cut hair. Well he's a lot better farmer than he, I don't know, then he was as a barber, I don't know how good a farmer he was, ha, I remember I used to get my hair cut there, and they always left a piece, I always left a piece of ear, or something with him every time he did it. Ha! Ha!

JB Oh gosh! [21.46] Well he also ran the general store

didn't he?

GL Carl Long did, but this is Smails, he a.

JB Oh!

GL Jack Smails, they called him, he was, all he did after that was a barbering, that's. He was lame too if I remember right.

JB And he lost his wife and his son, just.

GL And his daughters.

JB Oh.

GL All to TB.

JB Gosh. Well.

GL And my father grew up with the, with him, you know he knew him.

JB There was. There was certainly hardship, Guy Everitt the, farmer over here was talking about how.

GL Everitt Palmer.

JB Everill Palmer lost, a brother to, infantile paralysis and there, you know, he remembered his mother saying gosh, do you think they're all going to get it?

HL Um.

GL Fletcher Joslin's brother, _____ was crippled from polio. [22.47] Yeah.

JB I guess there was a real epidemic here?

GL Oh yes. Yeah.

JB Which you don't think about anymore. Um.

GL And there in the other room, I was talking with a, Albert, it would be Albert Kingsbury, he's been dead for a number of years, he and one of my uncles, _____, named after his father, he come along with young [23.10] fellows and they just put a new floor in there, but it's not there now.

HL It's not there anymore.

GL They had a, a maple board.

JB Um hum.

GL And a birch board.

HL It was a pretty board.

GL And a different color and the day they got them in, they were, I guess they'd been working the woods some and they come along and see a new floor, and one of them says well we ought to break that floor in, so I said, they would, so one of them, I think bought the oysters, and the other got the crackers, and it was cross crackers I guess it was, for an oyster supper, and they went around, and sent word around to the neighbors, and they said that that

night there was sixty people here that for, to break the floor in. [23.50] Ha! Ha! A kitchen junket you used to call them.

JB Yeah. Well now that was a, a.

GL That happened to be around 1900 or earlier. That probably around 1900.

JB When they broke it the floor.

GL Yeah.

HL Ha! Ha!

GL We come when the floors, the house had been empty, every thing was smashed out, the windows and door and every thing.

HL When we got it.

GL Vandalized. And so we fixed them up some, and the floor was always warped and I tried to get it down, I tried every thing but there been so much moisture and stuff I never could do it, and finally I had to rip it up and I put the subflooring in and there's a spruce, _____ match underneath it, with a, and that linoleum is only, what forty-four years old.

HL Or something like that.

GL Ha! Well, it's 29 years before we got it down, so you see

things didn't start out too good.

JB Ha! Ha! Well you.

GL Her folks bought it for us for our Christmas present the first year we were married.

HL The very first year we were married.

GL And set there right by the chimney for I think 29 years.

Ha! Ha!

JB So when were you married?

HL In 47.

JB 47. Ha! Ha! Well you were saying that, that this kitchen here was, three rooms.

GL Yeah.

JB Tell me that again.

GL Well this was a summer kitchen.

HL That's what they called it.

GL And the partition went through here, and the other partition come up here, and that laid one room, and then where the refrigerator was, there was a partition there by the door, and that's where the water barrel is, and they had a water running, full pipe, in and out all the time, and in the spring there was only about three hundred feet from the road, and you could go up there and

put your hand in the spring and I guarantee you get, if you put in there for five minutes, you spend the next twenty minutes or half hour trying to thaw your hand out. So I said if anybody ever interfered with that spring, there was gonna be war. [25.35]

HL Ha! Ha!

GL I didn't care who it was, but the state all goes into drilled wells now.

JB Well you still use the spring don't you?

HL Oh yeah.

GL Yeah. We don't have a well.

GL But they, they asked up there what to do, if you tell them you have a drilled well, there's no trouble, my boy built his house down here, and he's was gonna tap into the spring I got over to the other place and that's pretty good water too, but you know, you couldn't do that.

JB We have a spring and we sent the water up and they told us it was contaminated by, but there wasn't, there isn't a house, you know.

GL Well I had a fellow tell me, how they tested it. Down there, if it was down the state here. And, had my cousin

tell me, he had his tested a private outfit over in New Hampshire, and it cost him a hundred and fifty bucks, well he says you want to do it, you go by that, he says you don't go by what the state is.

JB Yeah well.

GL He says you want to get took, he says you want to just, try to do it here in the state of Vermont.

HL Why Pat had to have that tested again, a little while ago.

GL Oh yeah.

HL So he went up and they told him, you know, something about putting chlorox in the water, you know, so long before you take a sample, that's what he did it came back perfect. [26.47]

JB Oh no kidding.

GL Well that, I knew a fellow, his son bought a big farm up in Kirby. And, or his nephew, I guess it was his nephew, and he decided that he had a well, or a spring, but he decided to send a sample in, so he sent it in, and told, them where he got it, they sent it back and he says that, turtles contaminated, he had to do this and that, and so he did all the things that were required and he sent it

back in, and he come back, and there wasn't much of any improvement, so he took another sample and sent it in, and didn't tell them where he got it, he come back it was perfect. [27.23] It was the most pure water that was as pure as any water they'd ever had.

JB Yeah well my husband's comment was, it must be partridge droppings.

HL Right.

GL Well same here. Well anyway, I was gonna tap on our spring they said, I couldn't do it, nope, he couldn't go in there, I forget what the reason was, he won't have that, so we had to get an engineer, and he drew it up, and when they got all done, they fixed where came that other spring, about thirty feet below where that one was. So, he had run the pipe right up into my spring and every thing was all right, just this big spring, and I only got a couple of trailers and two houses going off it, a big storage tank, but it cost him, all that, to go through it. And they never come back. And somebody told him afterwards to sell it fast, and if you're gonna build, he says just tell you're gonna drill a well and forget all about it. [28.20]

HL Ha! Ha!

GL So. I don't, well we got, out here, in Montpelier, that rug, what we've got is a, all our politicians and that. And, bureaucrats, they're all carper baggers. They come up here and they a, get in office for awhile, and if they can a job some where else, and get a little bit more an hour, other wise they're here, and I still think they should have a representative from every town like they used to have. If you've got the senate, the senators they get, the way it is now, something like Burlington and Rutland, control the whole state and everything and they're all outlanders. They say about flatlanders, I call them outlanders. And, I said that the way it is now, I can figure that the state of Vermont is like, the south was after the civil war, with all the carpet baggers and that coming in. And, well the state's patrol, if you go down on, we haven't gone to town meeting for years, or at least I haven't.

HL I went last year. I don't know as I'll go this year.

GL We used to go down, you really had something for a town meeting dinner and that, well, it's some different than today.

HL No more.

GL And, we'd go down here, and if you're a native, they treat you almost like a town idiot, they don't come right out and say it, you know, but a, I got to where it didn't phase me some. Ha! Ha! But that's the way it, you know you get the impression.

HL Oh you used to be able to go to town meeting, you know you have a lot you know, sitting there, a listening to them argue back and forth, and maybe you'd get some knock knock down drag out sometimes.

GL Well I was thinking about the ones out in Montpelier, you know, well they cut it way down on the, representatives you know, they were supposed to carry according to, and the first year they cut it all down, there expenses were just as high, to run the legislature than it was when the had, a hundred more I guess it was, I can't remember just how many it used to be. I haven't checked it out, and now they run clear into, May or June, they'd like to get it year round so they have a year round job for some of them, ha, and they wouldn't be up to holding jobs anyways. Ha! Ha! [30.40]

JB Um, one thing I was gonna ask you about, I've heard a

number of times, about the land slide.

GL Oh it.

JB I guess it was back around, 1898 or so.

GL I think you can just see a little strip of it, now, most all of it, it's right over there and toward the top of the mountain you see one, way over, you see one little place that's, looks kind of bare.

JB Um, hum.

GL Well that's where it went, it went right down through into that hollow there.

JB Um, hum.

GL And it was quite a big one and some where, I don't think my folks used to have a picture. [31.26]

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HL Maybe I better look it up here. [2.23] (short pause)

JB Ou, I should get my glasses now. [2.37]

GL Oh this is a. (papers rustling) Hun. I think there are some more somewhere, I think there is.

JB Wasn't, back to the, the landslide, though wasn't there a house that was.

GL I think there was a house that was.

JB Was it the Dakotas or was it?

GL I don't remember too much about it, I just, Sterling I think will tell you a lot more about it. [3.11]

JB Okay.

GL Probably I got some, I think in another thing. (more shuffling of papers)

HL Her number is 55, a 476.

JB 476.

HL 5530.

JB Great.

GL As you go up toward Granville, as you go into Gransville you turn left and go up the road, about a half a mile or so. [3.47]

JB Well that's great. And you say she has?

HL She may have some of, you know his mother's old pictures.

JB That would be neat. I gather that, when they had that landslide, it really became a tourist attraction.

GL I got one more place to look.

HL It might, it must have, I didn't know anything about it. You know.

GL What was that?

HL The slide.

JB But it became a tourist attraction, didn't it?

GL Yeah. Well here's an old one, you may have seen it, mother wrote and prit near ruined some of these. This is that Jack Smails, I told you about.

JB Ahh, ha.

GL And, this is my, this is my father, my mother wrote it down, oh there, see our corn, and here mother wrote, Sterling knows who else, and he may have a picture.

JB Ha! Ha! And you're cutting corn? Well you're?

GL We're getting the corn in or something, I.

JB Yeah. Wow! [4.50] Now that's Sterling, is this Sterling?

GL Lived, no my mother wrote Sterling would know who the rest them were.

JB Oh! Now Sterling's what ten years older than you?

GL Just about. Nine, ten. But he was around here all the time, until he went in the service, and this was taken down, the school house down here, you know where the old school house is, right up the hill.

JB Ah ha.

GL Well just past that, there's a cellar hole, and that's where I was born, and this is the house.

JB Oh, I'll be darned.

GL And, this is a, my uncle John I was mentioned of.

JB Ah ha.

GL And that was my father, and of course mother wrote down, and I think this is my grandmother, and this is, Sterling's older brother, Melvin Livingston.

JB The one that was so strong?

GL Yeah. And this is, my uncle Rob's wife, Rob and there's his wife, Mame. And, I think one of the others was, would be a great aunt of mine, and I don't know who the other one is.

JB That's nice though.

GL Well let's see maybe.

JB Oh it's. [5.56]

GL This is Jack Smalls, one of them, Rose, Rosie Baird, the Andrews's aunt. That would be, that would be, right there.

JB Um, hum.

GL And the other was the, let's see who there was, oh, (short pause) Jack, Mrs. Jack Smail, it must of been before she died. Right there.

JB Um, hum. Gosh that's a great one.

GL I haven't got many of them, but. Oh yeah, here's one of them, when they're sitting in the school there. Another

one of those.

JB Oh yeah.

GL And that's down to the school house, down here in the corner.

JB Where your son's house is now?

HL Yeah.

GL He left the.

HL He's got a stone step sitting up on end, he used as a marker where the school used to be.

GL Tried to leave the foundation and stuff, but it didn't, well this is, some of the tax things that, and the receipt book that Jack Danny had had. [7.03] Well.

JB Well this is the same one I see.

GL Yeah there's a couple of them the same. Well there might be some on the back there.

JB Sam Maxwell and wife.

GL That would be, probably, probably my grandmother's brother. On Max's side.

JB Arthur would of been.

GL One of our horses. [7.47] (short pause)

JB Is this a Morgan?

GL Part Morgan. Most of them were, this one is part Morgan,

I did have some pictures of him where he's standing, you'd speak to him and he'd stand right up on his hind legs and shafts.

JB Is that right.

GL And he was twenty-nine years old before they put him away. And they did that, cause he got kicked by a bigger horse and he was getting rheumatism.

JB Oh!

GL And my uncle Rob kept him for years, after my father was on the farm, they always used him for, a driving horse and a, the boys used to take them out, drive him down to school down here, and come up, and the horse he used to be back in a half hour or so after the boys got to school, and he got where it got later and later, and they used to put check running up, so he couldn't feed, on the way home. So, he kept, lots of times he got there just before the boys did. So, one day, I guess my uncle had gone off the hill, up near the horse he go along and, went to the ditch and was down, and the feed he picked the bank where he could feed, he got up and never heard a buggy or anything, and he went on to do it a little further and that's how he was doing it.

JB To get home?

GL Yeah. And, anything he ate, he ate and was letting the horse fly and they didn't let many horses get by. And if you didn't have them reigned in, when another horse tried to go by, you might just as well forget it, cause he'd take the bit in his teeth and he'd take off.

JB Ha! Ha! Ha! [9.20]

GL And, I know, they had little, they used to have a little fair ground up there, behind where a, Pat Gaylord's thing, you heard about that probably.

JB No.

GL Well you turn in, some where near where you, you go to the, Catholic church, and then went up hill there, and there's a flat there, and there's a small fair ground.

JB Oh no kidding.

GL And, they used to have a small track and that used to start early right about the fourth of July, in order to get, cause it's such a small fire, in order to get the horse race in and stuff there, they'd start right out training the horses for early in the season, and they had that, and they had three or four hauls, and it was a nice little fair, [10.08] they had. I remember I, Sterling

said he was driving a horse there one time, and he got down there where, I don't remember what they was calling the place down there, they was fixing them all over for, prit near across the state shed.

JB Um, hum.

GL At that white house there, they're fixing over. And, my father's un, cousin lived there, the Maxwell's and Sterling was going along there and a car started to go by, and the horse took off, and Sterling was driving it. And, it got off to go into the fair grounds, and one of the fellows says, hey, he says where did you get that colt, and Sterling says it isn't a colt. And the fellow says it isn't no harry, and the fellow, and Sterling says, he is, he must be close to thirty years old, and Sterling says he is, but he didn't want you fellows going by.

JB Gosh. [10.57] Who trained him? Did your?

GL My father had him and then when he got out of farming and that, he left him to my uncle, Robert was keeping him, and they drove him, used him for a driving horse for years. And when my uncle Rob was up there on the hill, I remember him telling that he got up, one morning, it was

just him and I forgot his name, and two of the boys, stayed home to do the chores. And they set down to dinner at noon there was twenty-four of them there [11.24] and they, you didn't have to make an appointment ahead, you just dropped in.

JB Gosh.

GL I know folks used to, they used to drop in on my folks, and they were more clannish in those days, they don't know, they're first cousins a lot of them.

JB My grand, great, great grandmother lived to be ninety-nine, so.

HL Oh boy.

JB You know we, count our cousins, often to third cousins, just cause we grew up together, and were close.

HL Yeah, they aren't that way anymore.

GL We used to always, always a big family get-together and every body knew every one. Of course the same around town. You don't know your next door neighbor now, hardly.
[12.04] Ha! Ha! Lots of times you don't.

HL Nope.

GL It's entirely a different thing now, there's no, you can't say you have any neighbors really any more. You

know, I can go out, to go somewhere, and I can go in the place and in five minutes, and I'll know whether they're all natives or not. It's a, entirely different in a mixture it's a little hard to tell, but a native, you could tell is entirely different, different atmosphere, and every thing. And when that's _____, if we ever get a day off or anything, we head right out of the valley. There's a few pockets of native Vermonters around and that's where we head for.

HL Ha! Ha!

JB Yeah. I think in the interviewing I've been doing I've probably, talked with most of them and they all feel that way.

GL I went up a few years ago, went up to a place, and my boy was going shopping for college, that's where we went to the service and we was going to meet him and some way we got crossed, he was coming down here, while we was going up there, is gonna be parents day or something. And, so we missed him, so we decided to just take a drive that day and my wife stopped in a store, and she's a diabetic.

JB Oh me too.

HL And she was having a little trouble then, about that

time, so I set in the car and I waited, and I waited.

HL Ha! Ha! Ha!

GL And I waited, and I kept watching, I couldn't see her. I kept wanting, finally I decided I had to go in and they must of been having trouble, about that time she come out of the store, and she says, I'm all right, she said something, I, she was gonna get something, so we'd have something for lunch, cause there wasn't any restaurants open on the weekend, up that way and. So, [13.53] she come out and she said, that I got in there, and she says, I got talking with the check, girl at the check out counter and the manager and that, and she says it's so good to talk to some native, she says, I couldn't leave. Ha! Ha! Ha! I don't know how long she was in there, but five times as long as is necessary. Ha! Ha! Ha!

JB Well that's the other thing the old general store was, a real part of the community, in the old days.

HL Um, hum.

GL Yup they used to have their, their suppers and stuff and now, and wheel them right in, or not around here cause, they're all out of staters, it's just an entirely different thing.

JB The humor in the general store used to be, I mean there was a lot of joking and.

HL Ha! Ha!

GL Yeah. Now you joke and they take it serious. And if you don't agree with them, on something they think you're mad at them. Yeah, I had a man, wouldn't agree with him on something, and boy, they're insulted. And used to be if you didn't, I told somebody one time, I said well, I, they asked me if we weren't friends afterwards, I says sure, I said, just cause I don't agree with you isn't any sign that I don't like you, he's a nice enough fellow. And he's out of state but he's a nice fellow. I said, I don't always agree with my wife. Ha! Ha! But, I said, it isn't any sign we're enemies. [15.23] But that, they do, they expect you to agree with every thing.

JB Yeah. I heard recently one, one of the things in the general store was, switching eggs, _____ eggs, you know the woman used to bring in big _____ eggs, and they'd switch the _____ eggs when some body was buying.

HL Ha! Ha! Ha! [15.50]

JB Another one I heard was, this supposedly happened in

Ripton, a guy came in and and took a pound of butter I guess, and the guy didn't say anything but saw him take it, so he lured him over to the stove, and like your engagement in that store up in Johnson, he started talking and pretty soon the butter. Ha! Ha! Ha! [16.16]

GL Well I worked for a fellow, he, Hap Gaylord's wife's father, [16.20] I was there when he died, he had a burst appendix, and was sitting up in Barre, and _____ to come out, and they had to send to Boston for something to, peritonitis set in, for the drug to get it, and they had to ship it up by train, and that was in, 30, early 39, I think it was, and by the time it got up here, it was too late he died from peritonitis, but they didn't have an airport in those days, you know, well they had one out in Barre, Montpelier, but they didn't, you know didn't use it for that that much. If they sent it by train, it took an extra day, and it was just one of those things, and he was only, I think 36 years old, but he told me about a fellow sugaring one time, used to keep the syrup up to the sugar house, so he went up one day, and it was missing. So he didn't tell nobody. He didn't even tell his wife. It went on six, seven years, and this bunch of

them talking in the general store, and one fellow perked up and say he says, did you ever find out who stole your syrup, he says, no he says, I never knew till just now.

[17.34]

HL Ha! Ha! Ha!

GL And the fellow's last name was Thompson, and then to the day he died he was known as sugar Thompson.

HL Ha! Ha!

JB There was another similar story to that about a cheese, and that was, in the Long Store I guess in Warren, and some guy stole the whole cheese and again he never told anybody, and one day they were sitting out on the porch and this guy said, hey did you ever find out who stole your cheese, and the guy said, yeah, I just did. [18.06]

Ha! Ha!

HL Um hum.

GL Well you know, they had some of them had their way of taking care of things in those days, and now this, I'm pretty sure is true, cause I read something about it way back when I was young, and this fellow was telling about, he told me who he was, and there's not, it's around the state here, and I could name the town but I won't cause

most all of them I guess involved in it at all is gone, but anyway this fellow had, it was quite a large, had quite a large farm, and stuff some of them and about once a month he'd go off a couple of days and tend to other businesses, and you know like Montpelier or some where, and he'd come back, and his wife's, pretty upset, she had the neighbor had come down and been harassing her, and it's funny, she was pritt near in tears, so, so I went up and of course small town, the hired man and that, everybody knew what was going on more or less, and he went and told the fellow, he says, he says if you can't come down to visit he says, if I'm there, he says when I'm gone he says you stay away from my place and my wife, he says this is the first and last time I'm telling you. Well that went on two, three months, and he was gone again. [19.25] Come back and his wife is really upset, she said she had quite a time fighting this fellow off, and she was really upset about it. Well, the fellow didn't say anything, but a couple of weeks later, they found the neighbor dead in his barn yard, he'd been shot with a rifle. But there was no rifle around. And, in those days the, the selectmen used to hold the coroners

meeting on it, so they gathered around and they checked every thing out, and come up with a verdict. Suicide.

JB Ha!

GL And they say that really happened, and I know who the names were and stuff and. I remember hearing about it when I was younger. Cause that goes back quite a number of years. But like the fellow said, it's the first and last time he says I've told you, I think if there was a little more of that today, there wouldn't all this stuff in the paper. [20.08] Ha! Ha! He says the first and last time, he says, I'm telling you. And it was the first and last time.

JB Well it was a code.

GL Yeah, it was.

JB And, it, the fellow that was bothering his wife had broken the code.

GL Well just a few years ago, a fellow got shot that way. And, I forget what the fellow got off for, little to nothing, for sentence. And his brother-in-law, his brother-in-law to the fellow that was shot, let's see, I think he was a cousin of mine or something. [20.40] And they're not around here now. But he said, the fellow he

says, he was asking for it. He was, you know the same kind, and the same way. And, he got shot the same way. Ha! Ha!

JB Well there was, that story of, I guess it was George Greenslit's who shot the guy for stealing wood. And, I think he got off. [21.17]

GL Yup, well they let them off for anything now, I mean, if well say the government, and the fellow embezzled a few thousand dollars, they put him up for five, ten years. But you get, official down in Washington, savings and loans steal millions, and that, that come out, they didn't have to prosecute or nothing they couldn't prosecute them, so they didn't even bring that up. [21.28]

JB Well this was the case where the guy had been stealing wood and he, I guess he been warned.

GL Well I knew a fellow, he was a cousin to this Pat McCuen, and he died a few year ago, and he come from up Johnson way, he told me that this fellow had a wood shed full of wood, and he started loosing his dry wood, so he didn't want it disappearing cause he mixed it, so he watched one night and the neighbor down below and he seen him

circling up way over and just getting dark, up around, and stayed out of sight, and the fellow went up, and walked up to the dry wood pile and loaded it up, out of the woodshed, and armload, and went down, went down around, and he did this _____, with a load of greenwood, and the fellow walked into this house and dropped the wood, and the dry wood into the wood box and this fellow, ha, stepped up and dropped his into the wood box too, he says, next time he says, you mix it you so and so. Ha! Ha! Ha! [22.27]

JB That's great.

GL Ha! Ha! He says mix it like I do you so and so. Ha! Ha! Ha!

JB Oh gosh. Yeah there, well and that code is, is gone. And the humor seems.

GL I was telling _____ this the other day, I said, the accent is gone, I said in a way I kind of miss it, all the old, time, now I says, it's a calling thing, its' a, I said even the names, I says you used to be able to, I'm not a very good speller, or writer but. Ha! Ha! But I said, you could at least, or you know, get them, now all the, most all of them are gone.

JB That's true.

GL Some of them I can't pronounce. And I wouldn't even think of trying to write. Ha! Ha! Ha! Not that there some of them nice people and that, but there's a.

JB You know you're right about the accent, too. And, you could actually by listening, tell where somebody whether they were, over toward the eastern part of the state or more toward Lake Champlain, and certainly the ones, in the White River Valley, and so forth are much closer to sort of the New Hampshire accent.

GL Well, I've always, next to Vermont, I always liked New Hampshire, cause they're so much alike. Of course New Hampshire got to be gradually, so they could, you know, more or less, absorb these out of staters better, but we got, an out an out invasion. [24.06] And the state doesn't cope with it. We've got, there is just too many of them and.

JB What?

GL And they got into all the ruling part of the state, the towns and cities, and the state itself.

JB When would you say the invasion here started?

GL It wasn't bad, up to about sixties about the time that,

up through the fifties wasn't bad, but when you got into the sixties, it started and it kept increasing right up into through the seventies. I think now it's, it's eleven and odd, there's the population isn't increasing, in fact, I believe it's gonna level off and they talk about new, more schools and more of this and more of that. [24.46] And if they wait a few years they won't need it, they're talking about a middle school here now, and myself I think it's the, they're out of their minds. Because they're gonna have all that extra expense of another school, more teachers, and the maintenance, it's better, if they're gonna do it, add on a little. See, even some of the out of staters didn't go for that in Fayston here like they was gonna have a Taj Mahal, here.

HL Ha! Ha!

GL And, I wasn't either, I mean that the, when I got one there that school would be just a white elephant. Never got for anything, but where they can't, and the ski area is getting bigger but the, _____ and the labs were for the last number of years, I remember on a good weekend of skiing, cars would be backed up on a Saturday night clear up to Mill Brook Lodge, that waiting for the

ones coming down Sugarbush on the Route 100. That's all gone. You go down, I haven't seen it backed up hardly past that, little saw mill down there, for a number of years now. Even when the skiing was good.

JB And was the influx mostly skiers or was it the back to landers, or in the sixties? What? [26.00]

GL Most, mostly those that was skiing and that, and those that come up, the towns, you know they didn't want any industry, it was all for recreation stuff, all those that come up and down prit near, all they wanted was skiing, they didn't want any industry at all. They had it in town meeting there when they tried to get zoning in, and they was talking about industry and all that, I told them, I says you know, well, maybe light industry, something like a shop or something, I says you're not gonna have any heavy industry, I said the town hasn't got another valley. I says it doesn't have a railroad, it doesn't have a truck terminal, I said none of that, I says, you wouldn't have it if you didn't put all this zoning stuff in. Now they got zoning and they want to tell you how to put your house and park your car out in the yard or something like that.

HL Yeah.

GL I had a bunch, I had some cars years ago, I had a farm truck, and I guess five or six other cars, out here where I could see them, and my kids each had a car, or something, and they were registered and insured and stuff like that, and so in all, they must of went over in a helicopter and took pictures of it, I had some down back, we couldn't even see them, so I accumulated, I thought well when I retire I'll spend my time.

HL Restoring.

GL Restoring some of them. Of course all they did was just sit there and got rusted out more, but and I usually run a car to, it rust so it won't pass inspection, and then I get another one. And I usually go for, I never yet bought a new car, and I never probably never will. I say I would if I was a multi-millionaire.

JB Ha! Ha!

GL Take first depreciation so, anyway, the first thing I knew I, I just got out of the hospital for an operation, and I had what they call a hog house over there, a single story thing, and I started raising pigs, I was gonna get in on that, you know, I made a dollar in the spring and

once too in the fall, and so I turned it into a kind of equipment shed, and I had, the barrel here and some others come down one day in a dump truck one day from up above, and they stopped and asked me if I want to get rid of the junk across the road, I says, no, I says, cause I'm using it all. Some old farm machinery, I was trying to get started, so, anyway, I went over and my brother had an old car up there, over there and the snow had come one winter and I had to get the roof cleaned off, and that caved in so I had that and a few pieces of farm machinery, harrows and stuff like that, and had that and another old cab I think it was, well I got what I called a nasty letter from the state, giving me two weeks to clean that all out or they'd bring me into court. And I think it's a pretty nasty letter, and I'd went over and started moving, I was gonna clean that out, and I moved a little bit, because there's a ditch through there, and I had the water drain down through it. Now they call it, they call it wetlands, I guess cause they moved the thing over and, and.

HL They did.

GL They did, but didn't put the ditch back through. When my

father was a boy he said he used to hitch a trailer out of there, the brook comes out, one of them comes out, but there's the hideaway. It starts up from my spring. Anyway, I was gonna go after them some day and tell him I want the ditch to go down back through, I don't know as they'll do it or not, but, that's where they lowered the road here.

JB And, they used to get trout out of?

GL My father got trout right across the road.

JB That's amazing.

GL He said when he was boy, of course, well you know I come up here, _____ come up here, and those trees across the road were only about, eight ten foot high. And I could look up the, on the, what they call the old, _____ not the _____ place but the old, what was the name?

HL I don't remember what it was.

GL I'll think of it when.

JB When did you stop farming here?

GL Hun? Oh well, when I had the, when I couldn't send my milk in cans anymore. [29.53]

JB A lot of people.

GL It was gonna cost me more to put, a bulk tank in, then I

paid for the whole farm.

JB Well I mean bulk tanks cost what, about five thousand dollars or some incredible amount of money.

GL Well I got a hundred and forty acres here, ha, what was it 1800. Including the buildings here and over there. Average about ten dollars an acre. Counting in the buildings you know, I had a hundred and forty acres.

HL That's what he paid for. [30.20] Ha! Ha!

JB That's amazing. Really, I mean it.

GL Well that's the other thing that's happened, is that the land has gone sky high, and taxes and. And, every thing else, inflation has gone sky high, I remember back, during the depression, you go in the store with five dollars, and you couldn't lug your groceries out, and now you go with a hundred, and ha, ha. You haven't got much to show for it.

HL Yeah.

GL I worked for fifty cents an day when I was in high school. And, that's all I worked for, I worked there about a year, I had to go every holiday and the weekend, every Saturday I worked and that's after a year so it asked about, I told my father I ought to have a raise, I

ought to get seventy cents, so of course I was paying, if
you board yourself. [31.12]

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JB _____ .

GL Ha! Ha! _____. Well if you think, I guess his
language is a little stronger. He says you, he works
right along and he says, limbs the tree right along with
us, and he says he's the other end of the cross cut saw
and he done just as much as we do as today, he says I
don't know why, it so. Ha! Ha! He isn't any _____. I
didn't hear no more about it, my uncle told me about it
afterwards, I see him talking at one edge of the store.
And, but I do think that [.33] the, a lot of this child
labor is, is off too. Cause, Hester, I know she worked,
you know for little to nothing, to go to school and when
I was out to Toledo, I sold papers and stuff like that,
and by the time I was eleven years old I bought my own
clothes. And my father.

JB When did you start, start sawing with the cross cut saw?

GL My early teens, middle teens. [1.05] Whenever we need it,
they used to cut the wood pile up a lot like that, my

father did, and I cut along with him, and the same with the ax. I know one time we had that ax, an old, we sharpened up an old splitting ax, and I worked there, well he come over and he says here, he says use my ax, well he says you aren't gonna use that ax all the time, he says, so we took turns, if mine wasn't as sharp or anything, as his regular ax. And you want to start a war back in those days, you want to pick up somebody else's ax or _____, without asking. If you asked it was all right. [1.44] Ha! Ha!

JB So can hooks were that special as well.

GL Yeah. A lot _____, if you knew and worked together and then it was a more a mutual understanding, it's all right, but if you walked over and picked something up like that, without asking, you'd heard, you usually heard about it.

JB I talked with Mrs. Brooks the other day, and she was talking, she and her husband I guess, did some logging in the wintertime and she helped him with the cross cut saw.
[2.19]

GL Well when we first come up here, we couldn't afford a chain saw or anything, so we had a cross cut saw, and we

decided to fix the house up a little bit, and then down where Pat lives we had some nice black cherry, so I went down, and I needed somebody on the other end, so Hester got on the other end.

HL I ain't never had a cross cut saw on my hand before.

GL So she got on one end and I on the other and we cut the, the black, the logs, and we skid them out, and got them down underneath the little saw mill I worked a number of years down here to Baird's mill, for about thirty years and they sawed them up.

JB Now is that the mill right on?

GL The one.

JB On 17?

GL Yeah. [2.58] It isn't run now in the wintertime, they used to, well they used to send, wholesaler stuff to _____River down in Jonesville, and then they got off and then they got a market around here, and now it's down in the wintertime so that it just runs in the summertime, and the boy, I worked with the old, his father and then I worked with him, and they said don't _____ and dressed it out, and I think fourteen years after we got it back, I got, _____ and that was all this paneling

around here, and there hasn't been anything done to it, it's just been put up there's no oil or no nothing it's just the way it was. [3.33]

JB It looks great.

GL And she _____, we used to, I fixed I had an old cab of a pick up, I put on a set of wheels and I had, I got the tractor by then, and we'd take, put the kids in that, and we'd go down there in the fall and let them run the thing, we cut that out, and when I was working, Hester never worked outside before, she always worked in the house some, we got married and she a, she'd have the house all cleaned up, and ready by about eight o'clock, she helped hay, to this day she can load a better load of haying than most men.

HL Ha! Ha! Ha! I never lost one.

GL And a lot better than I could, cause I always did the pitching on. The thing that used to make her mad was when I went and about midnight, we'd be putting on some hay and, I put on three, four fork fulls and then we'd loose it on the side of the hill or something.

JB Gosh. [4.22]

GL And, when it come to plowing, we was over, I remember I

was telling over to the other place, and she'd go over for an hour, or so and then she said she'd get nervous to quit, but the, I put her up against most any man for the furrows, the size that she plowed and that was rough going, and they'd always been plowed with the horses before and the big plow went deeper and it hit a lot of stones and stuff. And over, down the hill, he said, asked, one year we didn't have a car so we used a tractor to go down Saturdays to get the groceries and grain, and come on to the hill with that I go down to the little mill and get saw dust and I had boxes in the back end of it. [5.02] He said she'd drive a tractor better than a lot of men, and she come up with that, and she never worked out before she got here.

JB Ha! Ha! You were a good teacher. Ha! Ha!

GL Well, one thing that made her mad she got just below the house a couple, two Saturdays in a row, and couldn't quite make it, she wasn't as heavy as I was. Had to let the clutch out, and the brake on each side, and you ride the bike, first one and then the other. She come up here a sputtering, so I went down, and she just told me that, anything I could do, that she could, I could do, she

could do better. So, I brought up two Saturdays in a row, I went up and I parked it, and then I come in, and I said, anything you can do I can do better, cause I, I shouldn't sit down to the house.

JB Ha! Ha! She has a temper too. Ha! Ha!

GL I was in the dog house for a little while. She doesn't say much but the way she took it, well I was just joking.

HL Ah ha.

GL But, if it come any jokes, she can get them on off on me.

[5.57]

HL Ah ha.

GL Ha! Ha!

JB Ha! Ha!

GL She gives me a, when one of the Vassar boys got married, I, I told her, I said well, another poor sucker, I said, right around by the nose or something like that. And I said, and I took my nose like that, and she says your nose is all twisted out of shape isn't it. I said, yeah. She says you don't bleed very well do you?

JB Ha! Ha! Ha!

GL So she'd get something like that on me, and I had to, I had an apartment house up in Barre for, on Barre Street

in Montpelier, for awhile, at first she wrote, a couple wasn't bad, but after that, with all the Hud and tenant's rights and all that, it was a loosing proposition, I managed to, just about hold even, but I didn't count my time, and after I got rid of it. I kept it a little longer, cause I had a good girl in there to run it, a woman, otherwise I would of got rid of it probably ten years before I did, and so I had this one fellow call up, she was always complaining or something like that, she worked for the state, the art, something with the arts you know, and I guess she thought she was better than the other tenants so they didn't like her either. Ha! Ha! But she called up and had, a table full, I guess my boys and some of there, you know, families and that, out here at the table, and she went in and honey dripped off her voice, she wanted something and I told her no. And I was trying to keep from blowing my top a listening to her, I was trying to keep it down, I said something about, come back out and says well I says, I said something about the, you talk like it was honey dripping off from her voice, and Hester says did you ever listen to yours, of course rest of them thought that was a big joke.

HL Ha! Ha! [7.42]

GL You see she'd get me once in awhile too.

JB Oh good for her.

GL Ha! Ha! Ha! Here I was trying to keep from blowing my top and talk half way civil and she.

HL Well. (tape off and then on) [7.56]

GL Tight. And, we had something, we said something about the same way, and Jeff says what he, _____ and they couldn't eat lunch they were mad at us, boy. Said we just pulled it right around on them. And. [8.10]

JB How did you happen, how did your family happen to go out to the midwest?

GL My uncle was a contractor, he went out when he was a young fellow, in fact, I think he said, when he was in his early twenties, he helped build a barn up there to where Willey Bragg lives.

JB Oh in 1914.

GL And, when they went to.

JB It was.

GL Somewhere in there.

JB Yeah.

GL And, he was a young fellow anyway, it was earlier than

that, and I think it was 19.

JB 1912.

GL Yeah some where in there it was, that made him well early twenties, or middle twenties, and so anyway instead of when he got done, he got done putting it up, that he walked the ridge pole, and of course it was still just the rafters in that your ridge pole you know is a timber, and they said he walked that from one end to the other. And the lower end was up there in the air, cause I helped, my father patched that roof, where Carl Long, where Willy went up there and he went down the rope, I stayed up above and _____ the rope and he went down the rope went down around his waist down over that double hip, cause they didn't have ladders or he didn't have, forget it, and he patched that roof that way. [9.12] And, I was up on top of the thing and I tell you that was a long ways down.

JB And he just walked the ridge pole?

GL Yup. [9.20]

JB I fall off a log going across a brook, ha, ha.

GL And he, when he was out in Toledo of course, my uncle he was a, he said one time he was driving, you may not want,

you w_____ around here, _____ out there
you know, but anyway [9.36] he was, he said he said he
was driving along one night and some fellow jumped on the
running board and he sees the fellows gun before he bring
it up, my uncle stepped on the gas, hit him the same time
and took off. And another time, along the depression he
was in the bank, I think I've got the article somewhere,
and they robbed a bank, and he said he was talking with
the bank president, and he looked up and he said, well,
he walked, just walked in holding the gun on him and my
uncle says, you maybe a gun doesn't look too big to you
until you look down the barrel of it, and he says that
was as big as a cannon and so they told him to get in the
vault and one of the tellers tripped the thing so they
couldn't lock it, and the fellow threatened to shoot her
for that. But he said you stay in there for five minutes
or he said we'll shoot you, and they got out, I don't,
they got away with a few thousand.

JB This was in Toledo? [10.32]

GL Yeah.

JB Gosh.

GL And he got out, and he got away but the I had my uncle's

thing in the paper and that on it, and I remember another thing happened out there, there was a, we went by the house, a big mansion on a hill, and the fellow owned it, had been hit, broke his leg and they had him in the, he was in the hospital, and he'd of been, his daughter, his wife and daughter wasn't sure what he, knew he was in business but didn't know just what it was. And, so they took him to the hospital, and they found out, he had his chauffeur drive him up to the corner, in the city, every day and pick him up at night. [11.18] During the day he, a cripple on a cart, begging, that's how he got the thing and that come out, and his wife and daughter took off and left him and, ha, ha, and that's how he was making a good living on begging.

JB Gosh. [11.33]

GL And he was out there, that was during the depression, I come home in 32, and I must of been almost thirty, thirty-one, I remember this blind fellow went up the street there, he was singing and he had a, probably twelve year old girl leading him, it was probably his daughter, and people come out all over the street and gave him something for that, so he must of made it real

good. I guess he really was blind. And that was right in the depression.

JB Gee. That's amazing. [11.58]

GL But I always remember that. And then there was an old fellow that worked for uncle _____, he'd show up once in awhile, he's an old hobo, my uncle used to hire him for a, well, gopher you know and things, and a nice old fellow, and so my uncle used to hire him cause I guess he was one of the first ones my uncles started hiring and he came back just for the summer. And the old fellow, we was going out to show him, the first year we was up there, that would be in 26, my uncle had the contract put on all the cement walks in the, on _____ schools that's when they was doing it out there. I think there was four of them, and we was going out to one of them one morning and my uncle had a, a Model T, he rigged over, a beautiful cab _____ and we was riding the back end, [12.47] and I see something in the ditch so I mentioned it, and my father and uncle says you don't know what you saw, you don't pay nothing, and he didn't pay no attention to us well the next day we found out this fellow had hired a cab driver to take him up to Detroit, sixty miles away,

and he, the cab driver knocked him in the head and took sixty dollars off of him and, the old fellow, the old Charlie, they called him, he said he thought he'd seen something too, they didn't think we knew what we was talking about, so I says, I was only about nine, ten years old, and ha, ha, but, that was it.

JB Gosh. [13.23]

GL But in those days they talk about houses now a days, and how long it takes, my uncles used to put up, in nine months, didn't have much during the winter except little odd jobs, but during the nine months they put up three good, big two story houses and had them all finished to move in during the summer and there was just my uncle, my father, and about two others. [13.47]

JB Gosh!

GL And sometimes there would be three, if they hired old Charlie, but he wasn't around always, only two, three years and they put them up and they'd finish them and everything was done by hand, you didn't have your.

JB That's incredible.

GL Today, I can see why.

JB Well yeah, you're right.

HL We had them here. Ha! Ha! Ha!

GL They have a _____ clear one end, and then they'd go up to the other and they measure a board and come down and cut it off, [14.09] and then lug it back, and well what was it? The, Empire State Building, I think it took them a year or so, eighteen months to build, something like a million, a million and a half, today that's, that would cost way over, two, three, hundred million I guess.

JB Probably.

GL And three years to do the same work.

JB Yeah. Yeah. [14.35] Um. Well I better. (tape shut off and then on)

GL And she was, this song was, her husband murdered her, or something. [14.46] And, this tune was to the, old, old oaken.

HL Old Oaken Bucket.

GL Old Oaken Bucket.

JB Ah ha.

GL I _____ it sometimes some ways, a lot of ways, but the, that's what it was and, I can't remember what something about it, from you know. [15.03]

JB You don't remember the.

GL Dragging around by the hair or something, but I don't remember the words.

JB Do you remember the title?

GL No. [15.13] If I, you know, and then.

HL Probably if he'd see some of the words in that it would.

JB I'll try.

GL I do know one old song clear through. [15.23]

HL Ha! Ha!

JB Well how about singing it?

GL Ha! I'm no singer.

JB Well let's hear it, recite.

GL Okay. It's about, there's about fourteen verses to it. See he hitched, now let's see, he hitched up his pig and he hitched up his cow and tugged land as the devil knows how, with a right leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg out _____ raleigh, the devil he came along one day, he said I come to take your son away, and was it, oh Mr. Devil don't take my son for if you do I'm all undone. Pray just Mr. Devil, pray take my wife cause she nagged and scolded me all my life, and right leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg, _____ raleigh, so the devil he stuffed her into his sack, and went down the

road with a pack on his back, and when the devil he came
to the ditch, he said get in you blamed old witch, and
let's see, the right leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg
_____ raleigh, [16.33] nine little devils was
standing there, _____ raleigh, she, no, nine
little devils were standing there, she, well I, I
probably could write it down better than I can, and she
lifted her leg and she kicked him into the fire with the
right leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg, _____
raleigh. Ha! I probably could sing it better but, you
wouldn't like my singing.

JB What's the tune? What's the tune?

GL Well I'll start over. [17.11] Let's see how was it. Oh he
hitched up his rig and he hitched up his scowl,
_____ raleigh, he hitched up his pig and he
hitched up his cow, _____ raleigh, he hitched up
his pig and he hitched up his cow and he plowed up his
land and to the devil knows how, with the right leg, left
leg, upper leg, under leg, onity vomity raleigh, the
devil he came along one day, onity, vomity raleigh, the

devil he came along one day, onity, vomity raleigh, the
devil he came along one day he said I come to take your
son away with a right leg, left leg, upper leg, under
leg, onity, vomity, raleigh. [17.48] say Mr. Devil don't
take my son, onity, vomity, raleigh, oh Mr. Devil don't
take me son, onity, vomity, raleigh, oh Mr. Devil don't
take my son, for if you do I'll be all undone, with a
right leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg, onity, vomity
raleigh. Well the devil he stuffed her into his sack,
onity, vomity raleigh, the devil he stuffed her into this
sack, ominty, vominty, raleigh, the devil he stuffed her
into his sack, and he went down the road with a pack on
his back, with a right leg, left leg, upper leg, under
leg, ominty, vomity, raleigh, well the devil he came, and
then the devil he came to a ditch, omnity, vomity
raleigh, the devil he came to great big ditch, omnity,
vomity, raleigh, the devil he came to a great big ditch,
and said get in you blamed old witch, with a right leg,
left leg, upper leg, under leg, omnity vomity raleigh. Oh
nine little devils are standing there, omnity vomity
raleigh, oh nine little devils are standing there, omnity
vomity raleigh, nine little devils are standing there,

she asked _____ and kicked them into the fire with
a right leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg, omnity
vomity raleigh. Oh nine little devils all rattle their
chains, omnity vomity raleigh. Nine little devils all
rattle their chains, omnity vomity raleigh, nine little
devils all rattle their chains, he heisted her foot and
she kicked out their brains, with a right leg, left leg,
upper leg, under leg, ominty vomity raleigh. One little
devil peaked over the wall, omnity vomity raleigh. One
little devil peaked over the wall, ominty vomity raleigh,
one little devil peaked over the walls, said take her
back or she'll kill us all, with a right leg, left leg,
upper leg, under leg, omnity vomity raleigh. The devil he
stuffed her into his sack, omnity, vomity raleigh. The
devil he stuffed her into his sack, ominty vomity
raleigh, the devil he stuffed her into his sack, and
carried her home with a pack on his back, with a right
leg, left leg, upper leg, under leg, omnity vomity
raleigh. This, it shows that women are better than men,
ominty, vomity raleigh, it shows that women and better
than men, omnity vomity raleigh. It shows that woman are
better than men, they can go through hell and back again,

with a right leg, left left, upper leg, under leg, omnity vomity raleigh. It shows that, this all of me tale that I have to tell, omnity vomity raleigh. It shows, all of my tale that I have to tell, omity vomity raleigh. It's all of my tales that I have to tell, he killed nineteen devils and conquered hell with a right left, left leg, upper leg, under leg, omnity vomity raleigh.

Now I heard that from, I think it was my mother's uncle, and I think he and his wife, or maybe one of the last old, well hillbillies, mountain people around. And neither one had, two big an education. [20.33] But they still talked with the old, accents and stuff. And they were always dirt poor, but the.

JB Great song, isn't it.

GL We used to visit them once in awhile, and he sang that, I happen, that was one I happen to remember.

JB Oh I love it.

GL And he and his half brother went up the Yukon gold strike.

JB I'll be darned. [20.50]

GL And, I guess they would of starved to death if they both, well untrained singers, but they got to singing around

these saloons, and stuff and the others, they struck if enough, they got, they got enough to eat, to get back, you know. Enough so they could come back but he worked in a mine there, and had a cave in and it crushed his feet so the rest of his life he wore, his right shoe on left foot and the other on the right.

JB I'll be darned. [21.15] Did he come back here to Fayston?

GL Yeah. Yeah. Well, up to Waitsfield. Way way up. Up in back. Yup. And, but that one I remembered, he used to sing that, but that's the kind of, I guess they sang up in the Yukon you know.

JB I'll see if I can, find out about this, this song you told me about, from here, about the murder and dragging the woman around by the hair, because there is an index and I'll look up songs from Waitsfield.

GL And some woman, there, I forget what her name was, I read in one of the magazines.

JB Jennifer Post, probably.

GL Probably. And she had the song about Charlie.

JB Oh Margaret MacArthur.

GL And my mother used to sing that a lot. [22.02]

JB Ah ha.

GL And it was supposed to of been some where around central Vermont here.

JB Yes.

GL I think my mother said some where about where it was. Down in Montpelier I think it was, up around in that section.

JB Well I'll be darned.

GL And they knew about it, and then there was a, another song, they used to say, sing it's about this woman coming out of the church and something about the meeting and some child or something, it says I remember that one verse, that was, down, down in the deep dark dungeon, on a bed of old _____, [22.30] straw, something about, no covers for the bed or something, there was somebody laying there, and on the table across the molded bread, there's _____, and then it told about, before she went in there, about the preacher that sunday, talking about some aid to somebody off in Zanzibar or some such place, and then he come back to that.

JB Hum. Do you remember the tune for that?

GL Let's see. Down, down in the deep dark dungeon, on a bed of moldy straw, and that's about the others mixed up, so

I forget it. And then let's see there was a, then there's one, mother used to sing, and said her father used to sing it to my grandmother, and I think the first, or last name was Mariah, or something like that, my mother's, I'm not sure my mother's middle name, but she was named after, _____ there, and there's something about. Let's see. As I was, as I was out walking, one morning in spring, the flowers were blooming the birds they did sing, and something about, they come up to the stream, a girl washing her toes, and I guess she wanted to go away with them or something she says, or marry him or something, she says, to marry, to marry, kind sir I'm too young, my papa and mama, no, to marry, to marry, kind sir I'm too young, to marry a young man with a flattering tongue, my papa and mama quite angry would be, if I were to marry a rover like thee. [24.35] I stepped up beside her, and I made out a vow, and what I said to her, I will tell you right now and it goes on where he leaves her anyway. And.

JB Those are neat.

GL But that's, that's all I remember of it. [24.54]

JB We got to get him thinking about the old songs.

GL Well I, like I said, I don't know.

JB How about Fair Charlotte? If you thought about that.

GL Well.

JB Do you remember the tune? That she would sing it to?

GL Yeah but it was the thing that, what post or something, I think it was one of hers that she would probably tell you, yeah it seems as though, I know as I could get, I'd have to, if I can remember enough of it, but I remember mother singing it, she knew it clear through. And these others she did, she, I got an aunt but she's in a nursing home, and her mind comes and goes and she probably might know them, but she's down in Massachusetts, no she's down in.

HL Bennington.

GL Bennington. And I don't, I haven't been to visit her for a number of years because of that, but we used to go down and see her. And, she, they used to, all on my mother's side they, the girls and all used to sing that, I don't know if the fellows did but the girls used to get together and play an organ or that, when we was in Toledo, I remember my mother had an organ, and today I don't know how much it would be worth, but I think it

went for either six or ten dollars, and it had bells and chimes, and everything mixed in with it, I've never seen or heard of an organ before or since, that did, it had chimes in it, and some kind of bells. [26.17] That you could mix in with your playing and it was a beautiful organ, you know, and it was in nice shape, but they sold it, had an auction before we left and it went for, something like that, and today you could probably add three, or four zeros on it. [26.32]

JB You're darn right.

GL But it did, it was up in nice shape, and I remember it, my mother and my aunt went, used to love to, play and sing and they used to.

JB Well yeah, you got a great voice. I love your voice.

GL Well.

JB He's got a good voice.

HL Ha! Ha! Ha!

JB You should make him sing more. [26.50] (tape on and then on)

GL Before the war, or even a short while after the war, there wasn't a night except Sunday that you couldn't find a dance around somewhere around the valley or Montpelier

or somewhere. It was all within you know a short driving distance, and there used to one up in Duxbury I remember especially, when I was small. I was probably about five years old and my folks used to go there, and they'd go after chores at night, and they go all night, get back for chores in the morning. And, when I was small mother used to put me on the stairway, this, about where the white house is across where a, Camp Navajo is now. The white house there on your left going over toward Waterbury. Well that used to be a two story house and they had what they called a spring floor, in the dance hall, and I don't know if any of them have it today but the whole floor would. And then they had a fellow they called Crazy Chase.

JB Yeah.

GL He used to, he could play anything. [27.43] They claim one time he was down in Boston broke, and he went into get something to eat or something, and he told the fellow he couldn't, pay him but he'd play for him. The fellow says well I'll give you a meal and your trip home to, you know a few dollars in those days. He says if you can play something, every thing I name. Yup. He was there for an

hour or more and the fellow named a thing off, he'd play just as fast as the fellow could name it off.

HL Ha! Ha! [28.11]

GL And anyway I went there and about, oh, it must of been about eleven o'clock at night, the middle of the night anyway, and they'd have a big, supper, chicken pie or something like that, everybody would stop, and have supper and that and then intermission, last about an hour and then they'd go back and dance [28.30] to morning.

HL Ha! Ha!

GL And of course that, that burned but I forget I think that burned when I was out in Ohio. But I remember that part and my father, I was up in Montpelier that time and I remember him coming home and changing his clothes, or a little later anyway, I think this is earlier when I first, most all teams and he was getting a few cars in and later on my father had a car, and I remember him coming home and changing his clothes to go, it was on Saturday morning, Friday night and he was headed for Saturday so he got stone shed to work that day and they wouldn't go to bed they'd just. [29.06]

JB Yeah.

GL But they had them all over, they had them down here, number nine, they had them up in Warren, the town hall, and they'd have the school dances down there to Waitsfield, and Odd Fellows Hall down there, and today, of course my hearing isn't what it was then, my father and I one night they had a concert or a thing with a high school band and stuff down in Waitsfield down in, what they call, where the theater is now, it used to be the Odd Fellows Hall, and my father and I set up on the porch up there where, Merle Johnson lives now, and it was a quiet night, and we could hear the music and that up there and that's four miles away. We couldn't, we could hear them singing but we couldn't quite make out the words but we could hear them. And, when we first come onto the hill, we could hear a, a truck or anything going up the main road, today there's so much noise in the air, you can't hear it. You can hear the, snow machine, the vibration in the house better than we can outside then they run that snow guns up there. [30.11] And after the war I said, I would of bought Millbrook Lodge if I was home, and no, it was before I went in, when I come back

from California, and we, when I got back after the war, the water line was all shot but, they had a real good spring up behind where the little store is up, down there to Fayston store they call it, right up on the hill there and it was a real nice spring, almost as good as the one I have. And, who put a lead pipe in, going down there, easy to get then, all lead. Now 1900 feet down to the house and there's such a fall to it right down the bank, that we took a little shingle nail, and put holes in the pipe up above and it was so much pressure it would come out of the full pipe down at the bottom and we decided to go over to the barn across the road, so Sterling and my father and I started digging, we dug it all by hand, dug across the lawn, and when we got it we rolled the pipe over, filled it over, and then we started to cross the road, and you didn't need any permit or anything in those days.

HL Ha! Ha!

GL And we didn't cross the road, and the Moriarities' run the mill then, and _____ folks come home with a load of logs on, just a straight flat bed truck.

[31.29]

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GL We had what we call a stone puller, it hitched to the tree and pulled them on out, [2.25] and it didn't go in deep enough so that they couldn't quite drive them out, but it would pull them out, and _____ says, I told you not to stop _____. Ha! Ha!

JB Ha! Ha! Ha!

GL He said, you, that, going right across he wouldn't have time to break, and they wouldn't of. So anyway they went down through and the mail man come up so he drove right around through the _____, drove around through the front lawn, and back and toward on up, and George Sawyer down there, he hauled them out with a, in the cans, he come up about noon, one o'clock, and he didn't cross the road, and he parked his truck right there in front of the barn, and it's right there by the road, you know, and said well I'll come up later in the day, he says and we'll get it done, and by five o'clock we _____ and filled up into the thing and that was all the traffic, we had all day, that was in 46.

JB That's amazing. Gosh, you wouldn't.

HL Stand a chance. [3.19]

JB You'd have a little more trouble today.

GL Oh yes, even here we have more cars go by here in an hour at times, then we'd have all day there, in fact, sometimes more than that go by in five minutes, and they go a lot faster.

JB _____ speed. Oh just.

GL Pat's there, a little side road that's down in there, and there used to be the Russell, I think it was the Russell place, and this is family, they all had big families, and you could cut across here, you could, before they all grew up, you could look from here and down and see the place.

JB Is that right.

GL And, they had four fire places in it.

JB Gee.

GL And an old fellow that lived there, a few years ago, he, well it's, _____ papers and stuff I was down there on time, and they caught fire and burned. But I remember when I was, was out in, Montpelier, I come out blackberrying, and you go out in a days time, and you could get three, four milk pails full of blackberries. And that, they was growing up there then in the back

_____ and been abandoned, we used to go up, just a few minutes walk from, my uncle, father, my uncle _____, and they come out, my father come out with some fellow by the name of McCarty and he was a clerk, this Sommer's hardware out there, and he worked for the, oh Sommers had died some years ago, and they come up here, and I remember we had a thunder shower and they went in there, and they started a fire in one of the fireplaces to keep, get dry and keep warm.

JB Wow.

GL Yeah. That had to be back in the early twenties.

JB Well it looks like a. [4.51]

GL Yeah there's, there's, oh yeah. Had to kind of a, McCohen, John McCohen is up here, that was all, that was all a fashion for this place, way up there's a, a just a few trees and then an old shed across the road, used it for just a shed and to boil the sap in, it had about three hundred trees they could tap, it's all for home use, cause it was a small one, and my father said about daylight, he come out and he looked up there, and see the old fellow come down across, he come down and, I don't know if he had breakfast or not, but he had dinner and

supper, and they all, they sat on the porch and they'd visit, and he'd go back up and you wouldn't see him again for about six months. About twice, three times a year he would come down and spend the whole day, and then he'd go back up there, and then they had the bear in the bush place out past that. [5.44] And they said that when he come out, he used to hibernate practically for the winter in there, but he got pneumonia and come out, and said he couldn't come out and he was spitting blood and he died of pneumonia.

JB Oh! [5.58]

GL And he lived way back in there, they call it the bear in the bush place. It was way up over that road up.

JB And his name was?

GL Well his last name was Baird, but this fellow's name was McCohen.

JB Ah ha.

GL They was just out, a short ways on the upper side of the road where they used to be, there was two farms there, but I never knew who the other, what the farm was.

JB Well you said that you used to have a sheep pasture, so did your grandfather raise sheep?

GL Yeah they put them out there, in the spring of the year about once, or twice, about once a week or two weeks they'd got out and check on them. [6.30]

JB Now were these merinos, or were they?

GL I don't know, just sheep, you know, my father said they're sheep, I never asked him, there's twenty-seven acres there.

JB Gosh.

GL And they used to keep them there and nothing ever bothered them. Everything.

JB No coy dogs or?

GL No. And they didn't the farm dogs didn't chase them the way they do today. And, if they did they did they'd of been shot. [6.53] And, they'd leave them there for the summer. Well, back in 1950, my father built, where he's built the little house, I went out and no, yeah, it was just after the war, 49, it would be right along in there, and he built, in fact I think it was 1950, it's a little white house with picket fence on the loop road there, and he was a carpenter so he built it, and the house is surprisingly large when you get in, compared to what it looks like outside, everybody used to go in there, you

know and used up every inch pretty well and [7.23] he and I got and skid the logs down on, where Blue Spruce Lodge is now.

JB Ah ha.

GL And Moriarity's truck come up and down there and set it up for him. And all the lumber, most of the house is built out of rough lumber it came all from there, and but it all grown up, so they're big enough, good spruce and stuff like that for to build his house out of, you know.

JB Yeah.

GL But, he lost of a lot of it, because the wind got in there, and knocked over quite a number of thousand feet and he didn't know about it, cause he was out working and didn't go up there, and by the time he got there _____ and stuff got in it, so he lost a lot of it, but now it's all grown up and they built houses out there, but that 27 acres is grown from a sheep pasture up to trees you know, about like this, you can see that's.

JB Yeah it happens very fast.

GL See about another forty, fifty years, since he did it, it's been forty years or better than forty years, those were planted in, I think 35, around 35, 40. And like I

said, you put a couple across. And look over on the other hill over there, and they were practically there now it's all grown up and you can barely see the places we could look up on the German road, there, and that up through there is all, well, grown up to brush, but it's open.

JB Now the German Flats Road, that was, was the Eurich place anywhere near that? [8.46]

GL There place is, just below where the, Sugarbush Hotel is.

JB Okay.

GL I think they call it Book Place, it was up in there, about a half a mile or so.

JB Yeah now I know where you mean.

GL And Clessen will tell you, that's where they were, and after the war, I hayed that. And, it was grown, you know it wasn't so bad, there wasn't that much brush, I mean it was, and they had a, a real good spring just above where the house was, the house is still up, I think the barns are gone. I don't remember the barn, but I remember the house. And, I broke my hand, so I had a cousin of mine, well he's about second cousins, helped me, and he got to complain about asthma and stuff and that, and he couldn't do anything, we had a couple of hand saws there, we used

to trim around, you know, they don't leave it the way they do today, so I got kind of disgusted, and I grabbed the scythes and started mowing and I broke my hand over again anyway.

JB Oh! [9.45]

GL But I used it, and you know just where the heal, and when we got done, we got done haying there I was missing a scythe, I had two of them, and so the first thing that we, no one since the last two, three years has found a scythe through there, well after about eight, ten years I kept thinking about it, and I said, I know what I did I left it behind up in the tree there, just above the spring, and little small, I don't know if it was an apple tree or something. A small tree. [10.15] And, now, I, I said, I know that's where the scythe went and I told Clessen that but I don't think they looked for it too much but I know that was what it was, because it was forty years ago.

JB Ha! Ha! Ha! [10.25]

GL But I know that was the one. Ha! Ha!

JB Oh that's funny.

GL Ha! Ha!

JB Well you sure have been great and I must say.

GL Well there's my father and a fellow named Floyd Wimble who never worked in the woods before, they were working up on this bank and there was a lot of brush and the snow was deep that year, it was about four foot deep, and we had to shovel down around the trees, you know, before you get it, no chain saws all ax and cross cut saw. And, they were standing in the brush and that, cutting off this maple log, and my father told me he said, got to move on the other side, my father says oh I'm all right, right here, and they cut it off and it started rolling, the fellow standing in this brush and he couldn't get away, and my father grabbed the log, and held it and kind of wrenched his back, some. He stopped it and the roll fell back and it probably wouldn't of hurt him, probably not too much cause it rolled over in all that brush and stuff, and the four foot, but it, we had to roll it back on him anyway to get him out and a few days, week, minutes later Carl Long came up and he had a horse that, he got off his farm that he used to skid logs out, and my Uncle Albert _____ and I were working together. And, we were cutting a big spruce [11.51] that really was, it

must of been practically virgin timber, cause it was a real tall one, and my uncle told Carl, he said, you better stay back with the horse, he said, you can't tell just where this is gonna go. [12.00] And.

HL I'll get these crumbs out of the way here.

GL Well, twenty, thirty feet away, and probably about thirty feet, and he stopped there, and we cut this spruce off and it, it was up on the bank, to get out of the way, and when it did, it hit a birch tree, and the birch had a big knob on it like that, it slid down the birch hit that knob and the butt kicked up into the air, over our heads, and when that was swinging there, and we didn't know where it was, it was right over our heads, a swinging back and forth, and we stood there to see where it was gonna go, and it finally slid down on that knob and just skid across the horse enough so it made the horse buck a little bit, across it's back, went right into the ground. It wasn't even, well over a foot, the ground was soft underneath the snow and it drove in there, but for some reason the rest of that tree held on that knob, and it come down and it killed the horse and broke it's back

right there, and but we didn't, we didn't know where to run, I mean, all the, there was all of us right there, and no one dared to run just stayed there and watched and tried to duck it when it come down. [13.07] But _____, so we got that tree down and there was my uncle and I limbing another tree, that had already fallen, off the side of it, and I, my uncle was but he was up a little further up than I was, and so we was staying out of each other's way, and I felt something hit me on the knee so I thought it was a big chip, and _____, and it broke my leg, and all of a sudden, dad said, that hit you, and I said yeah. He said, we're quitting. He says right now. He says about twenty minutes, half past four, we usually worked till five, he says it's been, about three accidents in the last half hour and he says prit near, well no, I almost got injured or killed, he said, we're quitting right now. I felt a little reluctant to quit but we all did quit and what it was, my uncle's double bidden ax, it flew out of his hand, he lost all his fingers except his thumb in a mill accident down at Moriarity's mill, and with the snow on his mittens and that he lost it, it slipped, his ax flew

back and hit him, a double bitted ax hit him on the, right by the knee, right side of the knee. But it didn't hit, the blade didn't hit, it was just the end of the ax, so we all quit early that day.

JB And this same uncle lost his?

GL Lost his fingers down in Moriarity's mill.

JB When was that? Later after that?

GL That was before that. [14.32] This was afterwards when we was working in the woods, before that he'd been working in the mill and lost and it was mud time, and as I remember it, Paul Moriarty he died a few years ago, he was working his father still had the mill, but he drove my uncle out, and they lost all his fingers and they had a, a pint or something _____ in the car, so they wrapped his hand in a towel, and drove for Montpelier, [15.04] to Eaton Hospital, on the way, to kill the pain or something my uncle had a couple of pretty good slugs of that whiskey. And they put him on the operating table and they used ether in those days, and it ended up they took about six doctors and nurses and that and they had to strap him down, because the ether wasn't taking effect and he was, just coming, trying to set up.

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JB Oh gosh. [15.23] Woo! Oh! That's incredible. Well.

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