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KH I'm Katherine Carlton Hartshorn. Was born in Warren. I was married in the same house 21 years later. The house still looks just as it did years ago.

JB Which house is it?

KH It's on Route 100, about a mile and a half from the village toward Granville, going south. It's the grey house. The barns are all gone but the house looks about the same as it always did. My grandfather bought it in 1901 or 1902.

JB Now who was your grandfather?

KH William Carlton, and Myra Boyce Carlton. And I lived with them after my mother died when I was 13. So they and my aunt and uncle, Leon and Goldie Taylor brought me up. So she was always my mom. [1.03] But I lived with my grandparents and my aunt and uncle till I got married. Then I moved south about 3 houses, and ran the school bus after the kids were born. Taught school

as a substitute for about 15 years, after I quit teaching regularly. I was the first one to teach visual education. We had a projector that we used for the Odd Fellows to show movies. And I used to get my movies from Fitzpatrick, Rev. Fitzpatrick in Montpelier. He's my lawyer now, his son is my lawyer now. I go from one to school to the other. We only had 2 schools in town, one in East Warren and one in the village, and I'd show the pictures in the village, then I'd go to East Warren on a Friday. I think the kids liked my class better than anybody else's. [2.00] And lots of mornings I'd come down running the school bus with my slacks on, boots and everything, the kids would come running out: "Mrs. Hartshorn, you going to teach until the teacher comes? She can't get here!" So I'd have to go in and get things rolling. I didn't get paid for it, but at least I went in.

JB Now did your grandparents have a small farm there?

KH A very small, I can't remember gramp had, maybe he had 10 cows at a time, but I don't remember. But I used to go to the creamery with him when they had the creamery in Warren village, ride down with him. He'd take his

cream down, we used the milk. Then when I got married we had one cow always for the babies. And I made my own butter during the depression, during the war, my own butter and my own cottage cheese. [3.00] We had our own syrup and raised our own vegetables and canned all our own meat. So you see we got along pretty good.

JB What kind of meat did you can?

KH Beef and pork. We always had our own pig and our own beef. Always raised a bull calf for a beef every year. And we always had a big garden. I've canned as much as 60 quarts of dandelion greens, 60 to 80 quarts of dandelion greens. And we ate them all. I can't understand how we did, but we did. Say nothing about the string beans and the carrots. I canned carrots because I didn't like them in the sand. Our cellar was damp and they didn't keep good. I wouldn't like canned meat now, it don't taste good. Used to fresh meat now you know. I never milked the cow only once, and that was one when we had a big, big snowstorm. My husband was gone for 2 days. I had to have milk for the baby. Well, I got a cup of milk and I quit and so did the cow! [4.07]

JB How many children you have?

KH Four. But the baby got enough milk for one bottle anyway. And of course the kids had to walk to school, and that was before Route 100 was plowed very good. It was plowed by the state, but not like it is now and it wasn't sanded or anything. So my first two children walked to school, bundled up. I don't know how they ever walked, they were bundled up so much. And then when my others come along I drove them to school. Drove a school bus. I had 3 different trips in the morning. And I'd have to put chains on and go up a hill, come back down, take the chains off and then do the same things again at night. I got so I could do it pretty good. Ten minutes and I was all done. [5.00]

JB I would say that was good, good for chains.

KH And before I went to my grandparents I lived in the village just where you go into Warren village from the north, in that house on the right there. It's a small house now, but it used to be a big 2 tenement house. Where the road is there was 4 big barns. I saw a picture of them the other day right where they were located there. And all the kids in the village used to

come down there to play because we had plenty of land to run over and it didn't bother anybody. Sliding in the winter was beautiful up on the flat. But the state changed it all when they moved the road, bypassed the village.

JB So originally the road went through the village.

KH Yes. I used to be able to get on my sled there at home and slide down and slide up the next hill. Take my sled to school and then I could slide clear down almost home. There was no cars. [6.02] Just had to watch out for horses. And I used to go down to the grist mill and watch them grind grain down there. That was right near our house.

JB Now was that Edna?

KH Edna Bradley. And the fellow that worked there, Gene Thayer had to turn the electric lights on every night, every morning and turn them off every night. He got sick and couldn't do it, so I couldn't have been more than 7 or 8 years old. And so my brother and I used to go up and turn the lights on and off for him. And then we'd go down and wash his dishes and get him something to eat. He was a bachelor that lived. So I always said

I helped turn the street lights on anyway.

JB Now when did lights first come in?

KH I don't remember.

JB Because I know that East Warren didn't get electricity till 1940.

KH I lived for 16 years on Route 100 with no electricity and no telephone.

JB At your grandparents?

KH No, at my own house. We didn't get electricity until just before we moved to the village. We moved to the village in 1961 I think, no, '51, something like that. My son was just going to enter school, my youngest at that time. [7.21] And my husband was a state highway patrolman, driving the truck, and he had to be where he had a telephone. We didn't have a telephone. So we had to move to the village, we sold our other house, moved to the village. And had our own truck for patrol, state has their own now, but we had our own truck. Which was good, if something broke down he went and got it fixed. With a state truck you had to take it to Montpelier and they fixed one little thing. Maybe the next day something else would break down!

JB And you said you lived on 3 sides of,

KH I lived on the south side going south out of the village, and I lived on the north side, and then I'm up here.

JB But you're not going to go on the,

KH I'm not going on the other side. I don't want to live in Sugar Bush. [8.09] And that's about what it would be to get on that side.

JB I guess that's right. Well, there aren't very many natives that live over here.

KH No, most all of them, in fact I think they all are new ones, reasonably new you know. Somebody said you got Henry Perkins.

JB No, I haven't been to him yet. But I am going to go.

KH Claudia said she interviewed him, had a good interview with him. (JB: Good.) And then after I was married the 2nd time, I married Milton Peatman in '63. We built this log cabin up here, sold out down there. Haven't been sorry. But my son lives down there, he owns the land up back and he's got a silo for a house. He bought a silo, built it into a house. I said you don't know what you're doing when you get to be 70 years old

you'll wish you didn't have all those stairs. But it is unique. And he is a nut on I call them rusty cars. [9.17] But he does, he goes to auctions, he goes down in Pennsylvania, Hershey every year. And he's always looking out for buttons for me because in 1977 I went in the button business. [9.29]

JB I was going to ask you how long you've been in buttons.

KH These are nothing. I have collectors items in the bedrooms. I've been at that, I belong to New Hampshire state and Massachusetts state, the national, I did belong to some other state. I guess I belong to Connecticut at one time. And then we have a club in New Hampshire I belong to, and then we have a club in Vermont I belong to. So I at least have 2 meetings every month. I just came back Saturday from one in White River. [10.07]

JB Were there many mills other than still going? When did the mills sort of,

KH They all went out in 1927. Mills and dams. I was in school then, that was before I was 13. And I got across the bridge at the north end of the village,

just before the water really went across. And there was a big, the brook up above was a regular river went between our house and barn. Couldn't even get to the barn to take care of the cows. It was too swift, it was coming down the hill there. I've been in all the mills. There was a mill up the river that I used to go down to. The man that owned it boarded at my grandfather's house for years. Elwin Neill's father owned it. [10.55]

JB Which road was that?

KH Goodell Neill's mill. Goodell and Neill.

JB And that was clapboards or was that?

KH Lumber mill. And then there was the Bradley mill. I never saw the Austin mill way up the river running. I think that was damaged before that. [11.20] But the Bowen and Hunter mill, which is dirt road now, seen various changes there. And when the old road used to go down around, the road goes now to the right hand side of the river and it used to go to the left, and had a bridge across. Doesn't look like room there now. But there was.

JB No, I was noticing that the other day. And that was

bobbins.

KH Yes, mostly bobbins. And Parker and Ford had it after that.

JB Where was the Parker and Slayton mill? [12.00]

KH Where that funny looking house is now right in back of Codas.

JB You mean Don Codas?

KH Yes. That was Brooks mill, before that it went clear back to Parker and Slayton and Wakefield and those. And then was a Brigham that was in between, he run it for awhile. Think he made specialty products more than Brooks did.

JB Now was that Brooks Ruth Brook's father, uncle?

KH No. Might have been her husband's cousin, but they weren't any closer than that anyway. I don't know whether Henry's wife is still alive or not. Last I knew she was in a nursing home in Northfield. She could have died, I haven't heard. Because she didn't know where she was the last I knew. [13.10] And Henry Brook's son became a doctor. Dr. Brooks was the head of the Waterbury State Hospital for quite some time. My daughter in law worked for him. I don't know what

happened to his brother, I never knew those. I worked for Miss Lamortier she was. Her brother was a mail carrier for a number of years. It was the first job I ever had was washing dishes and helping her make beds for summer visitors.

JB I think Bob Gove and Clesson Iurich and Elwin Neill,
KH Stayed at Mrs. Lamortiers. We stayed a couple houses below and boarded ourselves for awhile. Then we went with the teacher, Mrs. Chapman, stayed with her.

[14.04] Funniest part of it was, Ruth and I as kids were right near each other. And I spent more time at her house than I did at home, or else she was over to my house. And then when we went to high school together we roomed together. Then when we went to college we roomed together again. (JB: That's nice.) We got married within a week of each other. I didn't know she was going to be married. I was up to her school the night before Christmas party. And I said Ruth I'm getting married tomorrow, you want to come? And so she came, she was the only outsider there, it was a very small wedding at home. In the process she must have told her brother because they stole our car

and took it to the town line and left it! We didn't find it for quite some time. We were both Rebeckas, belonged to the Rebecka Society. She was supposed to put on a party for me when I came back. [15.08] Well they had to change the idea because they had to make it a double party! We were always together. The two boys used to come and get us at college. So her brothers were my brothers. And to this day I'll bet you'll find people that can't tell which one is Barney and which one was the Carlton.

JB I was asking her about Green Greenslit just as I have been asking you about Arthur Hartshorn. And I have been impressed with sort of the musical talent and the writing of poetry and the writing of songs in Warren. [16.04]

KH I've got 2 or 3 poems that I wrote somewhere, about different people in town, you know this one and that one and the other one down through.

JB Well that I'm very interested in that kind of stuff because it also, usually,

KH They sound kind of crazy when I read them now. When I listen to the tape on the poems that I made up for the

people in the Dept. of Agriculture that I had to give a party for, I made up a poem for each one of them. I taped those.

JB How smart of you. What kind of a guy was Arthur Hartshorn? [16.40]

KH Well, he was a radical as far as politics are concerned. He spent half his life down at the state house I think.

JB I know he lived near Montpelier.

KH His wife had TB. They moved to this little camp up on Sunset Avenue, and he was a carpenter. And he kept making it better and better and better. And they finally ended up, you'd never know now it's all surrounded by new buildings and everything. [17.10]
But she lived to be quite old. Fresh air did that for her you know. But he wasn't around here after he grew up. I mean he was young. He once preached a funeral sermon, one of their friends got drunk and they took him clear up hear to the Devil's Pulpit and they preached a funeral sermon from the Devil's Pulpit. That's the joke that they always telling about him.

JB Did the friend wake up?

KH I don't know, never heard anything more. But that's the story that went around.

JB And where's the Devil's Pulpit?

KH Up here on Lincoln Mountain. My line goes just to it. I don't know whether it hits it or not.

JB Is it a big rock?

KH Oh, a big, big rock. I wish the forest service would cut it out around it you know, put Devil's Pulpit sign on it. [18.03]

JB That's another thing I'm interested in is place names, because it often tells the history or indicates the history of a place.

KH When I was living in the village the kids down in the village didn't know anybody up here. Lincoln Gap we used to call South Hollow then, or anybody in East Warren, or up in Buzzel Hill or any of those places. But my uncle belonged to the Woodsmen of America. And they had meetings in Waitsfield and Warren at the houses. And so I used to go with him to these meetings so I met these people so I knew different people in town, if they belonged to the Woodsmen. And he also worked for a lot of farmers and I used to go and stay

overnight with the kids at those farmhouses. I got acquainted with the Laros that way.

JB Jack Laro in East Warren.

KH Yes. And the house where they lived was the house that my grandparents lived in before they bought down here in 1901. [19.06]

JB And I guess that burned.

KH Yes it did, with a forest fire. They had a big forest fire up there. So I remember going to those Woodland meetings. We had a horse called Phyllis. My aunt and I would go up, meet my uncle wherever he was working, pick him up you know. Then when we came home about 2 o'clock in the morning that horse was ready to go home. Those old sleigh bells jingled something terrific down through. Expected we work everybody up. No problem getting that horse home.

JB This road has been a touch road and it still is. It's closed in the wintertime.

KH It's not safe to even try to keep it open. In fact the wrecker was up, you can go up about a mile then you want to quit. You can't turn around. [20.00] But even though it's closed people will come over, and they'll

still get stuck up there. Until now the wrecker refuses to go. He says it's closed and I'm not insured to do it. I'm not going.

JB I don't blame him. I know even when it's open, when I used to work in Montpelier, and it's 10 miles shorter going home this way, but 20 minutes longer.

KH I hate McCullough turnpike though.

JB See I go the other, I live in Riverton so I go the other way.

KH When I go to Burlington in the summertime it's a lot shorter this way. And I don't mind it because I learned to drive on that mountain. I remember when I got my license in Montpelier, they had that hill there beside the state house. And he told me to park it. And I says I'll pull the brake on if you pull it off, because I cannot release that break. And I said I don't worry about starting on this hill, I started on Lincoln Mountain plenty of times. [21.00]

JB Earl Fuller talked about taking this, driving a load of school kids over to see a circus or elephants or something. That must have been quite a trip.

KH Must have been, because now the mountain's lower than

it used to be. They cut off the very top of it. When I first traveled it we had a Model T, and you could not drive up, you had to back up, the way the gas tank was to get the gas into it. They took a good amount off the top of it.

JB By blasting?

KH Yes. The Long Trail now, the road used to be almost half way up to where the Long Trail goes up now.

JB Now as far as I can understand that Long Trail has always drawn tourists to the area.

KH Well it does now. You can go up there most anytime you'll find 25 to 30 cars there on the weekend.

[22.02] A lot of them get broken into to, even though they're locked up and nothing that you can see in them. But I won't go on the Long Trail anymore. Used to always go once a year. But now there's so many go it's just like a boulevard going through. We used to meet maybe one person. And now you'll meet 15, 16 up a little ways.

JB Clesson was talking about they always used to hike it. And it sounds like a number of people that lived here used to.

KH That was the thing was to go up on the top of Potato Hill, pictures after pictures of the top of Potato Hill at various times. I even found some way back when my uncles used to be young and go up there. But not now, it's outsiders now. [23.00]

JB Well it's all Sugar Bush I guess.

KH No, that's not Sugar Bush, Potato Hill is not in Sugar Bush.

JB Potato Hill we see from the other side, it's also Mt. Abraham. Why was it called?

KH And Mt. Ellen is in Warren. Glen Ellen isn't but Mt. Ellen is.

JB Now why was it called Potato Hill?

KH I think Algonquin means potatoes. That's the story I heard, now I don't know.

JB And it was originally called,

KH It's an Indian name. Somewhere I read the other day how Mt. Abraham got names but I can't remember where I read it. I can't remember just what it was now.

JB I wasn't Abraham Lincoln then.

KH No. There's Hank's Peak too, but that's understandable. This was all settled by Hanks here.

And Randolph had a lot of Hanks too. There was quite an item in the paper the other day about a Hank settled over there. I think he was a brother to this Hanks. [24.07] Because it was about the same time that they were both settled.

JB Well there's no question there's been a lot of changes.

KH A lot of them when you stop and think. I used to be so muddy you couldn't get to Waitsfield. Get down there you stayed you know. We still have mud up here. I still got about a mile of it. Last year I was in Florida in April and it was a good thing I was because the road was almost impassible on that mile.

JB Up at Bob Gove's today, the frost was coming out of the ground in the sunshine.

KH Must of been warmer there than it was up here. Because I walked over the road and it wasn't opening up too much. [25.05]

JB One of the things I was going to ask you was do you remember any major events or,

KH Our big major event was our Thanksgiving dinner, the whole family got together at my grandmother's. And

that was a big event. And I carried it on here with my kids up until 3 years ago. I'd have 26, 29 people in this room eating. We moved everything out. I can't now, I can't move this couch out. But we had 2 big tables that we put in here and they got their food and came in here and sat down. And then my granddaughter in Waitsfield took it over, and she had it 2 years. And then my grandson's wife wanted it in Duxbury so she had it this last year. She had a wedding before. My great granddaughter got married. And then the next day we had the family get together. And I think she about the same number too, but they got a big room so it wasn't crowded at all.

JB [26.08] Now what kind of meal would your grandparents have for Thanksgiving? Has it changed much over the years?

KH I can't ever remember having turkey at my grandmother's. I don't think we had turkey too much. They weren't available to buy unless they were fresh ones, somebody raised them around here or something. So we probably had beef and pork. My grandmother always had pork pie and rice pudding, custard pie, all

kinds of things, meat and potatoes, all vegetables. We had our rice pudding, Clarence and i had ours on Christmas morning while the kids were opening their gifts. Because to me rice in the morning, I don't want it any other time. [27.00] We did the same thing only when I had it here everybody brought their own dish of whatever and I furnished the turkey and the pickles, the sort of things like that. But not having a dishwasher it's a job. And so the girls are doing the same thing. We usually call up each other and ask what are you taking so you don't take everything. Because I had the button clubs meets here in August. We heard the horror story of everybody taking baked beans to a party. And so we decided we would tentatively make our own menu. We'd have a feast out here on the porch.

JB Was your grandmother a good cook?

KH I think so earlier. When I remember her the most she had bad knees, she didn't do much of the cooking, my aunt did it. [28.03] She for years all she could do, she could get around, but I mean she couldn't walk too much. She would shell the peas and cut the string beans, pick over the strawberries, things like that,

wash my grandfather's neck every week. Cut his hair once and awhile if it needed it and he hadn't been the barber shop. But outside of that, gram was very inactive on account she had great big knees, they bothered her terribly. But she made quilts, always sewing, always doing something. But I imagine probably in her younger days she was very active. She must of had because she had 3, 5 children, and grandchildren were always there.

JB It looks like you probably inherited some of her skill with your rugs. Did she make rugs as well?

KH Yes, she made rugs out of cotton. I can't remember if she ever hooked rugs or not. I don't think so because I learned to hook rugs by a woman that came up from New York, with the old hook. [29.12; tape shut off.] And we had both agreed that we couldn't braid _____ of this rug. But she makes hers reversible and I don't, mine aren't reversible.

JB She also makes quilts. Because when I was there she was.

KH I have quite a few quilts that I made. I have one of the log cabin design, and I made it into a bedspread.

And I had enough reds in it so it makes a design in itself. You wouldn't know it was a log cabin design. I make a lot of holders for Christmas presents and so on. Used to make all my kids clothes till they went to school. [30.03] Go to the thrift shop over to Vergennes and buy dresses for little or nothing, make a lot for the kids. Mittens and everything.

JB I've seen curtains and bedspreads made from grain bags that have been bleached out and then wonderful stitchery, embroidery.

KH They came out with the grain bags that had designs on them, like fabric you know.

JB When you were growing up here most everybody lived on a farm or as you said at least one,

KH Except right in the village. Of course most everybody had gardens in the village too, a little small garden if they had any land at all they usually had a garden. [31.02] I remember right in the middle of the village right across Pitcher Inn, Mr. Ford always had a garden. And he had apple trees and things down there. They used to have corn roasts. I've heard my mother talk about going out to a corn roasts an awful lot. I

never liked roasted corn very well anyway. I used to help Ed Iurich husk corn in his grandfather's barn.

JB Were there big husking parties?

KH No, just a bunch of us got together in houses, kids in the neighborhood.

JB Because I heard you always looked for the red ears.

KH Who told you that? Ed?

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KH secretary and I says I'd like to speak with Ed. She says Mr. Iurich is not in. I says I don't want Mr. Iurich, I want Ed! And then he left and we had rubber stamps in those days because I had a lot of certificates to make out and they had to be stamped with a rubber stamp because he couldn't sign them all. So when he left, nobody picked up those rubber stamps. I thought that's crazy. So I went around and got all the rubber stamps there were. And I happen to have them. So when he come back the next time he still had his rubber stamps. And of course all of Ed's daughters, especially the oldest one was a very close

of my daughter. In fact we go down to have our hair cut by a girl that she and my daughter lived with down in Bellows Falls. My daughter worked for the federal government and these other two girls were beauticians. So we'd go down every 8 weeks to get our hair cut. It's a long ways to go but it was a good chance to see Ila. Sometimes Janet comes up.

JB [1.12] How many children did Ed have?

KH Let me see, he had 4 girls I think and 2 boys.

JB Because Gordy is his son.

KH Yes, and the other son works at UVM, which I didn't know. I went over there one day because I was in with the Vermont Plantsmen Association, and I went over there for a meeting. I said Greg, how long have you been here! Because I was in with Dennis Bruckles and all those that used to be in UVM.

JB I talked with both he and his brother. [2.06] I was fascinated by the fact that their grandfather who'd come from Germany didn't know his brother was here.

KH That was interesting, wasn't it.

JB Can you imagine?

KH I know when I worked in the Department of Agriculture

we were one big family. Anybody needed help we did it. And you knew the whole building, you know what I mean, it's not just your own little tiny division which people will do today. Go up there now and it's entirely different. I still have a close friend working there, she's the head of the business office. And it's no where near like it used to be.

JB How long did you work there?

KH Fifteen years. I don't even know them when I go in. And she says they don't cooperate, they don't know what's going on downstairs and what's going on upstairs or anything. I knew the whole building because I worked on all 3 floors at various times. I've been trying to go up lately, but I can't a place to park. I'm not going to walk the whole length of Montpelier. [3.23]

JB What do you feel have been the greatest changes here?

KH It isn't a community like it used to be. We get acquainted with the new people come in, but you don't feel as comfortable with them as we used to with the neighbors and everybody around. I don't think that I would know a person in town that come in if I wasn't

on the planning commission or the board of adjustment. That's where I get acquainted with them, that's where they get acquainted with me. I'll go out and a lot of people know me. I know their faces but I can't remember the names. But there's an awful lot of them, I don't know where they come from. They aren't like that, see what I mean is they aren't close. [4.11] Because I had a friend years ago that come up from New York. A lot of the city people used to come up and spend the summers you know. And she'd come up and stayed with a friend of mine. She said Kit, she says I just moved to a new apartment. And she says this time my friends are all going to be in the old apartment or in other places. She says they even wanted to borrow my husband! Not just sugar!

JB I think that that is,

KH We used to keep people in the summer that come up from the city. Now you got to get a permit, go through this and that and the other before, yes. It's bed and breakfast or boarding house, or whatever.

JB You need to get a permit?

KH Yes, if you're having people from outside in, asking

money for them. [5.05]

JB When did that start?

KH Zoning. When the state zoning started. Some towns have it more strict than others.

JB Because that was something that was done, I think quite a bit in this valley, wasn't it? (yes.) having summer people.

KH Yes, and the elderly people had rooms or they built on another apartment. And now you can't do that. You can have a duplex but you can't go any farther than a duplex. In fact the problem down to Waitsfield, a fellow's wife it quite bad and they are quite old, they're in their 90's. And he's got a tremendous big house. And a cousin of his wanted to move in and take care of them or be near them. But they didn't want them in their apartment, they wanted an apartment for them. Now he's having a problem, if he has an apartment for them he's got to have a whole new check up on his sewage, and I don't know whatever. [6.06]
And I said that is crazy. That house was made for 15 people in the beginning. What's 2 more going to do! So so far he hasn't done anything, it's discouraged him.

But he really needs somebody with him. He could bring them in on his own part. I said I would and have an extra room for him.

JB Use screens!

KH I like zoning, in a way. Because before we had it was having some terrible conditions. But the state has got so many of the rights that people always had. You had a right to have a boarder. You had a right to have family come in and live with you and things like that. But it isn't that way. I'm still pushing, trying to get what they call a studio complex. I call it a mother in law complex, you know what I mean, so that just the family could use it, not rent it. Make it small enough so there wouldn't be a big family. Because I think they should. [7.20] My mother was bad and she had to give up her home and go up and live with my sister, and her sister's house wasn't built for that. So my sister almost went crazy before she got her into Rebeca's home, and it was too late, she done too much for her, she just couldn't cope down there. My sister almost went crazy before we got it straightened out. You know 24 hours a day, sitting

under your nose every minute. It's hard.

JB It's a lot harder than having children.

KH That's right. Because you can tell children to get up and get out or do this or that. You don't tell your mother that.

JB You never really change your relationship with your mother in one sense. You do, but.

KH See my grandfather and grandmother lived to be quite old and my aunt and uncle lived with them. [8.13] They expected their children to in those days and ages, they expected who was their youngest daughter to live with them and take care of them. I think they could have done more. We do today, we do more at their age than they ever did. But probably we didn't work as hard as they did either under worse conditions too. When you had to get all your wood, it took a lot of it in some of those houses.

JB What kind of industries were there in Warren, or small businesses? [8.49]

KH There was blacksmith shop. I used to go down and watch them when my grandfather was there, watch them shoe the horses. At one time there was a casket store I

think, I don't think there was ever a factory. I think the factory was over to Bristol. Cobbler shop, my uncle ran a cobbler shop for awhile. And there were grocery stores, millinery stores, the hotel. Pitcher Inn wasn't an Inn until quite a few years later.

JB It was just a house?

KH Yes. Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Robinson. She was Drew then, turned again, well it really wasn't an inn in a way. People came and stayed and boarded there like a boarding house more than anything else. Then as time went on it turned into a tourist place more than anything else. [9.50]

JB Now the woman you told me to see whose mother ran it as an inn? (yes.)

KH Been Pitcher Inn for quite a few years. But when I was a child it wasn't an inn. So I don't remember when it turned into, and Sandor told me that's one of the daughters, she lives here in town but she couldn't tell you as much as Peggy could because Peggy was quite a bit older. Peggy's her aunt. We used to have horse sheds here. My grandfather, when he bought the farm he inherited a horse shed for his horses, a place

for his horse. And Amosy Fuller, that would be Earl Fuller's father had the one on the other side. Well this one was closed in on both sides. And we used to go down in the sheds that were open and teeter on them, on a teeter board during recess and things. So somebody found fault, somebody's going to get hurt, you can't do it anymore, so they quit. We used to go down because my grandfather gave us permission to use his! So living in the village we used to go up and use his. [11.08] When they tore those sheds down they had to get a permit from the heirs to do it. Because you see they still owned them. Whoever owned that house up there owned that shed. [11.23]

JB So this was for the shed for the church. (KH: For the church.) And so you had a place to put your horse.

KH When you came to church or went to town for.

JB And you got a pew as well?

KH No, I don't think my grandfather ever had a pew. I don't think they were given out as such. There was so many for the Baptists, so many for the Congregationalists and so on, according to the number that there were.

JB Was it a pretty strong church?

KH I don't know in their day what it was. I did notice, I got a list of the church members the other day, and I'd say probably there was 25 in that list. My grandfather and grandmother's name was there. But when I was kid we used to have big services Christmas Eve. Everybody in town was there to hear the kids put on the program. And of course kids from East Warren came down and had theirs with us. And the Sunday school teachers had a gift for every child. And there was a bag of popcorn for every child. And if you wanted to give gifts, which my aunt Mary never gave any gifts at our house, but she gave one for the whole family. We got a sled the last time, I still got the sled.

[12.48] It really was something. And that carried on for quite awhile because the kids used to put it on when I was running the school bus. And every night after the exercises, the fellow, Gallagher that lived up here on the West Hill road had a jeep just like mine, but he never could get his family home, he got stuck. So I don't know how many Christmases I carried the family home. But the trouble was he never put it

in low transition. He put it in low gear, well that didn't do anything, but he didn't put it in low transition. It used to be a joke. [13.36]

JB It seems to me that Warren was a very small but self contained community for quite a number of years.

KH Pretty much. We used to go when my grandfather and grandmother were still able to, we used to go to Waitsfield to trade to Jones, because they had things that they didn't have up here.

JB And that was a general store? (yes.) What was that like?

KH Walter Jones? Well, just like an old fashioned store, he had everything too. But I know my grandfather and grandmother used to like to ride down in the car, that's when we had a car, while we shopped down there. And of course they were friends of the Jones, Walter Jones and his wife and all those. Because my grandmother of course was a Boyce and she had quite a few relatives down that way.

JB Now where as that particular store? [14.39]

KH I think the computer is in it right now. Just as you go in to go to the parking lot. I think it's a

computer thing because that's where my granddaughter works.

JB What was special, what kinds of goods did they have that you couldn't get here?

KH I don't know, probably clothing, things like that. And maybe some tools that they didn't have up here.

JB Did they have meat?

KH No, it was just a general store, hardware store type thing. I know when we were first married we worked for Parker and Ford, Clarence drew logs for them and drew bobbins out for them and so on. And he traded at Parker and Ford's store and run a charge account there. And that's what Henry Brooks did, but by and by he didn't pay up. So Roy Long acquired the land, some land from him. That's where Roy got so much of his land. [15.46] I remember Harold Parker gave me a pair of snowshoes. I was teaching over Moretown Mountain. If Clarence went around to pick me up, it wasn't sure of getting in from the Northfield side. And we knew we couldn't get only so far on this side. So Harold says I don't know what to give you folks he says. What is there in the store that I can give you? And he knew

that I did walk over. He says I got a pair of snowshoes here, how would you like those? So he gave me a pair of showshoes and I wore those, I still have them. Wore them in the sugar place for years tapping trees. That was a funny wedding present wasn't it?
[16.29]

JB And you told me you tapped how many trees?

KH Five thousand right around now. And we used to tap as many as 5,000, but of course it's dwindled here. We've had to cut down some of the trees. It's not good forest land for trees. It's boulders and it's wet, and it's up against the mountain. Probably don't get as much sun as it would otherwise. So Paul taps quite a few down there, all pipeline, no more buckets. I miss the buckets because he used to tap around the house here. And that's when I had my woodstove going and I'd go down and gather sap and, it just simmered, it never boiled. And he'd come along and he says must have been somebody stealing sap today! Sap stealer was out! So I kind of miss that. [17.27] But you can't do it on that stove over there, it doesn't get hot enough on the top. And my back got bad and I couldn't lug wood in,

my daughter had to lug it up for me one winter, bringing up every 2 or 3 days she'd bring up a whole lot of it. I can do it now, but I don't take as much as I used to. I think I piled 12 cord of wood one fall, and I think that wore my back out more than anything else.

JB Ruth Brooks told me that she used to I think one or two winters she cut logs with her husband with a cross cut saw. [18.10]

KH Ya, I think I've seen a picture of them doing it.

JB Now is that down at the telephone office?

KH No. Rupert took some plates down.

JB His mother's.

KH And I was looking at them the other day, and I says you got to get Rupert in to tell you who some of those are, because I says I can't identify them. The school house yes, because my mother went to school up there. But I says, Rupert hadn't seen them. Seeing the plates is one thing, then seeing the picture. I said you got to get Rupert down and have him see them, and I think he can identify one because I think one was Rupert. It's just got to be, it can't be anybody else that

age, a little boy you know, that's got to be Rupert.
Of course I didn't know them in those days. [19.10] I
knew who they were and that was about it. And they
used to laugh down in the village about Frank
Hartshorn's wife. She was a German, of course she had
a very funny accent. She never spoke German after she
married dad, but she was German. And he sister Kate
married a Mobus. And that's where the Jones come in.
Bob Jones and Jackie Jones and all those.

JB Not Elden Jones.

KH No, entirely, Elden Jones folks came from west.

JB Casey Jones was his father.

KH I used to stay up there.

JB Because somebody was talking, I guess Earl Long was
telling me how Casey Jones had introduced some of the
western calls to the dances. [20.05]

KH They used to have tunks up there. I never went to
them, my mother wouldn't let me go.

JB I guess they were great fun from what I hear.

KH I think Ruth Greenslit got up there.

JB I think she told me she did.

KH I think she did. But of course those people up there

were Buzzels, the Hartshorns were related to the Buzzels so I got that connection you know. Used to go up there raspberrying after they all moved out. What beautiful raspberry patch up there. Wild ones.

JB Where was that?

KH Up in Prickly Mountain. My grandfather and I used to hay everywhere. We used to hay way up in Plunkton, way off up in on the back field up there.

JB Now why was that called Plunkton?

KH I have no idea. I know the people that own it, they're distant relative of ours.

JB Did you hay with a horse?

KH Yes, he had his horse, and the old side mowing machine. And I had the horse rake. [21.09] Of course we didn't bale it, we put it in the barn up there, we didn't bring the hay home, we put it in the barn. And i remember one day my grandmother says I'll pick over all the strawberries that you have time to pick. We brought down two sap buckets of strawberries, wild ones. Never, never again have seen as many. They'd be 4 or 5 on a stem. Usually you pick one. So we could pick them by the stem.

JB Once and awhile I have a real banner year, so It must have been. Were your grandparents able to tell the weather at all? many of the older people watch the old weather signs. [21.50]

KH I don't know, probably some of the sayings that I have I got from them. (JB: Like?) Like the weather changes in 15 minutes. What's the weather? I'll tell you in 15 minutes I'll tell you what the difference is. It's like looking up here, the sky is blue, blue blue up there. Usually, it's a good day afterward. Once and awhile you get fooled. But if that sky is a bright, bright blue up there you usually get a good day, afterward. But it's surprising how the weather changes. Of course we didn't used to mind it so much, because we had the horse and sleigh, the horse and wagon and things, makes a difference. Well now, you listen to the weather if you're going out with your automobile. Because the other day I had to go to White River. And it says snow late in the afternoon, turning to rain then back to snow. And they hit it right on the nail. It started snowing when I got to Sharon. [23.02] And Rachael said when she came home from work

that night it was terrible from Warren into Montpelier. And you know you didn't use to think of those. If it snowed you went just the same as the horse could go. I used to ride to school on the back of a sleigh runner. Warner Corliss used to come down out of what is now the golf course house. We jump on to the runner of his sleigh in back and hang on, ride to school with him. He's still alive. Boy, you should get from him. He lives in Brownsville. When he lived up there on the golf course he had quite an article in one of the papers at one time.

JB What's his name?

KH Warner Corliss. [23.55; tape shut off.] and a girl. And in the 5th grade there was 2 boys and a girl. And they never could remember which Catherine it was.

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