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EP People that can really afford it, that, are buying it
and still ordering it and giving it away as gifts, and
my mother, [.15] took an order just, just before we
left, and they said we'll be ordering more, for
Christmas gifts, a little later.

JB That's the nice part.

EP Oh yeah. That's.

JB That's probably one of your best markets.

EP Oh yeah. Yeah. We did, we had the best, we had the
best December, this past December.

JB Is that right.

EP We had.

JB Even when the.

EP We had the best December that we ever had.

JB And was that mostly syrup or was that.

EP Oh yeah. It was, syrup, or maple products, yeah.

JB Maple products.

EP Yeah. It was mostly, it was mostly the, the maple,
but, it's the biggest year we ever had.

JB That is.

EP Biggest December.

JB That's amazing. [1.04]

EP Yeah the biggest December, that we ever had. And we've
had, several good, October is another good month.

JB Because of the foliage people.

EP The foliage yeah. But now, it don't make any
difference cause, UPS is, well the postage the other
day, to have them come here every day. But I says
Catherine, I says, the way we're doing it, I rather do
it this way. We spend one, before noon, packing it up,
and getting it off, and I says, now, we'd have to
every night, sit down and go two, three packages
perhaps and I, I think we'd rather stay the way they
are and of course they charge us five dollars a week,
for coming here.

JB Oh they do.

EP Yeah. [2.02] They charge dollars a week whether it's
once or twice or, every day. It's the same price, five
dollars.

JB Hum.

EP So, don't make that much difference, but it would make, that way, it would save their telephone, calls to them which they, they except that, and some nights it's, the way she's on the phone there quite a few minutes given all them different orders. And save that and, for them, also to give us more book work, here, because we'd have to weigh it, and figure the cost, of everything, before we shipped it, and I'd rather do it the way we're doing it.

JB Yeah.

EP We did for a long time, take it right to UPS. We did for a long, long time. And we kind of enjoyed it, cause then when we'd get out, we'd stop in and have, dinner out to, the Wayside or somewhere else.

JB Where's UPS?

EP Well it, you know where the, the, Berlin Hospital is.

JB Oh it's way over there.

EP Yeah. You turn instead of going to the hospital, you turn right, and it.

JB Yeah I know where it is.

EP And then you go out there, oh probably about a mile.

And, we enjoyed it, but this particular time that we quit was, we go into a, it was in January, it was right after, the first it was the first, order we went out with, in January, the first, we run into one of them, white outs, you know, and I thought my God, we gonna get killed, cause I couldn't see nothing, and the people were going, I suppose I was, probably where I shouldn't of been in the road cause I couldn't see nothing.

JB You couldn't see.

EP And, I finally stopped. [4.02] And cars was going by me all sides of us. _____, and when I got home, I was just as wet as if I'd been in a brook. And I says no more of this, _____ couldn't do this anymore and so, we called UPS after that and they've been coming ever since.

JB My gosh.

EP Twice, three times a week.

JB Hum. Well you know, I was gonna ask you, about a couple of stories you told me out the sugarhouse. Cause I thought they were wonderful. And, one well they all involve the horses and I think the one of

you, stopping.

EP Yup.

JB The runaways and your father's favorite horse, and then Elisha Fuller training the one you got, but I wondered if you'd tell me those again on tape.

EP Oh! Well, [4.58] my dad raised this, it was a gray colt, and he raised it from a, from a colt, and he was, oh he was a, a beautiful little horse, and I can remember going up to the back pasture, we'd go up after church Sundays. And, well we had, used to take in, colts, cause he had more pasture, it was a wonderful pasture and he had all kinds of feed, and he had his own cattle and then he'd take in, a few head of cattle to, and anyway we'd go up Sundays, and, every Sunday, and check them to see if they was all right, and we'd get, and he'd, stand up with what used to be the old sugarhouse, and there was a brook, like down here, and there was kind of a road that you'd come over, you'd see the cattle, you'd call them, and you'd see them cattle coming and the horses coming down over there and come up to get their salt, and then of course when he, he got growed up then he broke

him and, and that was his favorite horse, and he had another, he bought another grey one, to go with this one, and their the ones that run away with him on the, mowing machine. And they'd [6.37] go with a drop of your hat but, they was, finally we kept them just long as he lived and was dad's favorite horse.

JB Well now tell me about the mowing machine because what started them running and how you stopped them.

EP Well he was, up, way up next to the woods, the cattle the cows was crowded in the fence, and it was in the, oh late, well it was after haying, it was about the time that, oh probably, probably the first of August or somewhere in there, the feed was getting short in the pastures and of course, the grass through the fence was green, so what he was doing was, going along this, particular fence, to trim it back, and then he was going to take a, load of cow manure, with the manure spreader, and spread it right on the edge of the fence, so it wouldn't _____ through, you know. But anyway [7.52] they, he was doing that and I don't really know just, what took place, but, I, we heard

him holler, we, my brother and I was over standing over in the horse barn over there, and we heard him holler, long before we, saw him, and when they came around the corner up there, and there was a water barrel, when he went over the water barrel, it throwed him off, and he was dragging under the one _____, that cutter bar was, going so just like this and I don't know why, why I didn't get clipped with the cutter bar myself but I guess I, I stood back, farther cause I knew that it was, it was a five foot cutter bar, as I remember, but anyway I picked up this fence post, as they came through this, through this gate way here, and I swung and my brother had one to on the other side, and that stopped them, we figured it, it had stopped him enough so they went directly into the barn, left the mowing machine and dad outside, because the cutter bar wouldn't go through the door and it broke the [9.16] _____ of course and they stripped themselves, and run out into the barn, but he, he never, he never got out of bed after that, he, I forget how many, he didn't live but just a few days, injuries was what took his life. He was, I think he

was 60, 65 when.

JB And you were just a young kid.

EP Yeah I was just a young boy. [9.42]

JB But I think you told me ten.

EP Ten, twelve, some where in there, in that _____.

JB That was quick thinking.

EP Yeah. [9.50] Yeah. But if he'd gone to the house, of course they aren't the cars, and they aren't the, the people, around now that there is today of course, we wouldn't of got a great ways, cause somebody would of got killed or they ain't going down the road. [10.07]

JB Well, and your, you were living in the village then, weren't you?

EP Yeah. We were yeah, he'd, he sold the farm, to some people out in North Dakota, and they, they were on the farm about, oh I guess two, two, three years, and they, I don't know just why, but he had to buy it back, he had to take the farm back, and we were living in the village, and we were coming up here, and my brother and I was up here doing something, I forgot now what it was, and he came up, and was, of course he was gonna mow that off, then he had a, then he got a,

a full, full blooded Morgan and he was gonna use him as a, as a, stud horse you know, to raise, cause he used to raise, back in his, my grandfather's time, we've got pictures of him and my dad holding, young colts that they had raised, but he seed that he wasn't gonna be so big an animal as he was hoping, so he had him altered. And he broke him, and he lived to be, 18 years old and it was my fault, I was leading him out in the fall of the year with some, young cattle, every night, or every day, browsing up there in the fields, it was the first part of deer hunting, and there was no snow on the ground or anything, it had a white face, white stockings, and evidently he was feeding, and he heard this noise or rustling, he picked his head up, somebody shot him right through the shoulder. He run to the [12.14] came running down through the, door yard and into his stall there in the barn, and he died the next morning.

JB Oh! [12.23]

EP But he was a, he was a nice, nice, driving horse. And back in them days, if anybody had a, nice driving horse you know, and nice, buggy, just like people that

had, a nice automobile today you know, they thought as much as those, those things as they, people do today, with their automobiles. And you go down into Amish country, we went down there, and I just loved to see those, those people down there, with their horse and buggy, you know, and they buy these, so we've been told, these race horses, that have had their day, you know, racing. And they buy them and you can see that their race horses, the way they step it off you know, but they, it's a great sight to go there and see those people and there was one family, that we got quite attached to them and visited with them quite, oh about every year and then Christmas time, they'd always run, send us a card and we would too. [13.47] But, they was a nice bunch of people, we liked to go down there and visit with them.

JB Now you also told me that, your, I guess, you had a boy from Waterbury that worked with you.

EP Yeah.

JB And, is that right?

EP Yeah. When I was building this house you mean?

JB No, and you said that, actually that your father?

EP Oh yeah.

JB Tell me that.

EP Yeah, he was, he was a home boy, he didn't have any family, didn't have any folks they were both and he was, living with his guardian, in Middlesex. And he wanted to, get a high school education, so, a fellow by the name of Rollin McAllister, and it's up where the Waite farm is there, you know, of course the buildings, the house, is the original house, but the barns, well, the, the oh what do I want to say, the where they take tourists are, the old barn was taken down, and this was built new. [15.14] But it was on the same area where the barns were, well anyway, this Rollin McAllister, got hold of this boy somehow, and, wanted to, well, so he could go to school, and recesses, recess time and noon time we would get together and he was always telling me how Mr. McAllister had him do this and do that, and he was kind of, overbearing and, and wasn't using quite the way he should of had I guess, kind of abusing him in a way. So, I came home one day, one, noon, or night, and

was telling dad about it, out to the barn when I was milking, well he says told me one day, well you tell Willis to come up. And, so I told him to come up dad would like to have him come up, and he came up and dad says well how would you like to, come here and live with us and help the boys, and kind of make it your home here, and he says I'd like to and so he did.

[16.36] But, after, my dad's, got hurt there with the mowing, his horse had run away, he was, this was, well it was before school was started, and Willis was working, up on the Ticonderoga, he was, going back and forth, on that trip that they take, across the lake there, and he, when he got hurt, he, had my mother, call him I guess on the phone, or write to him, and told him to come home, my dad wanted to talk with him, and I never knew this, until oh gosh here, five, six years ago, this Willis and he lives in, in Troy, New York, and he wrote me a letter and we went to school together over to the _____ school, [17.40] and we was, well just like brothers, we were just like brothers. And, he came, wrote and told us, told me, he says, probably you wondered what took place, but he

says I didn't have a, never said this and dad called him in and told him that he hadn't got but a, long to live and he'd like to have him stay and work with my brother and I, cause he was, he was a year or two older than I was, and he says, try and get along, he tried to log together, cause every body has their own opinions you know, and we did, we had once in awhile a, a, that's why we didn't quite agree but then that was natural, and but we did, he stayed with us for, he got through school and then he, we went to the _____ school. [18.46] And then he took a job over there in New York, he got into the, milk board of some kind, and he done all right for himself. And, he stayed there until he retired.

JB Well I'll be darned.

EP And we now we hear from him, he's, he's not very well either, I guess. He's had a lot of, problems, old age, ha, ha. We call a little on the phone. Occasionally and visit back and forth but, and then he helped us sugar, ha, ha, and he told, there was a fellow by the name of, Lloyd Square over here in Waterbury, he was my cousin, and some where Willis saw him, at some

meeting some where, and of course Willis didn't know him, to know who he was really, but anyway he was square as I think was, to some meeting there, or something to, he was trying to, make, serve deals or something you know, and he told this squares he says, we've made, I've helped make more syrup than you've ever bought. Ha! Ha! But, I guess he exaggerated a little there but. Anyway, he, he had a, good time and told them about it. Now he, he's asked me, of course I told him about my putting in this arrow, you know, and he wanted to know all about it, and so I sent him all the information that I had and, and literature and everything, so he, he says some different cousin, we were growing up and which was true, and I can remember well I was, I was, saving my money, saving my money, and back, dad always well he never had an automobile, and the automobile dealers was asking one after another, to take him for a ride, you know and get him interested in buying a car but one day, he was about to buy one, I've forgotten now what the make of it was, well anyway. [21.29] Coming up here to the farm to milk this particular morning and he said, Everett

says, they're after me to buy a car, and he says I haven't yet but, what do you think it would be best if we wait just a little, cause he says I've got some money coming in, and I'd like to buy a, a little better car than what, they've been showing us, and I says that's all right but as things turned out, that's the way it happened. He didn't buy it, and then, I'd been saving my money and wanted to buy and I did, I bought a model T Ford, brand, 1934. It was a, it cost me a spare tire and all, cost almost, almost four hundred dollars.

JB Gee!

EP And, that was a lot of money back in them days, spare tire, I can remember that, there was a spare tire, and mother had it, she wanted a spare tire, and that was mounted on a, frame on the back end of it, you know. And, got a, well anyway it was coming, we'd been playing ball, at night after school, and practicing and playing ball. And, I was hoping to get on the, the team you know, to play ball. Well anyway I come this night and I set that new automobile right there, and that was the first that I knew anything about it, but,

mother ordered it, and, and a ride that particular day. And from then on, I had an automobile. Probably it wasn't what dad wouldn't of bought, but then it was, and we used that for, oh a good many years, and then each one of us was, my sister she bought a car, and my younger brother he bought a new car and I, each time I traded cars, I got a little bit better one.
[23.50] So.

JB Now, your younger brother was Dwight, or?

EP Yeah, he was two years younger than I.

JB I heard a great story about him, about milking.

EP Yeah.

JB Tell me that one. [24.04]

EP Ha! Ha! Ha! Oh, I think it was, he had a, dad started us boys when he went to the village you know, of course it was all kinds of young boys out on the streets you know, and of course we thought we got to go too. [24.24] Well after we'd been down to the village there, a month or two, he see things warn't gonna be the way they ought to be. So he says, I've got to have something to keep them boys off the

street. So he, rigged the barn over, rigged the barn over and went out and bought, ten, ten jersey cows, and that's what the barn would hold, ten, and he had that pair of gray horses, and then he had the, this little morgan horse that I was telling you about, and ha, we thought it was pretty tough back in them days when we couldn't be out on the street, we had to come in and help milk them cows, at night, morning time, mornings, he didn't, expect us to get up to help, I, he would call cause he used to drive the school barge, they called it the school barge back in them days and he'd start off, oh about, gosh what time was it he'd leave, about seven thirty as I was remembering the morning. And, he'd, oh after, breakfast, we used to have to go out and water them ten cows, and clean the stables, and then get ready to go to school, and feed them, some hay as I remember, and then he'd come back, from driving the school barge with his horses, with the team and, and then he'd, put them up for the day or, whatever he was doing, and then he'd use them again at night, at four o'clock would be down to the school house to pick up, and when we, boys we had to

get home from school and, water them cows, and clean the stables and so forth, well anyway, he was just small boy and he weren't, dad fixed the small pail, with a handle on it you know so he could learn to milk, and he had a cow or two that he, that was his job to milk him, the cows, but he was all, we thought we was pretty badly abused, but it was the best thing that ever happened. [26.57] Ha! Ha! But, I was, I was, quite strict with, our children we had three girls and a boy, we were quite strict with our youngsters growing up and they, they thought I was, pretty hard on them, but, I wanted to know where they were going and I wanted them to know when they was gonna get back, and all this but I heard them, it's done them more good. They've come and told me. Dad we thought you were hard on us, but it was the best thing that ever happened. [27.31]

And then there was one particular time, I bought this new Nash and I bought it cause, the kids was wanting to go to the movies, and take a friend with them, and I wanted a car that would take them, and I wouldn't get called up in the middle of the night, with the old

car has conked out, so I bought this, I bought his Nash, and by God it, dam but he run the tires right off of that thing.

JB Ha! Ha! [28.01]

EP But anyway, he, oh gosh, well there was, there was one, time there was something going on down to school, and the kids went off early with the truck, and mother and I come along, a little later, the play or something I forgot, but they had to be down to school house or down there for something you know, a little earlier, so mother and I come along with the car, well, along that was the play or whatever, _____ Joyce that was the older girl, came and said well, [28.42] didn't we swop vehicles with you, we won't take so and so, up to Montpelier to the, hot dog stand or something and. I says yeah. So I was, mother and I drove the car back, or the truck back, well anyway, come to find out there was, ha, ha, oh, God, there was seven or eight girls and boys in all, got into the Nash car, and the roads weren't the best, and some where taking some of the, well it was way up in, north here, they was taking some of the kids home, after

their jaunt, and he got in the mud puddle there, and into the mud some where and tore the muffler off.

JB Oh.

EP Boy that thing, he said, _____ says we got to fix it we can't go home with that roaring like that. [29.40] Ha! Well anyway, before they got home, Clessen Eurich I don't know whether you know him or not.

JB Yeah.

EP Well, it was one of his daughters that, was with them and he called up and wanted to know, where, I forgot which girl it was, well it was, I don't know, she went with _____ and _____, with _____ and Joyce, and we haven't seen them. [30.10] Well they haven't come back yet, well I says I don't know. But, in due time they got back, well I was waiting for them. Ha! Ha! And, so when they got in I says I want your licenses. And, the younger girl, was starting back, I made believe that I tore them up, and lifted the griddle, put them in the stove, and ha, the younger one, seen it, and after they'd gone to bed, they gone upstairs, and she says to him dad didn't put them in the stove, he just made believe. Ha! Well anyway I had to have, I

had to have a load of sawdust and so this particular, this particular Saturday, I says, I've got to have a load of sawdust, but Albert says I can't go, I ain't go no license. Well I says, perhaps I can find it so I went and got his license, and gave it back to him. And Albert says, I want you to use this _____, and not load it so heavy.

JB _____.

EP So they did and we got by but we had.

JB Ha! Ha!

EP But he was, it didn't give us any, big problems like they have today. When he was over to Aggie's school too, he wanted a car, and I wanted him to, be able.

[31.54]

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SIDE TWO

EP I went with him this particular, he wanted to show me this card, he'd already seen, and he thought he'd, could fix it up, and it would be good for him, well I got, I got that place, it's up in Barre some where, ha, where he went to see it, it was way back in the hills, and anyway I, he opened up the trunk and out of

that trunk was full of old junk, and stuff that they picked up to throw away, they wanted to get rid of _____, well I says to [.32] _____, I says I don't think you want this, I says it's, it's gonna take a lot of repair, well he though he'd tinker it up, well I says no let's, let's _____, let's we stop, and I stopped in to, Perry Auto, and by golly there was a, there was a Buick there, it was an elderly people that had had it, and they'd taken awful good care of it, and they just put, put a new motor into it, it was just like new, by God, I bought that, I bought that thing for, I believe it was three hundred dollars. And, by God of course he was, he was so tickled, pleased with that. But I know he went to Randolph and he runs the devil right out of that, over there of course, they, my brother lived there in Randolph and there was, what.

JB Now is that Dwight?

EP Yeah.

JB Yeah. [1.33]

EP And, Doc Murray I believe it was, he was one of the professors up to, the school and of course Roy knew

him, there in Randolph and he says I haven't seen my, nephew down street for quite awhile, what seems to be, well he says, you look, you'll see him down pretty quick he's been on campus.

JB Ha! Ha!

EP But the, guy that really, I found out, afterwards, in more ways then one, that he, he and this, oh, god, I know his name as well as I know my own there, he was helping me sugar anyways it was, lived down the road there, oh what was his name. Ha! Boy I can't think of his name, but anyways they'd set up that sugarhouse, eating their lunches you know, over by the smoke stack, and he was, Galbert was telling him more dam stories, and we, we pretended we didn't hear him of course, but he told, all them different yarns that took place, going up there to school. It's a wonder he didn't get sent home really.

JB Ha! Ha! Ha!

EP But it was nothing that was out, too bad either, but, today I'm glad they are, in the drug business like, thank God, it's terrible the way these young people are, and so many, a lot of this darn crime is just

based back on this, cussed drugs you know.

JB That's right, yeah.

EP Yup. So I was, we're so pleased to think that.

JB Same with me.

EP Yeah that our children grew up before that, now it's
our grandchildren that we're worried about. [3.30]

JB Um.

EP Great grandchildren. But I guess, they, parents keep
them pretty good, line on them.

JB Well the story I heard about Dwight, was, I don't know
whether the cow had stepped in the bucket.

EP Yeah. Yeah. That happened.

JB What was that one. Was that, tell me that one.

EP Well, I kind of, we got now, but that did happen, he
was milking away, and of course the cow, pig, put her
foot down in the dam pail and spilled the milk, [4.05]
I don't know too much more than that, but.

JB Well what I heard was he then fed it to the cow, and
your father came up and asked him what he was doing
and he said he was purifying the milk.

EP I don't know it could of been. Ha! It could.

JB Rupert Blair told me that. Ha! Ha! Ha!

EP Well it could be, I, I can't, I can't remember of course cause he had, we had this ten cows, and this string here, and his, his well eight or ten whatever, and his two cows that he was milking was in this portion in here, where the horses was. So, I don't know what, but I do know, I do remember that, the darn cow put her foot in the pail. Ha! Ha! He was feeding it to, the cow or something. [5.00]

JB The other thing I wanted to ask you about and I think you told me a story about, I can't remember what you were doing but, and it may have been, the same horse Jim and he dropped in or something.

EP Yeah.

JB Well what was that?

EP Well I was, I was building fence, we got all through sugaring, I started building fence around to repair the fences to, turn the cattle out, and it was right up, just up above here, ha, I was, put in a new post and, drove it and I looked around and an old Jim was laying on the, on the ground, and I didn't hurry about getting him up, I knew he, cause he always had a, stomping, of course I, I'd known better anyway cause

there wasn't so flies around at that time of year, and he'd take his hind foot you know and come up to swat the flies under his belly, [6.00] and he'd, he, his belly girt would hang down quite low you know, and the darn cuss would put his foot right into that belly girt, and he tripped, all, and I thought that's what happened to him this time, but it didn't. So I got my post drove, and put my staples in, and went along and took hold of the bridle, I says come on Jim get up, and Jim did get up, ha, ha, well they were right there by, I gave him a good burial. [6.31] But I.

JB Did you bury him right there or?

EP Yeah.

JB I mean you couldn't move him.

EP Nope. I just dug a good grave, and put him in there, I just had him shod, so I took a, armor and cut the nails and took his shoes off, his, back in them days I forgot what, what it used to cost to shoe a horse, you know back in them days, not like they do today, by God, I don't know what Fuller does get I guess he don't shoe horses now, he just floats their teeth. But he used to go around shoeing horses but. [7.10] I

don't know but anyway I took the shoes off, but anyway I took the shoes off and buried him. I could take you right to the spot where I buried him.

JB And then it was, the horse you got to replace him, that you had to send to Elisha Fuller, is that right?

EP Yeah. Yup. Yup, he was, it was Catherine, Catherine, was telling her folks, or her dad that, I lost this horse, so he had this colt, that had never been broke, he was in the process of breaking it, and, and of course every time it, they tried to do anything he'd get away and run. [7.56] From the boys, well he had Catherine's brother, and well he was his, her brother-in-law afterwards, he was going with one of his sisters, but they, he was living with them as a hired man. When they undertook the, make him back up, they got him into the corner of the barn, somewhere, there was a silo in the barn. Tried to make him back up and he wouldn't. And so they went and got the tractor, hitched that tractor on to the lines, well of course, the lines didn't hold, it broke and that horse got

away and run. And that's all he wanted to do was run after that way, and he couldn't do anything with him. And, Kenneth that's my Catherine's brother, he, he always said to me, he said don't you ever tell dad that, what's happened and I said, no I won't. That's before I knew that I was gonna have the horse anyways. And then, when he called up and come to get him, he called up and says, tell Vern, that was, my hired man that I had, to come over and get him, and so, I think Dwight was working over in Randolph to a milk plant then, and Vern went over, rode over with him he was home for a weekend or something. He went over and stayed overnight and got up the next morning and, and started for home riding him horseback. [9.33] And when, when he went through Bristol, that horse was, was walking you know with, right on his hind feet, he'd ride right up, and was walking, and Vern thought he was gonna get throwed off, but he didn't, he got him quieted down and rode him, rode him over, Lincoln mountain, he called up over to the foot of the mountain as I recall, and said, to meet him up to the foot of the mountain with a horse and buggy, cause he

said I'm getting awful sore, riding him. And, he looks kind of nervous too, so, I went, I did, I went up and met him, he was oh a big horse, tall, he was, heavier than my other horse that I had, but, dad wanted, her dad wanted I should have him and I tried to pay him for it, and nope, he says, I've got four horses here, and I don't need him, and he says you need a horse and take him, so I, took him. Well anyway we hitched him up when we got home, the next morning, beside the other horse, and we see right off that he was going to try to, well he was a prancing and dancing, you couldn't, you couldn't have any, he didn't have any, idea of, of being a bit, you know so you could rein him you know, one, he was, all he wanted to do was just pull, get away. [11.14] We see right off what was going to take place so, well I said I think we better, call Earl Fuller and see if he and, could help us out, so. God we took him up there. Well, he was up there, I would say probably two weeks to, three weeks, and he had an awful time with that horse, of course he, that's all he wanted to do was run, he had to be broke, well of course, he came home, he was fat as

bear when we got him, when he come back from up there, he'd lost a lot of weight, and of course when dad come over and see him, and dad was kind of heart broken he was kind of heart broken over that, he says, you shouldn't of done that, Everett, he says that was a good horse, and I'm sorry you did it. Well I said, dad, I'm gonna tell you something, I says I, I promise Ken that I wouldn't tell. But I says when Dick, that was his, son-in-law or what was a son-in-law later, and Ken was trying to break this horse, [12.30] they hitched the tractor on to him, to make him back up, and he got away and run and that's all he wanted to do ever since. So after, well he says I never knew that. Well I says I promise Ken I'd never tell you, but you felt so bad, I'm gonna tell you. To clear me too, so he didn't, he didn't blame me so much then afterwards but, but he, oh he proved to be a wonderful horse.

[13.01]

JB Now how did he break him if this was Earl Fuller that broke him.

EP Yeah.

JB How did he break him of that?

EP Well, he, the first thing he had to bid him, he had to get his mouth so sore, he had to get his mouth so sore, that, so then you could rein him and that's the way they used to break horses you know, they'd, they had what they called a bidding, a bidding.

JB Oh a special bit, wasn't it.

EP Yeah. Yeah. Well it, Earl had.

JB I think he told me about that.

EP He had it, with a rope.

JB Yes he told, he's told me about that.

EP Yeah. Yeah. Ed was some kind of a, a rope and I, tried to always figure out how to, to make one, in case I, and then after that, I raised a, oh four, five, colts of my own, afterwards, and, I raised them up to be good, good horses. [13.57] And I always, tried to, figure out how he made that bit, but, I did have it some how with a rope, but it warn't like that on Earl, but only anyway that horses mouth was, so sore, after because he fought, and he'd throw himself, and Fuller he, he would, hobble him some way and hold him, and some of the neighbors went by and, and see him, and he says why, my God, he says, you ought to seen that,

that Fuller, you know, when he was breaking that horse. [14.45] It was, all known, all over the, the town here in Warren there about that horse. What a time he had, with him. And I can remember, the first time that Fuller brought him home, back here, he said I wanted to hitch him up, I want you to drive him down to, we had, some corn all stocked the best, stocked up, for husking you know, and we had, oh I don't know, it was, a big one, you could put your arms around like this, up in Irasville. [15.26] Fuller says I want you to, hitch him up, and go up, and get a load of that corn, well of course we went up and he, he wouldn't put on, only just three, four, stoops, you know, so that one horse, would draw it anyway. But anyway, I never forget this as long as I live, we came around to what we call the dummy down there, and that dam horse, went right around that corner, with his front feet right off the ground.

JB Ha!

EP And, it was, a fellow by day, John Baird, he was used to live over here, and he stood there at the corner where that electric light pole is now, and I could see

him today shaking his head, boy that dam horse came around that corner, but Fuller says he ain't, he ain't ready to leave yet, and I knew that.

JB So he took him back.

EP Oh yeah he took him back, but he'd brought him out to show what, what he had done. But anyway, when they come in to barn, brought him into the barn, he said now back up Jim, a. No.

JB Prince was it? You told me.

EP What did I say?

JB Prince was it?

EP No. Frank.

JB Frank. That's right.

EP He said back up Frank, that dam horse backed right up you know, and he said, woo, that horse would stop. And he said, now, get up Frank, [17.07] and the horse would start, he say Frank back up, that horse would back right up, he didn't have to touch them lines. But his voice was, that horse was knew what he was talking about he'd been broke. And. But he, as I say he'd bring him back about every week, just to try him and finally he said, well, he said I guess he's ready for

you boys. Well we did, we brought him home, and the first thing we started doing was doing the fall plowing that fall, we'd do plowing for, coming spring you know. And, hired man and old Frank and then after that, oh he was, he was, used to have to do that horse raking you know with a horse, and the kids, Joyce and _____bert, all of them, [18.06] they just loved, to rake with that horse.

JB I'll be darned.

EP He was just as quiet, and he was just as dependable, you know, he thought the world of them kids. But by God they'd rake it, but he was long legged, and of course that was getting over the ground fast, and he'd walk right along, you know, but he stopped the minute they said stop, or hoe and he was well broke but god, you wouldn't of seen it, you wouldn't of believed it to see him when he was, god, but he was a, he was a, but he die, I kept him until he died, too. [18.47]
Yup.

JB Well I've been over a couple of times an talked with Floyd.

EP Oh yeah he'd, yeah we always, well I've seen him, up

at the farm, yeah farm show.

JB That's right, yeah.

EP Yeah. Here back in January, I see him every year. He always inquires for, Dwight and of course Dwight goes to Florida. He's coming back, he's coming back in, May, the fifth of May he's starting back, I.

JB And does he live up here then? [19.18]

EP No he lives over in Randolph.

JB In Randolph.

EP Yeah. But he, he knows Floyd Fuller, but there's a lot of people that know him. But he's, he was Earl Fuller was, he was a good man. And I can remember, dad taking us, my brother and I both, up to, Elisha Fuller's that, Earl's father, and I think dad went up and bought five, six _____, of Elisha Fuller. [19.54]
And of course it got to be known, nobody goes away without they come in to have dinner you know, so we got into the house for dinner and sit down at the table, for us, Elisha, said grace, and I can remember, well what did Mr. Fuller say that for, well dad, dad, Dwight, my dad said well he was talking to his potato. And, I can remember that just as if you said

yesterday. [20.34] He was just talking to his potato.

JB Ah!

EP Oh god, of course we didn't, dad never said grace. But once in awhile you go to some place where home was, they said grace once in while, anyway we had a, we were brought up good. I'm glad we did what we did and I know my dad would be proud of me today, and mother too, if they could see the thing that's taken place, and my grandfather I think could see the, the difference up there a sugaring and what.

JB And can you imagine too, how it must strike them, I mean when you think that I off, the thing I think about is, when I was up there, you went from oxen and.

EP Horses.

JB And the sugar house, and it's modernized to the, to the extracting to the, boil.

EP What ever did, yeah what it is today.

JB To the microwave.

EP Yeah. What it is today. And I did, kept it kind of in line as much as I could with the old original, so it would look as much as, we had the, we had to have some more oil put in the other day.

JB You did.

EP Yeah. [21.56] They want to change the whole town all over, which, it is, which is being done. You know. Over, we want to keep the town, we want to live in your town, we want to live like you folks, but after they've been in town, a short time, you know then they want to begin to live like they did back where they, and they've changed our, system of, town management all around, some of it's good, some of it isn't.

JB Well the interesting to me is that farmers like you, look to make the changes.

EP Yup.

JB And, in some ways.

EP I thought. Yup.

JB This is backward.

EP But we, I feel quite proud the ways things have worked out, I well I was, I guess I was one of the first, one that really quit farming after the ski area was going to come in. [22.55] Because and that's what took place well when _____bert got through school and got married, I see that we needed more farm land, so I bought, I bought the little farm, it was just below

us, and then the next little farm, and of course then I knew we had to a house for _____bert to live in, but I bought it before, that was before then, I bought it when _____bert was just, well when he was in school but I bought it for the idea, having a hired man to live down there. [23.36] And, then when I, Dalbert got through school, and got married, and we started in farming together.

JB And this was before Sugarbush and the ski areas. Yeah. This was sort of late.

EP Yeah.

JB Forties.

EP Yeah. Yeah. And then, the ski areas came in and the price begun to boom, and well anyway I can remember, what, made me think I had some invaluable, Mrs., Mrs. oh golly, she lives up in Fayston, there now.

JB Bragg.

EP Bragg. Eileen Bragg. She was selling real estate, she came up to me one day up here at the farm and says Everett says I've got some interested people that might be interested in buying the farm, and she, I

said well I don't know that I want to sell it, but, she says, give me a price, do you think you might be interested in such a price, and I says no I hadn't even thought of it. Well, that got us, got me to thinking and Dalbert also, and finally in February, we'd been doing some logging, and he came up, he and Sally, he came up to the house one night, and they said, Dad, he says we'd like to buy this house down here, so I says well, okay if that's what you want to do. [25.38] Of course I didn't realize then what it was leading up to, so I told him what I'd, sell it for, I'd give him a good price for it, and then run along while and they lived there I guess, the year or two before, so, it was, in sugaring time I guess, or about, the first of March, April, they came up again, and said dad says I've got a chance to go to work for Mehuron, cutting meat, well I says if that's what you want to do, I want you to do it. [26.24] Well he says what are you gonna do? With the farm? Because he says I know you bought this extra land hoping that, we'd farm together. Well I says, I'll carry on, what we can I'll sell, I'll sell some cows and keep just enough

what, I had this, kind of a home boy that come out of Livingston, he lived with me, sixteen years, and, that was after Dalbert left, and no he, before he, before he left, he was still here helping me. Well anyway, I said, go ahead and, and go to work for Mehuron, so he did and he says I'll stay, I'm gonna stay until you get through sugaring and then, well so that's what he did and he stayed until, we got all through sugaring, and we'd got almost all cleaned up from sugaring. And he was gonna begin to work for Mehuron the first day of May I believe, so he wanted to have, four, five days to go down to Massachusetts, to visit with his sister, hadn't been down, so I says sure go ahead so he went and I, I hired another man to help me during the, summer months, and [28.04] I said, the first thing I did, in the spring I sold twenty cows, I wed out some of the culls that, warn't the best and cut my dairy down to what, we could handle more or less, and from then on I, realized then that, I was going to, and the land was getting valuable, land was getting valuable.

JB So the ski area had come in by this time.

EP Yup. Land was getting valuable. So, Mrs. Barrick went up there, she was the first one.

JB Mrs. who?

EP Mrs. Barrick, Barrickman.

JB Barrickman.

EP Yeah. [28.47] She and, she, picked out this lot, right on the corner, but first, the first thing I did, I had my whole farm, surveyed out, all my land, so I knew where all the boundaries was, and then a fellow by the name of.

JB How many acres did you have?

EP It was a hundred and fifty, in this home farm. And then there was, I believe seventy acres, on this other little farm, and oh I've forgotten it was about, the Ward Lumber Company, no, then I had, about twenty acres of meadow land, on the other little property, but I sold that, there used to be some lumber on it, and, so I sold that to the Ward Lumber Company, well anyway, this, when, here's another story, when Carl Joslin he was an old batch, and he lived down there, and he had this lumber, and of course, he was one of these fellows that, thought every body was trimming

him you know, well Ward Lumber Company came up and, started, his men chopping down there, in the woods, cause he figured that, he owned some of that land down in there, cause when my grandfather, and my father, when, yeah, when they settled my grandfather's estate, dad says well I don't want this farm down here, that's this one right here, so, they sold the, part of it to the Ward Lumber Company, the lumber part of it, the woods part of it, and so, Ward Lumber Company owned that, and of course they was buying all kinds of land, and they bought what was across the road, and what used to be the brook road, but there was, quite a lot of, well after that, then, the lumber grew on this side of the road, quite a, to be quite a lot of lumber, well anyway, this Ward. [31.18]

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EP And Carl says if you, if you chop another, chop he says you see there's a gun. You won't walk out of here.

JB Ha! Ha!

EP Well they didn't dare do anything different so they

went home. And old Burton, I don't know, they'd cut quite a few thousand feet of logs that day, and by golly old Burton Ward didn't dare to move them logs. Cause he couldn't prove it, that he owned them or whether Carl Joslin did. [.35] Or what, but them logs laid right there and rotted, think of it. Back in them days, they laid right there. And then when, then when I bought it, I says to, to, Catherine, I says I don't want this lumber I says I might just as well sell it and, and help pay off what we, got to here on it, and I bought it at a, I bought the little place, that, oh, settling the estate, the Carl Joslin's estate, I bought it from, it was Oscar Eaton, no Fred Eaton that was the administrator, so I bought it from him and then I said I don't want the lumber and I thought it would be a good way to move it so, I approached, well no Carl Long he was coming along, and of course he was cutting lumber too. [1.44] And old Burton Ward and I was talking down there in the door yard, and Burton had made me an offer for it and of course I had thought probably I would sell it to him, but I wanted to get high dollar of course. Ha! And I said well

here's a man coming now that's going to look at it too. And by golly he says don't you do any business with him, until after you and I get through talking. And, so I, we, made a price right there. He says I'll give you so much, so much for the land, and the timber, and by gum he says I think I'm buying land that I already know, that I already own, well I says I don't think so cause you didn't dare move them logs when you sent your men up here to cut. [2.31] And he never said anything anyway, he says you come down to the, come down to the store, tonight and I'll give you a check so he went down and he gave me the check, so he owed it and I deeded the lands and the and the but to this day I don't know whether, I don't think Burton Lord owned it. but he does now.

JB Ha! [2.55]

EP And, then when.

JB So this lady that built this house here was the first?

EP No it was the one way up, up next to the woods here, they bought the first piece of land.

JB Now this was your land over here?

EP Yeah.

JB That's a big house.

EP Oh yeah. There's a lot of money in that.

JB How lives there?

EP A fellow by the name of, pretty close neighbors you can see. Ha! What is his name? [3.26] God I can't think of his name.

JB Does he live there all the time?

EP He's got, I, I understand he's in Florida. But he's got, I guess I've been told all, he'd got all kinds of money I guess, cause oh gosh, when they was building that house, they, I used to go down there, Sundays, poke around you know, before they got the windows and doors cause it was open, why them fellows, he'd come and I suppose they had an architect, it was designed the thing but, he'd come and it didn't suit here, the wife or something and they'd tear out a lot of that stuff, throw that lumber into a pile and burn it up. [4.15] And, well the same way all through the darn thing when they was building it, and when they got ready to paint it inside there, why there was, time and time again, they had the different rooms all painted over the second, third time cause it didn't

suit them. I think, what is their names now. God!

JB Well did they work in town? Or did?

EP No, no. No no.

JB It's a retirement home or? [4.50]

EP Well there's people down there, but I think it's the
maid, I think it's the maid cause and they've got two
teenage boys, and cause one of the boys had, rolled a,
jeep or something over, and was going down there on
the road. [5.10] Took it up to Vince Body Shop and
says I want you to pick this up, just quick as you
can. And, dad will pay for it. Ha! He said I don't
know want dad to see it. Ha! Ha! But they're, I think,
I think they're in Florida. Right now, I've heard all
kinds of stories that he was in the, in the computer
business. And, and I don't know, he built a big
houses, sell them, but he, he bought the whole, he
bought the whole thing down there.

JB What is it ten acres or?

EP Oh there's more then that, I think it was, I think it
was almost forty acres. [5.54] Thirty nine point
something.

JB So, your son went to work for Mehuron's and then you

began to.

EP Sell my land.

JB So first of all you had it surveyed and then you figured.

EP I had it, I had it all surveyed up into ten, one-tenth acres. [6.14] And then I had it in their deeds when I was sold it to them that they could sub-divide it once, but it got to be equal. They couldn't keep one acre or, two, I didn't want it cuss, I didn't want it to fill it up with houses you know, every where. So I've been real pleased with and everybody is, so far that's bought it, has bought, ten, ten acres and there's only just one that's sub-divided it and that's Mrs. Pomancini's up there. And it's back up in the woods so I don't care. You can't see it.

JB And how many different people?

EP Oh well let's see, I've got one ten acre lot left. And that, is, the person that, wants, and I said I would, give them first option on it, but I haven't wanted to sell it. And I don't want to now the way things are.

JB And but do you have anything left, well you obviously have this house here, up to the sugar house.

EP Yeah. Well I've got this house here, there's seven acres on this, with this house. But when I, when I sold the land, I kept, the sugar rights, as long as I, want to sugar. And.

JB Well that makes a lot of sense.

EP Oh yeah. And I also added in the right in the, in the deeds that I could cut the, dying trees you know for wood. And, that's all right and of course now, I don't use the wood for sugaring, so but I, cut it for this stove here, and keep the woods clean and having it nice and people right in through horse back they enjoy it. And tell how well it's kept and the paths that go and when we get all through sugaring, you know, and I go through with my tractor and smooth up all the, the ruts and, and what I've done in the past, couple of years I've been getting these, hemlock slabs, from up Baird mill, and some of the roads, I put them, this way across it, you know, just plank it like this where there was, oh they used to get, awful muddy. And now they're right up there, out of mud. And then I buried them slabs up, with dirt. And that, that, they, last for years down in there, that, hemlock it's covered

up, it won't rot you know, it's.

JB Oh it won't.

EP No it's, on no, just the same as the _____, you leave it up there and bury it, it'll, moisten up, and it will keep it, the air won't get to it and it won't rot. [9.14]

JB Hum.

EP And so. (Coughing) After we get all cleaned up sugaring then we take the tractors, and plow the road all up, and in the summertime you can drive around you car out in there and pick up, well I don't know as I'd drive my car, but you take these jeeps and four wheel, pick ups trucks, see, and drive them around down by Drysdales up in there. Good roads.

JB Does he still work in, down at _____?

EP Yeah. Yeah. But he.

JB Did you miss, you must of missed the farming.

EP Nope. The only thing I missed was, was the tenth and the twenty fifth for a little while, that was when we got our milk checks, ha, ha, I missed them for awhile but when I made up my mind that I was gonna quit, I quit. [10.10] And some of my, neighbors, told me

since, they said Everett, you got out of it, just the right time. And I sold a lot of land, and boy, before so many dam regulations come about, and.

JB So you sold mostly in the sixties then.

EP Yeah. Yeah. Right.

JB Or early seventies?

EP Yeah. I haven't sold any for four, five years. But as I say I've got, people got option on this, ten acres up here and then I've got, one three acre lot, that's my last straw, I'm keeping that for, that's my last straw, that's part of this, that's part of this property up here, but you where we have our garden but it's all surveyed all ready to, all ready to go.

[11.06] But there again is, people up above us want that three acres some day, so.

JB That's sort of your insurance like.

EP Yeah, well I don't need it, if I don't want it. And the way things are right today, I don't want to sell it anyway. Of course land is, isn't very, but when I started in, I was selling it when the ski areas come in there, but I'm, my neighbors they told me I was foolish, but now they say you done the right thing.

But the first piece of property I sold, was this, up where my grandfather or my dad was born, what we called Palmer hill, and.

JB Where the barn is?

EP No, no, it's way, way back up on.

JB Oh way up in there.

EP Way up in there, you can't see it.

JB Well how do you get there?

EP Oh, there's a road that says Palmer hill road, and it goes up there and I sold it to a doctor, from Yorkstown Ohio, well anyway it happened this, what's her name up there, she was the first one that, sold me this piece of land, what was her name? [12.28] Well lives right up, on Route 100 there, just beyond (phone rings) the. I bet that's. (tape off and then on)
[12.37]

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