

CASSETTE TAPE: Interview with Anna Hazard, 8/8/1984

Interviewer: ???

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[Interviewer] Q. August 8, 1984 interviewing Mrs. Anna Hazard, Cedar Lane, Shady Side. Mrs. Hazard, could you please tell us when you came to Shady Side?

A: I was born in Shady Side in 1911.

Q: Could you tell us where in Shady Side this was?

A: In West Shady Side, down on the front shore of West River.

Q: Could you tell us who your parents were.

A: Gustav Heinrich and Agnes Roby (?) Heinrich.

Q: What property did you live in, in Shady Side?

A: I moved to South Creek when, maybe I was about two years old – and lived in South Creek until I was married in 1930.

Q: So, I presume you went to school here in Shady Side. Could you tell us some of the people you went to school with?

A: Miss Helen Dawson from Mayo was my 1st grade teacher and she taught me for three years. And my class... I went to school with Bernie Atwell (?), it's Ferguson (?) now, Lyda(?) Parks Joyce, Clarrie (?) Savory (?) Palmer. Now, she remarried, but Palmer was her Annapolis...

Q: I presume you went to the school that's on the corner down here.

A: No, the old school that I was in has gone and then they built the school on the corner where the Eastern Star has...

Q: OK, can you tell us where this school was.

A: Let's see. It was a three room building, just a small building, and we had three grades in the first three grades, and then we had 4th, 5th, and 6th in the next. And I think it was good, you know, 7th and 8th grade in the larger room, the older children. And when I went into the 6th grade they built the new, well, it was to us a new school at that time, and from the 6th grade through the 9th grade. I finished there and then went to Tracey's Landing in High School... when they started the bus line which was like 1926. Went to High School for three years there and graduated in '29, 1929.

Q: When you lived down here, when you lived down here with your parents, did you have brothers and sisters?

A: Yes, I had two sisters and two brothers.

Q: Could you tell us the type of chores that you had to do at home.

A: Well, we had a country home. We lived right on the South Creek... had boats. And then my father had an oyster business. At first he had a boat that he ran oysters to Baltimore – one of those big boats....

[interrupted by someone asking for a key...]

Q: Could you please tell me about the boat that your father had.

A: Well, the boat was named “Commodore” -- it was a big sailboat and they had a small yawl boat that... when the wind, you know, wasn’t good for sailing, they pushed the boat with the small boat. I remember the boat... but the ...

Q: What was the length of this boat, do you recall?

A: I don’t know... what would be the length of the big oyster boats that they dredge with? Sixty feet? I suppose... [inaudible]

Q: Could you tell us if there were other children in your family – the type of games that you used to play when you were small.

A: We played baseball. Had a game we called “caddy” – remember that?

Q: I’ve had a lot of people talk about that – describe what “caddy” is.

A: Well “caddy” is a game. We drew a round ring and we had a piece of ... like a broomstick handle, that we sharpened it on both ends, and then we had a long stick that we hit one end of it, you know, it bounced. And I’ve forgotten all the rules [laughter] but the game was, I mean, to see who made the most... the score was a certain distance, or whatever it was, and then whoever had the greatest score won the game.

Q: Could you tell me if you used to go ice skating.

A: Yes, ice skating and snow riding.

Q: Snow what?

A: Snow... with sleighs, of course, we walked to school which was two-and-a-half miles.

Q: Well, I hear that there used to be great crowds of people out on the ice and all skating and everybody seemed to have a wonderful time from what I’ve heard. Could you tell us a little bit about the times you went skating.

A: Well, we skated in South Creek, so we didn’t have such a crowd, but we always had ice skating and skated with others who lived in the area.

Q: Could you tell us some of the people you skated with.

A: I don't remember too many.... about the skating in crowds, because we didn't have the children in our area... close, that we, you know, that we skated so much with. There was a couple of the colored girls that we had in our area... the Crowners – Rachel and Anita, and Ben. And they always skated in the same area with us.

Q: Could you tell us a little bit more about your home life. Can you think of maybe some interesting things that happened when you were a youngster – when you were a young child at home.

[inaudible conversation with someone else in the room]

Q: Your great, great, great grandchildren are going to hear this tape, because we're going to keep this tape forever. And that's why we would like to know about your life down here. And it's to go in a talking museum in Shady Side.

[Other person]: How about fishing and crabbing?

Q: Can you tell us about that – fishing and crabbing?

A: Well, after my father had the oyster house, he had a large pier out there. And all of the oystermen from up in South Creek came to the pier and got their gasoline... we had the gasoline tanks...

Q: How much did gasoline sell for then – do you remember? Now that would be interesting!

A: Well, as far back as I can remember, maybe 25-cents a gallon. And then the oyster boats brought their oysters in to our pier and unloaded the oysters. He bought the oysters from the tongers. And then we had, like 10 to 15 oyster shuckers that shucked the oysters and they packed them, and then he carried them to Baltimore or Washington.

Q: Could you tell us what they packed the oysters in. Were they barrels or what type of things?

A: No, they packed them in gallon cans to carry to Washington. Then, of course, they had 'em in the big barrels, because they were washed...

[Other person]: These were the shucked oysters.

A:... after they were shucked, they were held n the big barrels with ice until they were put into the cans... gallon cans, and then they were sold. And... let's see, they weren't more than a dollar a gallon, I know. And the oysterers probably paid like 25-cents a bushel [chuckle].

Q: Did you tell us the name of your father's boat? You said the big...

A: The name of the boat was "Commodore."

Q: The "Comodore" – oh yes, I see, OK. Could you tell us a little bit, what you remember when the "Giles" used to come in here.

A: Well, we also had a grocery store. My father was a person that got into many things, and he also had a grocery store.

Q: Where was it located?

A: Down on South Creek. There... down the end of West River Road now. We didn't have a name for the road then. But, anyway, in the grocery store, of course was, you know, like a little country store. They sold molasses in the barrel, "KK" (?) by the spicket....

[Other]: ... crackers in the barrel...

A: Well, that's right. A case of nails and so forth, came in barrels. Sugar and all, came in barrels. And he met the "Emma Giles" and picked up the groceries coming out of Baltimore. And, of course, all the children used to love to go down to meet the boat, when the groceries came in. Or ride with the horse and wagon, or else go down in a boat – until we had a truck to carry in.

Q: And you used to go down there with him?

A: Oh yes.

Q: Could you describe a little bit about when you went down there. Who all was there and what they did.

A: Well, we would go out on the pier and watch the people get off of the boat and lots of times people came down from Baltimore and stayed at the boarding houses down here in the country. And boats would come over and pick them up. Mel's (?) had a boarding house, and Hartge's had a boarding house, and my husband's grandmother had a place in Galesville – Hazards – and those are the ones I know about. There were some more, I think a couple others.

Q: I understand that at the Now (?) Hotel, they used to have a lot of dances. Did you used to go to some of them?

A: Yes, when I... after I was in my teens I did.

Q: How often would they have dances in the hotel?

A: Usually on Saturday nights, that Mr. Jarnell (?) had the dances, I think, across from the hotel.

Q: You could get together and socialize with the people in the community and the boarders, as well?

A: Oh yes, I mean, it was a lot of ... usually it was a crowd there.

Q: I also heard that Miss Ethel used to put on plays down here...

A: She did.

Q: Could you tell us a little bit about it?

A: The little bit that I remember. I can't think of the name of it right now. She probably told you.

Q: No mam, she hasn't told me. I want you to tell me what you remember. [laughter]

[Other]: Were you ever in one?

A: I was in it, but...

Q: ... Oh, what play were you in?

A: That's what I'm trying to remember... the name of it. [laughter] I can't. I was probably in the ninth grade when we had that one. I remember my sister, Sophie, sang – in between acts. She sang "Blue Eyed Sally" and... all by herself, of course, so that was a big thing to kids, you know.

[Other]: Did your whole family go?

A: I think so, but they had it, you know, in the big building across from Shady Side market. Mr. Now (?) had the movies there. We used to go to the movies when we were in our teens, of course.

Q: Could you maybe tell us, do you remember some of the movies that you saw? Now that would be interesting to people. Or who were some of the big stars were then?

A: There was a serial going on, I remember one time, with ? Gibson, you know, the western-type thing and you know the kids loved that. We watched every Saturday night. You had to go see ? Gibson. I can't remember some of the others, but, I guess I'm not a real big movie fan. But, we did go. Sometimes the picture would be upside down and we'd have to wait a while until that got straightened out. [laughter]

Q: And I'm sure everyone in the community would go when they... when they were showing the movies.

A: Well, from Galesville and Deale, came over too. A lot of the people came in and we usually had a nice crowd.

Q: Did they charge you to see the movies or did they just let you in.

A: No, we paid. It wasn't much.

Q: Do you remember how much it was?

A: I can't remember – like a quarter, maybe. Probably was all we had to pay... [inaudible]... children paid.

Q: Can you remember some other things that you did down here?

A: Well, you know, living in the country, there's always children to keep busy. We had boats that we could go in any place. We'd go berry picking, we'd go cherry picking. There was always something to keep you busy. We swam all summer. Then we had... there was a lady from Baltimore, rented a house next to us in the summertime, after our neighbors moved. And it was the Raines (?) out of Baltimore. And she was an elderly lady, and she loved it in the country, and she'd come down and either my sister or I would stay with her, when her family wasn't there. So, then I got to know her family and ...

[Other]: They had young people your age?

A: Yes, she had a couple of grand daughters who came down. Was Nancy Williams and Raine(?) Williams, and then Mr. John Raine(?) out of Baltimore came and, of course now, I think, one of his children or grand child is Judge Raine(?) in Baltimore....

Q: ... that's interesting...

A: They used to come down on the "Emma Giles" and someone would meet them and bring them over, you know, to the house. And of course, and I said we walked to school.. What we – took a lot of shortcuts – we went through the Weems' and stopped to pick up the friends at Weems' that went to school with us. That was Miss Weems' grand children, the Masons. Then we went across a little bridge, and went through the woods there and came out behind St. ____? church. And they had a wooden fence with steps over it and we'd come over through the fence and go through the yard. So that cut off quite a distance for the kids to walk. A lot of times, there were cows in the woods, and old Mr. Lerch(?) had a big... Lerch's place, over on the side... and they had cows. So we would duck between the trees, keep away from the cows and come through the woods to make our distance shorter. I remember some of those things. I guess that probably stood out in our mind.

Q: Well, I suppose if you had to walk to school, you were happy to take shortcuts, if you had a long way to go.

A: It was 2-1/2 miles and we didn't miss much time.

Q: Could you tell us if you met your husband in school, or....

A: No, I didn't meet him until I finished high school and I was working in Galesville the last two years in high school. He and William(?) would be at an ice cream parlor down on, hear, down on West River... is one of the restaurants right now, in Galesville. And I stayed with them the two summers after I... the last year in high school and the last summer. And he was down – he came, he lived in Baltimore. And his Uncle lived near where I was working, so that's where I met him.

Q: Could you tell us what year that was.

A: 1929. And then I left that fall and went to Washington, in Sibly(?) Memorial Hospital, so I took the first year of training as a nurse. And I let him talk me out of it, and we got married [laughter] which, maybe I shouldn't have done, but I guess we had a good life, so....

Q: What year were you married?

A: 1930.

Q: Could you tell us where you were married?

A: Well, I was married at the rectory up at Christ's Church, and the Rev. Hart(?) married me. He was our – well, we were not a parish at that time. St. John's was, you know, under Christ's Church. And Mr. Hart was our minister at that time.

Q: Could you tell us a little bit about your wedding that day.

A: Well, I'll tell you, I guess the exciting thing about it. He was late because the firemen – he used to go up to the fire company. Now, maybe he worked with them at Galesville, because they had this new fire company, and they locked him in the firehouse for a while, and held him up.

[Other person]: Well... tell... that he was a city boy and these were all country boys (?) and they were always playing tricks on him... [inaudible]

Q: Oh, they really played a trick on him.

A: Always, they did, yes – they were his friends. [laughter]

[Other]: They were his friends and like when they were all skinny dipping... [inaudible]... they'd take his clothes and things like that. We've always heard those stories.

A: Well, so then, and... my mother and brother were up with me and one of my sisters and Cawood(?) Smith, he was going with my sister at the time.

Q: We're going to interview him as well.

A: Cawood? Well, he married my... one of my sisters. And, William and Grace Woodfield were with us. And then we went to Carvel(?) Hall, Cawood and them took us. I guess it was Cawood, I forgot that. Cawood and them took us to Carvel Hall and we stayed all night and then we took the ferry the next day to Ocean City, and spent the week in Ocean City.

[Other]; Well, you had to have a car.

A: Huh?

[Other]: You had to have a car to get from the ferry to Ocean City.

Q: Did you-all have a car then?

A: If it was, it was the old Ford Coup he had.

Q: Oh, he had an old Ford Coup. Tell us about his car.

A: Well, that would have been in the 20s, I guess. I don't know what year. I don't know that much about these old cars. But, it would have been, you know, like 1927 or '28 or something like that, because it wasn't new. I didn't think we went in that. I thought we went... see, I can't remember.

[Other]: The Ferry only went to Kent Island, so..

A: Yeah, but you had, I think, a bus, probably had a bus to go to Ocean City.

[Other]: Then you went on the bus.

A: ... and I kinda have a feeling we went... I'll have to ask Cawood, he might remember.

[Other]: He didn't go with you... [laughter]

A: No, but he would have been the one who took us.

Q: If you were married in church, did you wear a long white gown, or did you wear a suit, or

A: No, it was hot summertime. It was the 28th of August, and I wore a turquoise, well, sort of material – chiffon maybe – dress, short-like. And ‘course I then I changed, you know, when I went to Annapolis and stayed all night. So, it was a big thing... [laughter]. No, we didn’t have a big wedding, we just had...

Q: Well, it sounds like it was very nice.

A: Well, it was nice for us, I guess. [laughter]

Q: Then when you were married, did you come to live in Shady Side with your husband, or where did you live?

A: Well, we went to Baltimore and lived in Ashburton(?) where... with his parents for 8 months. And then, I guess it was like in May, we rented this house near my mother.

[Other]: Mrs. Raines’ house...

A: Mrs. Raines’ house... and we stayed there for about a year, maybe. A year or two years – I can’t remember that. But anyway, we were paying \$25 a month rent for like an eight-room house. Well anyway [laughter] – we couldn’t even pay \$25 a month rent, because there wasn’t that much work around to make... I think maybe they... he worked the first year for maybe 25-cents an hour on some jobs.

Q: What type of work did he do?

A: Well that was it, he was a city boy and there wasn’t anything in the country like the city. [laughter] so there wasn’t any work for him, really. So he found different kinds of work. He worked at the oyster house. He tried oystering and he didn’t like that. And he worked with the Smith Brothers for a while, when they built the bulkhead in Cedarhurst. And he worked with them a while, and then he got a job with the county for a while – on the roads. And then he worked over at Hartage’s boatyard and painted boats in the summertime, which he had to row to Galesville in a rowboat ‘cuz he didn’t have a motorboat. So... but we didn’t worry about that too much, because we had a garden and had vegetables, and we.... My father had the grocery store, so we always had something to eat, and, in the country, you know, you always have.... we had soft crabs in the summer, and crabs – all the crabs we could have, and oysters, if we wanted them.

Q: ... and fish?

A: And fish all the time, because my father and them used to have fish nets where the fellows used to go out...

[dog barking interrupts interview, tape stopped]

Q: And could you tell us, did you like to go fishing?

A: Oh yes,

Q: What was the best thing you liked to do on the water? Was it swimming, fishing, or what did you...

A: Oh, when I was little, the swimming was great swimming – and then in the wintertime it was skating on the... well, then we had the boats, you know, we could go all over the creek and in the boats. Rowboats.

Q: Did you... could you tell us who you all used to go visit when you were young and growing up, that maybe used to come and visit your parents or that you all went to visit?

A: Well the Owings(?) were our neighbors at that time and they had two daughters, Mattie and Elma. And of course, we went to school with them and... visited them.

Q: Your daughter told me a little bit ago that your husband built a house down here. Could you tell me a little bit about the house and where it was?

A: [inaudible]... Well, after we thought we couldn't pay the \$25 rent a month for the big house – well, my father and brothers and friends got lumber and built the two-room house. And we stayed in that for several years.

Q: Where was it located down here?

A: Down on South Creek. And one of the years we had one of the hurricanes... when the tide came so high that there was a ... came into the house. But – we stayed there for several years and then we built another house over on the river front, and we lived there...

Q: Your husband built this house?

A: Well, we had that one built too. But Mr. Bill Atwell(?) built it. And then we lived there until the children were grown, just about, when we moved down here on the Bay. Then that was about 1959 when we moved here.

Q: Could you tell us a little bit about your children, your children's names, please?

A: The children were... my daughter was Norma and my son was Norman, Jr.

Q: What year...

A: Norma was born in 1931 and Norman was born in 1937.

Q: So I'm sure, as you went to school in Shady Side, your children went to school here as well?

A: Yes, they went to Shady Side school and Miss Ethel Andrews was my teacher and she was also their teacher... plus the other women teachers.

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Q: all these different jobs and then what, really, what was his occupation?

A: he was a painter. His father had a big contracting business in Baltimore and he worked with his father.

Q: Could you tell us a little bit, how you started your bird sanctuary? We would be very interested what year, what motivated him to do it?

A: Well, that's why we moved to the country, 'cuz he loved birds and all the animals, and so forth, and he just liked the country. And we started off with ducks, even when we first were married we had ducks. A few geese, and pigeons, and just about... dogs and cats and everything else. But ah... [inaudible]... Oh yeah, and we've had monkeys – different kinds of monkeys and swan. Then he started up with swan when we lived down on the West River. We had swan and geese and ducks and then, of course, when he found this place down the Bay, why, he found that we could buy a piece of land. We did, and started a place down here. He built the pond and then brought his ducks down here.

Q: What year was this?

A: 1958, I guess, when we started it. And we moved in about 1959, I guess it was only a year or so building it. Then we started... he started getting more ducks and then, of course, he had gotten into other work too. He, by that time, he had started a paint contracting business and we had a store on Main Street... a paint store on Main Street and I ran the store and he ran the contracting business out of that. Plus he was a trial magistrate in Edgewater at that time.

Q: Was the store in Annapolis or was it down here?

A: The store was in Annapolis on Main Street. I ran that for 15 years and he continued the paint contracting business because my son still runs that. And we sold the store and then he retired from the masters(?) job and he was a civil defense director for 10 years.... worked out of Annapolis and so, that was after we sold the store.

Q: When he started his bird sanctuary, was it his idea or your idea?

A: His.

Q: And what did you think of it?

A: Oh, well, I like the outside, you know, and I love the flowers and the garden and we always worked together. Fed the birds and other times we had some help to do some of the work. But he just loved the outside and hunting and fishing, and loved the birds, so he had all the different kinds of swan in the world. And we had just about all the ducks and geese that are... the main ones that we have in the country...

Q: Did he invite people to come down here and look at his bird sanctuary, or did people just know it was here and just came to look at it?

A: Well, he had a lot of people that did come and a lot of the groups of children... Sunday schools and Brownies and so forth, that... little children used to go and see the birds. And, of course, he belonged to the South Arundel Businessmen's Association, and they always has a ... they had a crab feast here at our place for five or six years, and that brought in a crowd of people and they always... a lot of them would come back to see the birds.

Well, then, we traveled too, after we had the birds. We belonged to several bird organizations and then each year, when they would have a convention – usually was in the fall – well then, we would go for a week, or maybe take an extra week off.

Q: What bird organizations were these? Could you tell us?

A: American Waterfowl and Pheasants and the... I can't think of it... [inaudible]

Q: It's not important, OK.

A: Wait a minute, let me... because that was the... [pause in tape]... the other organization was the Game Bird Breeders of the... and the magazine was called the "Gazette" and it was put out by George Allen of Salt Lake City, Utah. And the conventions were always held in the different states, every year they'd try to have...(?) and we'd go. Los Angeles, Utah two different times and...

Q: In your bird sanctuary, did you and your husband have any favorite birds? Did you like the ducks better or was there a favorite?

A: He liked the swan and the geese, I suppose better. And we had all the different kinds of swan. We had the trumpeters, the mute swan, the whistling swan, the black swan. And, of course, they're all from different areas. We had a custom(?) rover(?) swan and a black neck swan. And we raised a lot of all of them, and then, of course, he would sell off the ones... the young ones and raise more the next year.

Q: Did you give any of these birds names? You must have had some favorites.

A: No. [laughter] we had too many to give them names. We had so many that you couldn't really give them names, but... well, we had a pair of Caryopsis (?) geese that were rather tame and... didn't have a name, but they would come to you – kind of were pets and would follow you around the place.

Q: I hear that it used to take you almost two hours to feed all of your...

A: Oh yes, well, when we had the little ones in the spring... we raised, you know, 15 or 20 of the different breeds. And so, we had quite a few. We had a building where we had separate ponds made inside the building to raise all the babies, to keep the animals and things from catching them. Because it's awfully hard to raise ducks in the open pond, because the turtles and different things catch them, and so, we always raised the babies inside.

Q: When it took you all this time to feed all these geese and birds, did you used to help him, or did he do it alone?

A: No, I always helped. We worked – always did it together because we were both working in Annapolis and then we would feed the birds when we got back in the evening. Or, like on the weekends, we fed them in the mornings and then he would be home. The days he was home, he did a lot of it himself, and a lot of times he had extra help to come in and help him. But I usually took care of the babies myself, until they were... had a little size to them. So, I got to like it and was interested in it.

Q: I'm sure that some of your children helped you feed them too, sometimes?

A: Well, when the grandchildren were here, of course, my children were married by then and moved away, so the grandchildren would come in and whenever they were here, they always loved to feed the birds and go down in the pen with him.

Q: Would you mind telling us how many grandchildren you have?

A: Have six.

Q: Do you have any great grandchildren?

A: Not yet. [laughter]

Q: Not yet...

A: I expect one [laughter]. My daughter's oldest daughter will probably be the first one to give me the grandchild...

Q: ... the great grandchild...

A: Great grandchild. She's... she lives over in New Jersey so I never see her quite so often.

Q: Could you tell us who were best friends of you and your husband? You know, when you first moved down here or in later years. Who were your best friends that you would go see or...

A: Well, we had so many friends all over the United States that I can't say ____ we spent a lot of time away from here too and I ... we made friends when these bird-people were... a lot of his friends. So, he has a friend, Glen Smart, who works for the Interior Department, that used to hunt with him all the time. And they... he and his family... used to come to visit all the time.

Q: Is your husband still living?

A: No, my husband died in 1982.

Q: Are you still maintaining the bird sanctuary?

A: I sold most of the birds and I still have some on the pond because I like to watch them and... so I will keep those.

Q: About how many would you say you have now on your pond?

A: Oh, I have a couple pair of swan, and some geese and ducks. But the ducks are usually the ducks now that are from this area – like the mallard and the pintail, and the wood ducks. And the redheads and the black duck are the ones that are from this area and they still raise some babies in this area. So, it's a ... really a place where in the wintertime now, the whistling swan comes in and the Canadian goose – they come in. And a lot of canvasback and the black heads come in to my pond – especially when the Bay had ice in it. Now they would stay in my pond and then, of course, we'd have to feed some extra birds.

Q: It's nice to have... it's still nice to have them around.

A: ... Nice to watch them and I can sit back in the window and watch them fly in the pond.

Q: Could you tell us some of the things that you like most about living in Shady Side?

A: Oh, I ... I like the most, I just... this is home and I just love the Bay and the rivers. I mean, it's been my whole life, I guess, so that's... I just wouldn't want to live in the city. And since I know all about this area, I guess I like it the best...

Q: You feel more comfortable...

A: I like the, you know, I would go... have the church and I've always gone... known all the people in Chase(?). I don't know them now because all of my friends, mostly, are gone. A few... [inaudible]. Yes, taken part in the ... worked in the Episcopal Church and we also had a fine Kiwanis Club in Shady Side at that time, when we worked for the new church.

[Other]: ... in the early '50s... [inaudible]

A: The Kiwanis Club probably started in around '45 and then it went on... he was active in the Kiwanis Club up until in the '70s and, of course, then we _____ in the club, so the dinners _____ it was about five ladies out of St. John's Church and we put on the Monday night dinners for the Kiwanis Club, which was good for the Club – it held the club together, because they had no other place to have their dinners and their meetings. And then our money went to pay our debts on our new church. So we paid off the mortgage and then by that time, we felt that someone else should take over. We went every Monday night, except for when I was away.

Q: Your daughter says this was 20 years that you worked...

A: ... that we worked in this... yes.

Q: What type of dinners would you prepare?

A: Well, the men always liked the dinners. I guess they were, you know, baked chicken, roast beef, meatloaf, fish or crab cakes when we could have them in the summer. And all the vegetable things that would go with that dinner. Plus we would have home-baked pies most of the time, and baked rolls and we did it all out at the Kiwanis Hall.

Q: You said there were five ladies – could you tell us...

A: Well, they were the ones when we started. Would have been: Hilda Atwell and Sophie Smith, my sister, and Mable Weldy(?). And then later, it was Kitty Hamilton and Betty Morris, Elizabeth Avery helped us at times, and Kitty Towneal(?) would help us at times. So we all worked, and some other ladies came in and helped at times, when we needed help.

Q: How long would it take you to prepare some of these dinners?

A: Well, some of us would go out... I didn't always get there early, but some of the ladies would go out like 2:00 or so and get... if they had roast beef and different things that they had to prepare. And then they would go in early and spend the afternoon at the hall. And then the meetings were 7:00, so we didn't get out until about 9:00 at night.

Q: And how many hours would you say that you had to work preparing these dinners?

[Other] [inaudible]

A: ... that was the time we spent there.

Q: Like six hours?

A: ... of course then, I always worked in the church dinners, when they would put on their big dinners. And the church – St. John's – used to have some real nice dinners, and I guess maybe the younger ladies didn't like to do so much cooking, so we sort of gave it all up.

Q: That's a shame. Would you tell us what some of your interests and your hobbies are now – other than the birds you were telling us about, that still come to your pond.

A: Well I , of course my hobby, I guess, was my flowers – always had a lot of flowers and took care of them by myself.

Q: Could you tell us about your flowers?

A: Always had roses and then I would plant the... all different kinds for summer; zinnias and two(?) petunias and whatever I had. Snap Dragons or some of the annual plants.

[Other] [inaudible]

Q: Oh yes, your daughter just said you do needlework. Could you tell us what you do?

A: [laughter] Well, I do that mostly in the winter time. I like to crochet this time of year.

Q: What type of things do you like to crochet?

A: Well I... last couple of years, I guess I've done mostly afghans for the children.

Q: You make them and don't keep them for yourself? Then you give them to...

A: Oh no, I usually gave them to the children. So... and now that I have a great grandbaby coming, I'll have to make her some blankets, I guess.

Q: You said you'd have to make "her" some blankets.

A: Oh, that's right, might not...

[Other]: Maybe she meant a grand daughter that's going to have it.

A: [laughter] I might make it for a boy.

Q: And are there any other hobbies that you like now?

A: Hmmmm. I read and I still take interest in the church – whatever they're doing and in the community, if there's something special I like to go. And then, of course, I visit a couple of my friends.

I still visit with Nita(?) Joyce and, of course, I all.... and then go with my brother-in-law Cawood Smith and his sister, Mable. I spend some time with them. Or else I'm visiting with my two children – go to Pennsylvania to see my daughter and her children while I'm there, and then my son lives in Fairhaven. And I have a great granddaughter living in Davidsonville. So I spend my time visiting with them.

Q: It's coming to the end of the tape and could you please reminisce a little more about Shady Side, when you first moved here in your youth? Anything in particular that... something else you would like to tell us about?

A: Nothing that I can really remember.

Q: Some people said that they did skate, and you did as well. Did you used to skate at night-time? I heard that a lot of people skated at night and built fire out on the ice.

A: Not often did we night skate. No, we didn't really.

Q: Were there ever any hay rides down here?

A: I never went on one of the hay rides. I... we were a little distance from the community area, you know, in here in Shady Side. So to walk out, when we were little, we didn't. But we took part in, just in Sunday School. We had to walk to Sunday School when we were little.

[Other]: Your mother had a horse and buggy.

A: Well, she had a horse and buggy that she would pick us up at school, if it was a rainy day or something. She would take the horse and buggy and come for us at school.

Q: Do you remember what her horse's name was?

A: We had a black horse and his name was Bill.

Q: Will?

A: Bill.

Q: Oh, Bill – oh, I see, OK.

A: And of course, they used him to plow in the garden, and well, was that a big garden. And mother had... well, of course, then they had about 9 or 10 acres of land, and they had cow and the horse and also raised pigs, way back when I was little. I remember some of that. I didn't like the time when it came to kill the pigs.

[Other] [inaudible]

A: Yes, they had a smoke house and they smoked their hams and made the country sausages, and smoked those.

Q: Well, if you said they had a lot of animals, it's no... if you grew up with them, then it's no wonder... you still loved the animals.

A: Sure, she raised chickens at that time. She always...

[Other]: she had grandmothers ... [inaudible]

A: Yes, my two grandmothers lived with us after they became... well, my father came over from Germany when he was 14 and then his mother always lived with us until she died. Then my mother's mother came with us, but then... Well, she came over when she was 18 from Sweden and married here in Shady Side.

Q: Did your grandmothers try to teach you German or Swedish?

A: Oh, we learned a few words and I'm sorry, maybe sometimes, that we didn't learn more, but we really didn't.

Q: But I'm sure that they must have... if they lived with you, had very interesting stories to tell you about the... Sweden and Germany?

A: Well, I can't remember too much about that. Somehow I don't [laughter] I really... I remember my grandmothers, of course, but I can't remember too much about them telling me about when they came over.

Q: Could you tell us anything your grandmothers taught you about life? Certain things to remember or how to live, or certain things you were supposed to do in your life? Most grandmothers tell their granddaughters things like that.

A: No, we always went to church, had to go to Sunday School. And that was one of the things I guess we always had to do. And...

[Other] [inaudible]

Q: Oh yes, do tell us. [inaudible]

A: Well they, yes, they worked in the Episcopal Church when it first started, because my father... I remember him telling me that he helped to build, with my grandfather – helped to build the church – the first Episcopal Church in Shady Side.

Q: Is it still located... was it located in the same area...?

A: The church was on the same... it was in front of the grave section. And then when they built the new church in the '50s, they built that in the back of the grave, you know, the graves that are there and the tombstones.

Q: So...

A: The other church was closer up on the road.

Q: So the other... first original church was torn down.

A: Oh yes, that was torn down in... I'm sure that is in the history of the Shady Side. You have the pictures of the first church.

Q: Oh I'm sure that they do.

A: I think maybe Jenna(?) has all that.

Q: Yeah, I'm sure they do, I'm sure they do. Mrs. Hazard, we thank you very much for talking to you. It's been a pleasure. And your contribution to our talking library will be... it will be wonderful. And we thank you very, very much.

A: You're welcome and I hope I've helped you.

Q: Indeed you have. Thank you very much.

A: You're welcome.