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[Taped interview appears to have begun as first words on tape are:]

Q. ...with Ms. Rickie Hallock, and I'd like to thank you for joining us today and sharing your memories of Shadyside.

A. Thank you.



Q. Now could you start us off by telling us your full name including your maiden name?

A. My real name is Catherine Fredericka(?) Griffith(?)...I was named after my two grandmothers.

Q. Oh, OK!

A. And ...what else you want to know?

Q. Your maiden name.

A. Wilby.

Q. Ah, Wilby! OK, and when and where were you born?



A. Right across the creek and

Q. Right across Parish Creek?

A. No, it's right over..do you know where the school house is?

Q. Oh, yeah.

A. It's right back in there.

Q. Well, what's the name of that creek then?

A. Parish Creek?



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Q. Oh, OK...all right.

A. I was born...I was only a year old when my father moved down on the farm. I only had one brother that was born over on the farm.

Q. Where was the farm?

A. Right... all of this belonged to him [indicates area with hand] and over on Snug Harbor Road.

Q. Ok. Did they have a name for the farm?

A. I guess 'Wilby Farm', don't know...



Q. Wilby Farm..

A. That's the only thing I know

Q. And what's your birthday?

A. April 25th.

Q. And what year?

A. 1906.

Q. 1906...OK, what were your parents' full names?

A. My father was Frank... my mother's name was Catherine.



Q. Do you remember her maiden name?

A. Smith.

Q. Oh, OK. That's a big name down here.

A. And father's name, of course, was Wilby.

Q. And where were they born, do you know?

A. My father was born in Germany.

Q. Oh, OK.



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A. He was only seven years old when he came over.

Q. Wow.

A. But my mother, I mean, they lived over on Parish Creek over on the...I don't know what they call that around there any more.

Q. Over by Nieman Point?

A. Yeah

Q. OK, but a little bit further in the creek?

A. Not too far from Nieman, I mean from where the Niemans used to live that one of my



grandmothers lived, but farther over towards the West River was where my other grandparents lived, great big house... down...close to... where you make that turn there at...

Q. Phoebe's (SP?)

A. No. What is it, the ballpark... the ballfield they've got there?

Q. Right.

A. Well, you go past that and right on down...right straight to the...down on that shore there...that big house. That's where my father's parents lived.

Q. OK. And what were their names?



A. Their names was Wilby.

Q. Do you know their first names?

A. Her name was Fredericka...I don't know what his name was. He passed away and I don't remember that. [Slight pause.] William or...

Q. William. Ok, that was going to be my guess. All right. We'll check on that, but I'm pretty sure it's William, too. Did ugh..and William was born...he came from Germany?

A. He came from Germany. He was seven years old when...

Q. OK.

A. No, my father was seven years old..no, I don't know how old William was when he



came over.

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Q. All right, and like the whole family came over?

A. The whole family.

Q. Do you have any idea how they got here to Shadyside?

A. I don't have no idea

Q. They probably..probably, did they go into Baltimore?

A. When they first moved...they roomed(sp?) by... up near Owensville.



Q Oh, Ok.

A. Then they stayed there for a while. Then they bought this house down here on the shore.

Q. OK.

A. And that's where they lived ever since. I mean, that's where they lived.

Q. I found some very interesting papers up at the Archives and I actually have a copy of the paperwork where a William and a Frank Wilby bought the property over there.

A. Oh, ugh huh...

Q. So, I need to bring that...I need to bring you a copy of it, because that would be a



cool thing for you to have.

A. Yes.

Q. But, anyway, I just happened to stumble across that, that's how I knew the name William. When you were growing up, did you have any aunts or uncles that lived near by?

A. No.

Q. No cousins that you grew up with that you can recall?

A. No, I didn't have any relatives. All of them were living over on Nieman Point, over that way.



Q. Oh, ok. So they were in Shadyside?

A. Shadyside, yeah

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Q. So did they come over to visit at all, like, jump in the boat and come across the creek or anything?

A. Yeah, we had..I had an aunt used to live over to Mayo used to come across. And we used to go across there in a boat.

Q. What was her name?

A. There last names were I used to know...can't...

Q. That's ok, it was a stretch. And you mentioned a brother. What was your brother's



name?

A. My brother?

Q. Um huh

A. Well, his name's Frank, Ferdinand, Roy, Claude, ...ummm Doug, no...

Q. Fred?

A. Fred.

Q. OK.

A. Six boys and two girls.



Q. And what was your sister's name?

A. Her name was Maude.

Q. Maude? OK, and who did she marry?

A. She married a Ball.

Q. "B-O-L"?

A. B-A-L-L.

Q. Oh, B-A-L-L. Did they live around here?



A. No, they had a home up at near...up towards Annapolis there somewheres. Then they built a home down at Snug Harbor.

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Q. How about your brothers? Did any of them live around here?

A. They all lived around here.

Q. OK.

A. Oh, no...one... Fred... Fred was the only one didn't lived here.

Q. Really? [laughing.] Where did he live?

A. He lived in Baltimore.



Q. OK. That happened a lot. A lot of people went to Baltimore for jobs and what not.

A. He and my brother Claude went in the war, First World War, and when he come home, he never went any where as far as Mayo and then when he came home, he did all the cooking for my mother. He was a cook there, and they never sent him anywhere but my brother Claude was in a... I guess... boats...a torpedo boat?...

Q. Could it be a submarine? He was on a submarine? Oh, wow!

A. Submarine...and he was blowed up, but he was hurt but he finally got over it.

Q. Was he, was this Claude?

A. Claude, yeah.



Q. Was he married when he went to the war, or did he get married when he came back?

A. No. I think he got married when he come back; but he was a long time getting over that cause we didn't think he was going to.

Q. I'll bet.

A. He was in Washington hospital for a good while.

Q. A good long time, huh? Wow. You said that your Dad was seven when he came over here from Germany. Do you happen to know what year that was?

A. No.



Q. You don't remember what year your Dad was born?

A. No.

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Q. 18 something?

A. No, I don't.

Q. OK. That's all right. Do you happen to know the exact...who lives in the house where you were brought up?

A. Where I was brought up?

Q. Umm humm.



A. My father built it, and that was right across the pier, not far from here. And I was a year old when my father bought the farm. And we moved there. And then that was when my last brother was born over there. He was the only one.

Q. OK. Now on the farm, did you grow crops and have livestock and that sort of thing?

A. We had cows and horses and things my father..??. He used to raise tomatoes and sent them up on 'Emma Giles' to Baltimore.

Q Neat, neat.

A. He raised corn, wheat, all... I mean... sent to Baltimore on the 'Emma Giles'. We came down and she would come into the wharf and he'd put it on there.



Q. Did you have any other animals on the farm besides horses and cows?

A. Cows and dogs.

Q. Dogs?

A. Oh, we had them.

Q. Like pigs and goats? Anything like that?

A. Pigs, pigs - no goats.

Q. No goats? So, did you get your milk from the cows?



A. Yes. Mother made all of our butter. She had...I mean, she would have too much, she used to milk it, seal it, and then turn her jars upside down, and that's what she'd use to make her Christmas Cakes.

Q. Oh, that sounds good. [Laughing.]

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A. It was, too.

Q. Have you ever made one of her Christmas cakes?

A. Yeah, I have. It's been a long time since I made Christmas Cake. I used to make that fruit cake a lot.

Q. What is this Christmas Cake?



A. She would have fruit cake coconut cake, chocolate cake. I don't know what other kind. She had all kinds. And there was an old colored fella used to live across the way, and he had a boy who couldn't talk. All he could say was "cake" Every Christmas he'd come around, and everybody...he would have a bag...and everybody would take and give him cake. And he'd go home

Q. Laughing.

A. And you had to look for him, and he would come every Christmas.

Q. And do you remember his name at all?

A. I don't remember his name.



Q. [Laughing.] That's funny.

A. Now wait a minute, I think his name was Nick.

Q. His last name or his first name?

A. No his last name was Washington.

Q. Oh! OK, that ...

A. First name was Nick.

Q. OK. Nick Washington. Couldn't talk, huh?

A. Couldn't say nothin'. All he could say was 'cake'. You could understand him to say



that. .

Q. And he lived nearby?

A. He lived over on Nieman Point not Nieman's Point, but where the school house is?
Back in there.

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Q. Can you describe the house for me, that you grew up in? How many rooms it had?
What the floors were made of? What you had on the walls, that sort of thing?

A. The house where we moved to...of course, my father built that one over there. I don't
remember that because I was just a year old.

Q. Sure



A. But over on the farm, where he bought that, that had three stories to it, and each one of them had a hallway. And I wish so many times that I had saved one of them bedroom sets that was in them bedrooms. I don't know what ever happened to them. I didn't get any of them.

Q. Aw.

A. They were pretty, I mean, they were all oak

Q. Yeah, I often wonder what happens to those things that I hear people talk about. I mean, where did they go?

A. I don't know. But in my father's and mother's bedroom, they had marble tops to their dresser and their washstand. And every washstand had a wash bowl and a pitcher and a soap dish. Of course, you didn't have any running water, nothing in them days. But we



eventually got a pump and sink and things in the kitchen, as years went by.

Q. Do you remember what year that was though?

A. No.

Q. But that was a big deal, huh? [Laughing.]

A. Yeah, it was. You could wash the dishes in the sink; and we had...my father fixed a trough come together like that [demonstrates position with her hands] and run down to the marsh

Q. So the water would go out?.

A. The water would go down to the marsh.



Q. Sure. How about electricity? Do you remember the first time y'all had electricity in your house?

A. Oh, Lord! I can't remember that.

Q. What was the first electrical item you ever had? Do you remember that?

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A. Well the lights, I guess, would be the first. And then my father got a TV.

Q. Aah!

A. But the one he had run by a battery.

Q. Oh, he had a tv that ran by a battery?



A. Um humm.

Q. I didn't know such a thing existed.

A. Yeah, that or whether it was a tv or just a radio.

Q. OK.

A. It must've bee just a radio. And then when they got the electricity...I often think of...you don't see the things them days that you see today on the television.

Q. I'll bet. How many tvs were in Shadyside at that time do you think? Probably not many, huh?



A. Not many, no, 'cause it wasn't that many people. I mean, here.

Q. Right, right.

A. Wasn't anything down at Snug Harbor. Wasn't anything down to where the big hotel is now... Cedarhurst?

Q. Is there a hotel in Cedarhurst? [Laughing.]

A. Um humm.

Q. Oh, I didn't know that. [Laughing.] OK.

A. And then and one down in Idlewilde.



Q. Wow.

A. And no road. It was a driveway went by here; the road comes, they weren't very wide and they went down by where the..(??) corn row (??) on...down around the edge of the woods is where the road was at one time.

Q. You wouldn't know that now, would you?

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A. No. [laughing.]

Q. There's so many houses down there now it's not even funny.

A. Just like down at Snug Harbor? All them places...it wasn't nothing even down there.

Q. Right. But now people want to buy the little cottages, tear them down, and build a



three-story house so they can see the water.

A. That's right. And that's what they're doing down there.

Q. Right, right. That's going to be a problem

A. Snug Harbor, down to...now I can't think of that name...before you get to Idlewilde. Felicity Cove. There wasn't anything there but trees.

Q. Right.

A. That's where Mrs. Andrews' husband bought that and started building houses.

Q. Right, right. [Laughing.] Yep, that brought a lot of people down here, Felicity Cove. Now today we have a trash truck that comes around twice a week. When you were



growing up, what did your family do with garbage?

A. I don't know, unless we carried it down to the marsh or the creek somewhere and dumped it.

Q. You don't remember a trash...anybody coming around collecting trash at all?

A. No.

Q. OK. Now were there any special items in your house that stand out in your memory, favorite possessions of yours, or your parents, or your brothers or sisters... things that were really neat to have back then that, besides from the furniture. We've already talked about how cool the furniture was.

A. Oh, yeah.



Q. Was there anything else in the house, a picture or, you know, anything that would sit on top of a dresser or table or anything? A clock?

A. No, I can't remember...think of anything I don't remember. I guess it has been, but...

Q. OK. What type of road led up to your house when you were growing up?

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A. Road?

Q. Umm humm

A. Dirt road.



Q. Dirt road? OK. Was it ever really dry or really muddy, or anything like that do you remember?

A. Muddy, yes.

Q. [Laughing.]

A. Up here on the corner, where the new houses are, back over in there? That was nothin' but a river.

Q. Aahh.

A. And the first automobile my father bought, I don't know how long...I mean how old.. what year it was, it would go up to the running board, running through the water, mud. And we used to have to cut through the woods and go down by Avalon...not Avalon



Shores..where the school house is come up by the school house.

Q. That was pretty swampy back in there?

A. That was the only way we can get through, or else wear boots. [Laughing.]

Q. Oh, for heaven's sake!

A. It wasn't no houses or anything like that...only one where that big, new house is on the corner and that was just a straight little house...colored people. They were good people.

Q. Do you remember their name?

A. Brown.



Q. Dewey?

A. I think it was Brown.

Q. Dewey Brown?

A. No, it wasn't Dewey.

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Q. Another one? Oh, you mean even older than them?

A. Wait a minute, that wasn't Brown. Brown did buy...I mean did have a house there at one time.



Q. OK. You're referring to the people who owned it before him?

A. Umm humm. People that had it before, he tore that house down and then built another one. This is his third [Voice in background says: "What was the lady's name that helped grandma with the hogs? What did they call her?"] I can't get her name...she was a good person...

Q. She helped your mother with the hogs?

A. Umm humm. She'd come down and help her.

Q. Oh, OK. How often did you do that?

A. Once a year, when it got cold.



Q. And how many typically would be slaughtered?

A. How many what?

Q. How many would be slaughtered? How many would she kill?

A. Oh. Sometimes three and sometimes more. I mean, it wouldn't be all at one time.

Q. Oh.

A. We'd kill 'em at different times.

Q. And would that be for y'all family to eat?

A. Umm humm. Mother would always, of course, she'd come down there to help...mother



would always give her different stuff to take back home, and she was a good person.

Q. Do you remember her name yet?

A. I think her name was Ida, and she said "I teach my son Talmadge?" she said, "to do every thing", because, she said "one of these days, I won't be able to do it, and he'll know how to do it." She only had the one boy.

Q. What was his name?

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A. Talmadge.

Q. Talmadge. Ok, that's an unusual name.

A. That is an unusual name.



Q. Now when she was gonna kill the hogs, did they like tie them up in a tree for a couple days...now what did they do with the hog when they were...

A. Well, when they would kill 'em, my father had a thing that he hung 'em on. Then he'd take them down and put em in this house that he had especially for the meat, and that's where they would keep them.

Q. Did y'all ever make scrapple?

A. Mother used to make it, yes...sausage...

Q. And then you'd have it, like for Christmas dinner or something?

A. Yes. We used to have it off and on.



Q. Any other particular meat, like did y'all slaughter the cows and eat the beef from that?

A. No.

Q. Were they just milk cows?

A. You know, there used to be a man lived on Swamp Circle Road, and he used to kill the cows and bring around the meat.

Q. ...remember.. his name?

A. Simmons.



Q. Do you remember his first name?

A. Aubrey.

Q. Aubrey?

A. Aubrey Simmons.

Q. OK. OK, we've talked about some of your neighbors when you were growing up, but can you name some more, just kind of, in your memory go around your house and say 'well, over

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there lives such and such'?

A. Well, down Snug Harbor, there was a family lived right on the shore. There name



was Proctors, and they lived down there. Used to be Hallocks lived over here [points to her right], and Hallocks lived down in the next house. I used to go to school with mostly all the children.

Q. Do you remember some of the children's names?

A. My husband's twin sister, brothers, Ruth and Clara, they were the twins. Then it was Jack, Joe, ?Joshey?

Q. Are these all Hallocks?

A. They're all Hallocks...Irene, Linah? Linah used to live on East Fort(??)...Charlotte?? and the people who used to live where ??Barry?? lives, I mean his grandparents, had two boys, Russell and ?Harry? They lived on East Fort. [A voice in the background says something about "Atwells"?]. Huh?



Q. The Atwells? You remember Atwells living over here?

A. Oh, yeah. Up here, as you go down Snug Harbor, used to be Atwells that lived there.

Q. Do you remember their names?

A. It's been so long ago that I've forgot.

Q. Did they have any children that you would go to school with?

A. Yeah. They had what was their name? Louie, Robert [Voice in background again seems to be coaching Mrs. Hallock.] Louie, yeah but that was their son's children. Louie and them. [Background voice says: "You're talking about Miss Effie and Frank?"] Yeah. That was Louie's mother and father. [Voice again: "This is what she's asking you. Do



you remember Miss Effie and Frank's children's names..OK.. like Louie? that had the railway, Mom."] I guess I do. Willie...they call him Billy...and Robert, it was three girls: Ellen, Mamie and, I think her name was Ann. She had polio and she was crippled...

Q. Any other neighbors?

A. There was James...more boys, I mean, than girls...

Q. Was that James O. Atwell?

A. James Atwell, yeah.

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Q. Is he the one that was like a congressman or something?

A. Huh ugh.



Q. No? He was a different one?

A. Yeah, he was different.

Q. Not the one that married Aggie Rogers?

A. No.

Q. OK. Any other neighbors?

A. Yeah. I had the Rogers...they were our neighbors; then another Atwell used to live down there. The Rogers had the.. I don't know how many (??) over there??

Q. Was this Robert Rogers?



A. Grace.? Ruefield?...She was one of them and then it was Clarence. Clarence is still living out there.

Q. Clarence Witfield?

A. Clarence Rogers.

Q. Clarence Rogers! Do you know where he lives?

A. I don't know where he's living now. He used to live...if you go down to where the old...where the boatyard is.

Q. You know? [Question must have been asked of other person in background?? Response was too muffled to be discerned.] All right. In the Rogers family, do you



remember the parents' names?

A. Yeah, I used to know them but I don't remember that.

Q. Was that Robert Rogers and Elizabeth Atwell?

A. Uh ugh..[Shakes head in the negative.] I forget their names.

Q. They lived down there where Chesapeake Instrument Co. was?

A. Ugh ugh. [negative response].

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Q. Oh, OK. This is a different one.

A. They lived down here. Clarence's parents used to live down here. Clarence and



them used to live over... as you go down to the boatyard. But he don't live there anymore. I don't know where he lives...

Q. All right. OK. Let's talk about church. Did your family go to church on a regular basis?

A. Yeah.

Q. Which church did y'all attend?

A. That Episcopal Church.

Q. Is it still there?

A. No, that was the old church, and my father helped to build the old church.



Q. Where was it located?

A. Right where the old one is...where the new one is built.

Q. Is that St. John's?

A. Um humm.

Q. OK, but there was a church before that?

A. It was one before that, yeah.

Q. And did it have a name? Was it St. John's also?



A. St. John's.

Q. St. John's? OK. I didn't...now what happened to the first church? Did they tear it down?

A. It got too bad...they had to tear it down, and then they built this one out here...that's there now.

Q. OK. Are any of your relatives buried in the churchyard?

A. My grandparents are. My father's mother and father was buried out there.

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Q. OK. Was there any particular minister that really impressed you that you remember when you were growing up?



A. No.

Q. Anything in particular at all about church that was like your favorite part? What was your favorite thing to do at church?

A. Well, we went every Sunday we were there.

Q. Was it a morning service or evening?

A. Morning, yeah.

Q. Did they have what we would call Sunday School where the kids went off together?

A. Oh, yeah. Loved Sunday School.



Q. OK. Was there any particular hymn or Bible verse that you really, really liked?

A. No, I always went along with them all.

Q. All right. Let's talk about school. Where did you go to school?

A. Out here in Shadyside.

Q. OK. Where was the school exactly?

A. The old school, they tore down. See, this is the second school they built out there.

Q. Where was the school you attended?

A. Out there.



Q. Where? [Laughing.]

A. In the old and this one, too.

Q. OK.

A. Both of 'em.

Q. Where the Moose Lodge is. OK. All right...where the old 'green school' was, they used to call it?

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A. Um humm. The old school...they had to get rid of it because you could see your feet down on the ground.



Q. You could see through the floor?

A. Through the floor.

Q. OK. How many rooms was it?

A. It had three rooms and a hall.

Q. OK, and who were the teachers and...was Miss Ethel out there yet? [Long pause, then laughing.]

A. Miss Ethel was out there. She taught...I mean, she come in there...when they built the new school, then she come in there.

Q. Any other teacher's names you remember?



A. I don't know...there was one in the new school. He was a mean teacher, and he come from Annapolis; but I forget what his name was.

Q. So there were two or three teachers there, including Miss Ethel?

A. Oh yeah, and two other teachers beside Miss Ethel. Before that, it was...I mean before Miss Ethel come there, it was somebody else. I don't remember her name at all.

Q. OK. What was in the school grounds? What did you see if you went outside? Was there anything to play on?

A. Nothin' but the ground to play on.



Q. Really? No equipment, no monkey bars, or anything, see saws?

A. No, huh ugh We didn't have nothin' like that...had ball... bat and the ball was about all we had.

Q. How early did you have to get up in the morning to go to school?

A. I had to get up early because I used to have to help my mother do different things, see, before I went.

Q. Good. What did you have to do?

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A. And then when I come back home, I would have to help her.



Q. What were your chores?

A. Washing dishes, and doing odd things for her.

Q. Did your sister and brothers help or did you do it?

A. No. My brothers always helped my father outside doing different things, and, of course, my sister was away. She lived in Baltimore. She got married, but she passed away when she was only 49 ?? years old??

Q. Oh boy! OK.

A. Then they were the first ones to build a house down in Snug Harbor, when they opened that for sale. They were the first ones to build a house there.



Q. And who did she marry?

A. Lou Ball and Glenn Ball(??) has got the house down there. That's her son.

Q. That's her son?

A. That's their son's son. He only had the one son.

Q. So you had to wash the dishes and...

A. Oh, yeah. Wipe dishes, help my mother with different things that she did?? Them days you had a washing machine with a ? in the thing, and you had to work it up and down like this [demonstrates with her hands.], the things going around, you know, in the washing machine.



Q. So, it wasn't an automatic washing machine? [Laughing.] You had to help it?

A. I know. [Laughing.] Didn't have any electricity or anything down here then.

Q. OK. So when you left for school, were there certain kids that you met, that y'all walked down there together, or did you just kind of go by yourself, or with your brothers or sisters?....

A. No. My husband's two twin sisters...they come down, and it was also...people lived down the road...? Left? children went to school out there...we all looked like we went up to the road together and went to school and then come home

Q. Good, good. Now how long of a day was it? Did you start school at like nine o'clock in



the morning, or was it earlier?

A. Nine, around nine we would start.

Q. And then what time would you get out?

A. About three.

Q. OK, that hasn't changed too much.

A. It might've been four, I don't know...so long ago.

Q. Do you remember anything exciting that ever happened at school where they let you off for the day or anything like that?



A. No, huh ugh.

Q. OK. Never had anything exciting, like a fire or...?

A. Huh ugh, no.

Q. Sounds like... pretty boring, huh? [Laughing.]

A. In them days, you didn't have the things like you've got today...[someone in background says something to Mrs. Hallock ... "you and another girl shoved that Leatherbury girl up in the window to find out what was in...what they were having for lunch?" [Laughing.]

Q. Ugh oh!



A. Used to be...they had (??) cars of rose(??) meetings(?), and my father belonged to it. And they would have the meeting up there..there's a hall across the where the school is now? Well, there used to be a hall across there that used to hold dinners in, and they used to have meetings in. So, my mother and father were up there, and, of course, I was there, and my two sister-in-laws were there and (?) Taylor(??). So Margie ? Nau(??), they handled(??) going to school there. And they were having a party there and he come over there and he says to me, he says "You push me up in there and see if we can't get something to eat." [Laughing.] We got behind him and pushed him up in that window and he couldn't find one thing. He come down and said "I don't see nothin'."

Q. How old were you?

A. I don't remember.



Q. A teenager? You were a teenager then?

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A. Oh yeah.

Q. How old was Taylor?

A. He was the same age.

Q. Same age as you?

A. He might've been a little bit younger than some of us.

Q. Oh, OK

A. There was only two boys in our class: Earl Davey and Taylor.



Q. Oh, OK.

A. The rest was girls.

Q. For heaven's sake! You don't find that too often. It's usually pretty equal now.

A. Yeah.

[Tape has a slight pause, a little garble, then the view changes to photographs on the wall and Ms. Corson's voice is heard saying:]

Q. ...parks, movies, zoo? Anything like that?

A. [Mumbling.]...had nothing... Chesapeake Beach...used to have carnivals down there



ad that was all.

Q. And would you go there occasionally?

A. [Camera is now focused on Mrs. Hallock.] Not until I guess it was years before...we never had no way of going there, unless we went horse and buggy or something, but we went down there. [Voice in background is saying something to Mrs. Hallock about a carnival, and a dog is barking in the background.] We used to have carnivals out there and...the road is, I mean it goes by where the firehouse is and all that there. They used to have carnivals all out there...cause there was no houses at all out there, and we used to go out there.

Q. Was that in back behind the fire department, like toward Avalon Shores?

A. No, that was right on where the road is now.



Q. OK, [laughing].

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A. Where the road goes through there, that's where it was.

Q. OK. All right. When you were growing up and you were sick what did your family do? Did they call a doctor or did they just do some home remedies?

A. No, we had a doctor that... Dr. Dent. He come from...on horseback in to see us.

Q. Did he give you shots or pills or...

A. Give you some kind a pills and that would be it... didn't have anything else. You know what? I had an abscess underneath my arm and he came down there and cut it with a straight razor.



Q. Oh my! Did it get better?

A. Deed he did. Oh, yeah.

Q. That's good [Laughing.] Can you remember any stories about real old Shadyside that you were told as a child?

A. No.

Q. Things that actually happened before you were born?

A. No.

Q. OK. Any stories about people who used to live in Shadyside before your time? A



person that was noteworthy?

A. No...only the Nowells used to live...I mean... there used to be a hotel and a post office, right before you turn to go down to the boatyard. One was on one side of the road and one was on the other and that's where we used to get our mail from there, and you could be a hotel(?) Used to call it a hotel...oh they used to go to meet the old 'Emma Giles' in boats and bring the people in a horse and buggy there, and they could spend a week or two there and then go back.

Q. That was a pretty big deal, huh?

A. Oh yeah.

Q. Do you remember anything more about the post office? Wasn't there like a little hall in the back where you could get drinks and things like that?



A. It was like a porch, they had...

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Q. A porch, OK.

A. They had a little dance, they had music there... and you could (?) go dancing...

Q. Do you remember the post mistress?

A. No, I don't...'Nowell' was one of them.

Q. Was it Miss Mary?

A. Yeah



Q. Miss Mary Nowell?

A. She married Jack Nowell, and she was there.

Q. And is she the one that had the dances?

A. Yeah. Used to have dances on the weekends.

Q. And everybody would come?

A. Anybody who could walk that far or come any where there.

Q. Sure, sure, OK.

A. I told her every week I was able(?) to walk. [Laughing.]



Q. So your father was a farmer and your Mom was just a typical homemaker of the time?

A. Yeah, she used to help him on the farm.

Q. OK. Where did you go to buy sugar and flour and things like that?

A. Used to be a store up where they tore that old one down... used to be one there, and they used to get it from there.

Q. And what was the name of the store? Who ran it? Was that Bresnick?

A. No. I couldn't remember that if somebody shot me. [Voice in background snickers and says "Winburn(?)"]



Q. Winburn. Was it Winburn?

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A. No, it wasn't Winburn - it was way before that.

Q. Oh, boy.

A. Owens'

Q. Owens'. And that was where...

A. Yeah. It used to be...

Q. That same spot?



A. That same spot where that old big...not where it is now, where that old store place is... where they tore it down

Q. Right near where that big bend in the road is where the hotel was?

A. Yeah

Q. OK. And that was Owens's store?

A. It was Owens's store, then it was the post office...right there on that corner.

Q. OK. Do you remember Owens' first name?

A. Hers, I know hers, but I think hers was Lisa...Leesey.



Q. OK.

A. But I don't remember his name.

Q. All right. Well, that's helpful. Now what did you see inside this store when you went in? Describe for me what the store looked like inside.

A. Good Lord, I don't know.

Q. Were there barrels of things all over the place?

A. There was barrels...they had the barrels, yes...and things on the shelves. I don't even know how they got 'em unless they come on the 'Emma Giles', then he would go down there and get them, but...



Q. Now did you have to buy eggs, or did you get those on your own farm?

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A. Oh, no. We had them ..chickens, turkeys, (?) We had all our meat. We never had to go to the store in the winter time.

Q. OK. What were some of your family's favorite meals?

A. Chicken, turkey..

Q. Your Mom cooked those real good?

A. Ham ... yeah...she was a good cook.



Q. What kind of trimmings would you have with it?

A. Huh?

Q. What kind of trimmings would you have with it, like mashed potatoes...?

A. Oh yeah.... vegetables.

Q. And would you grow the vegetables yourself?

A. You know my father used to raise Lay's potatoes. I'm... not potatoes...he raised all his potatoes... cabbage. He raised them, and then he had a long shed, like just a top and side on it, and all the front was open. And he had them buried in (?) four (?), all in there and then we had cabbage all for a long time.



Q. Wow! So the ground just kept it cold.

A. Oh yeah.

Q. Did he put anything around it?

A. He put straw We never had to go to the store for anything.

Q. [Laughing.] Did your family have any special recipes that, you know, were kind of famous around here, because, you know, your Mom or your sisters made it so well?

A. Ugh ugh, no. ? I ate so much of it. I mean everything my mother made was always good. I couldn't tell you...

Q. OK. How old were you when you moved away from home?



A. When I moved, I was 31.

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Q. Were you married?

A. No. Then I got married.

Q. You got married at 31? What took him so long then?

A. I don't know..just wasn't ready, I guess.

Q. OK and what was your husband's name?

A. Lee.



Q. Lee Hallock? And his nickname was what?

A. They called him ...what did I say?

Q. They called him 'Snapper'.

A. Snapper. All these boys around here had nicknames.

Q. You know how he got his?

A. I don't know how he got his, but he got that. There were so many of them and they all had nicknames.

Q. Now how old was he when you got married?



A He was two years older than I was.

Q. OK. And he grew up around here, too?

A. Oh, yes... only down the road...

Q. So you knew each other for your whole life

A. Oh yeah, long.

Q. And what did he do? What was his occupation?

A. Worked for Capt. Burn(??), fishing Well, first his father had it, then he turned it over to Capt. Burns, then he worked for him.



Q. What was your husband's father's name?

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A. John.

Q. OK. And what was his wife's name?

A. I can't think of her name.

Q. That's OK. Did you actually date before you got married? Did you go to the movies together or...

A. Oh, we went to the movies together. When he got an automobile and we also went out here across from the store...used to be a movie theatre there.



Q. Any one in particular that you remember?

A. Nowell...His last name was Nowell. Can't think of that to save my life. John Nowell's brother??

Q. OK. Did he run the movie?

A. He run the movie. I don't know how he got 'em unless he run up in the boat and got 'em from Annapolis. That's the only way we went to Annapolis...we used to go up in a boat.

Q. Was it any body's boat in particular?

A. No, it would be my brother. I mean, I'd go up with him



Q. Which brother was this?

A. My brother Roy or my brother Ferdinand...either one of them.

Q. And they had work boats that you'd hop in?

A. Umm humm. Yeah.

Q. And where would you wind up in Annapolis? Down at the City Dock?

A. Down to the dock. We'd walk up to the ten cent store. You see that ten cent store right on the corner.

Q. Right. Even I remember that one. [Laughing.]



A. I wouldn't know how to get around in Annapolis any more. [Laughing.]

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Q. When did y'all get married? What year?

A. I don't remember. We got married in the house.

Q. At his house? Who participated in the wedding? Who was there?

A. No?

Q. Everybody?



A. Everybody, I mean, there was not many there. Just the family.

Q. Was there a minister?

A. I forget his name now.

Q. Was he from St. John's?

A. No. He was from the other church...the one that burned down.

Q. Centenary?

A. Umm hummm That's where my husband went to church.

Q. Ah hah! Did you go on a honeymoon?



A. No. We couldn't afford one.

Q. Where did you live after you got married?

A. I lived a year or so down with his parents and then we had this built.

Q. So, you've lived here ever since?

A. Yeah. We lived here ever since.

Q. Neat, neat! So your husband just did fishing? Did he do that all year round?

A. No. He went fishing, but he had a boat of his own...he went clamming when that come in.



Q. OK. How about any colorful or interesting characters that you remember from your early days here in Shadyside?

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A. No...them (?) old ones, they never went any where... never went away...no where to go.

Q. You didn't need to go anywhere, did you? [Laughing.]

A. We used to...in wintertime, we went skating.

Q. Where did you skate?

A. Down on the old...they called it Jack Creek, but it's gone now. I mean it's gone to the



bay. And we'd go down there and skate.

Q. Did you have a bonfire on the ice or anything like that?

A. No.

Q. Just day-time skating?

A. Yes.

Q. How many people would be down there skating?

A. Oh, golly, I don't know... two or three families...three or four families would be down there skating...



Q. Do you ever remember hearing of anybody famous coming to Shadyside?

A. No.

Q. We heard Babe Ruth used to come down here to go fishing.

A. Oh, really?

Q. You never heard about that?

A. Never heard about that.

Q. Do you ever remember the whole bay freezing over?

A. Oh, yeah. I knew that all right because the whole bay froze over, and my brother...the



ice piled up almost as high as this ceiling, and they would 'ducking' off of it...shooting ducks off of it.

Q. [Laughing.] Where was this?

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A. Down off Idlewilde.

Q. OK. Huh! So they were using that like their duck blind?

A. Yeah...using it to sit up on the ice.

Q. They were just sitting on top of it.

A. Sitting around on the ice and shooting the ducks.



Q. Do you remember anybody taking anything, like their car or anything, out on the bay when it had frozen over?

A. Um. No. My husband and them taken a car from up at Galesville and come ashore, went around on it and around to Galesville.

Q. [Laughing.] Just for the fun of it?

A. Yeah. They went off down here and went on around to Galesville.

Q. Who was with him? Do you remember?

A. Yeah, his cousin that used to live over here in this house [points to her right].



Q. What was his name?

A. His name is...now I wouldn't think of his name?

Q. That's OK. How about flooding? Do you remember the area flooding down here?

A. The only place I remember the tide coming up so high... it was up here to this road, after we moved up here. It was the highest I've ever seen it.

Q. On the road... what would this road be called? Idlewilde Road

A. Umm humm. But it was along here, on the front here, in front of the house.

Q. This is where it was flooded? Right here?



A. Oh, yeah, right across the road.

Q. Do you remember any headstones in this area that aren't here any more? Cause I had heard there were headstones over here...

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A. I don't know whether they're still there. [Someone in background must have said "Yes"]

Q. They're still there? Oh, neat. Did you know anybody that was buried over there?

A. No. Was it the Hallocks?

Q. There were Hallocks buried over there?

A. Their family ...some...buried over there.



Q. Ok, all right. Cause I'm cemetery chairman... I need to know these things. Any celebrations you remember attending? Did they have 4th of July parties or parades

A. Parades, yes.

Q. They did have parades?

A. At one time, yes. How long ago was that? [Voice in background says something that could not be heard.]

Q. Yeah, we want to know when you were growing up.

A. Oh, no.



Q. No? OK. Do you ever remember being inside the Andrews' Hotel, the Rural Home Hotel.

A. Oh yes, I do, cause I was in there to see Ms. Ethel when she had her little baby.

Q. Which baby?

A. The boy.

Q. Durable?

A. Umm humm.

Q. OK, so she had the baby at home and...



A. Yeah, I guess that's where she had it, cause when I went there, she was home in the bed.

Q. About how old were you?

A. I was going to school and I stopped by there.

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Q. OK, well neat, neat.

A. I don't know how old I was.

Q. OK. How about the 'Emma Giles'? Were you ever on the 'Emma Giles'?

A. Oh, yeah. I went to Baltimore twice on her. [Camera pans to photos and prints on



the wall behind Mrs. Hallock]..but the third time I got on her, I had to end up over on Mayo. There come up a bad thunder storm; and that's where they would land...wouldn't move until the next day. And my brother and my husband...I wasn't married to him then...and they came over there and got me and I had to go on my brother's back...to get up to the wharf, the water was so high...it was up to your knees.

Q. Oh for heaven's sakes...Wow, huh!

A. That was a terrible storm.

Q. Just came out of no where...one of those squalls?

A. Yeah. That's where they (?) halted (?) and said they wouldn't go farther.

Q. I mean they could do that then [laughing]...they probably couldn't do that now.



A. They do that now, no.

Q. How about...why were you going to Baltimore?

A. See my sister.

Q. All three times? Is that where you were going?

A. Yeah.

Q. OK. And what was she doing up in Baltimore?

A. What was I doing?



Q. What was your sister...I know she lived there. Was it because her husband worked there?

A. Her husband worked there....the paper place...the newspaper there...Sun?

Q. The Baltimore SUN?

A. Yeah. [Camera now focuses back onto Mrs. Hallock.]

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Q. How about the local newspaper? Did you have a newspaper that was about Shadyside?

A. No, not as far as I know...we had newspapers but far as I know...not anything like that.

Q. Nothing local?



A. No.

Q. Now I want to know about your children; tell me the names of your children.

A. Well, Douglas and Lois - those are the only two I've got.

Q. Douglas and Lois. And Lois lives here with you?

A. Umm humm

Q. And where does Douglas live?

A. Lives right over across...right by me.



Q. Right next door?

A. Umm humm

Q. Well, that's nice. How about any grandchildren?

A. I've got two grandchildren, two boys, and a great-grand-daughter, and Rusty's wife. She belongs to me, too. She's nice as she can be.

Q. Oh, great. Well good. So every body lives near by?

A. Yeah, you know Rusty and Hope live over to Mayo. No not Mayo...on the Eastern Shore.

Q. On the Eastern Shore? OK, so they stayed in Maryland? Do you know of any old



family Bibles that have...that will be your Hallock history recorded in there? Who was born, married...

A. One upstairs? Does that have that? [Voice in background is talking to Mrs. Hallock but exact words cannot be heard.] Does that have that? I believe Miss Ethel put that (??)

Q. OK. Do you know of anybody that you were coming up with that kept a diary or a journal of things that went on around here?

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A. No

Q. How about any photographs of old Shadyside?



A. No I don't have any. Do you have any, Lois? [Voice in background responds but it's not clear.]

Q. Later times? Has anybody ever done your family history? The Wilby or the Hallock family history?

A. Not that I know of...[Background voice again answers but it's not clear.]

Q. Carol Ball?

A. Yeah, Carol.

Q. Are they around here? [Background voice supplies an answer??]

A. Mayo...she died.



Q. OK, well, that's good to know. All right let's talk a little bit more about your husband, Snapper - is that what you call him.

A. I didn't call him that, but the other people did.

Q. What did you call him?

A. I called him by his first name.

Q. OK. So he fished during the week. He probably had to get up pretty early?

A. Oh, yeah. Sometimes I'd get up three o'clock in the morning, see him off when they went fishing, but not when...not during the winter...cause he would walk down here in the garage mending nets.



Q. Mending nets, OK. That's a lost art?

A. Umm humm

Q. Doing the nets?

A. He decided when every body was getting clam boats and clamming, why he wanted to do it. He got a boat and then clammed.

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Q. Did he take anybody with him, or did he go by himself?

A. No he didn't... a fella lived down in Idewilde he'd take with him [Voice in background speaks again...something about 'Willy'.]



Q. Willy Frank? OK. What happened around your house on weekends when your husband would be home?

A. I don't know what happened. Dance and play music and go outdoors and play anything for (?) attention(?) [Voice in background talks about her old shorts.] They were playing badminton, and he was sitting there...had a big hassock... and he was sitting on it watching the ballgame. So, all of a sudden I saw him get up...and had a shed down there, and I always took all of the clothes, I mean, that they weren't wearing to put them to use them on the boat. And they went down there one day to get some of them to put in the boat. And come across (?) Lois' shorts...he wouldn't take them. So they were all over here playing badminton said he was sitting there on this thing all of a sudden he gets up and goes down there...and he comes up skipping and a hoppin' They caught him and took all his clothes off him.



Q. He had your shorts on? [Laughing.]

A. He had her shorts on. He kept hollering "Open the door Mother. Open the door Mother!" I locked the door. [Laughing.] And he went down behind the steps. Oh, Lord, people were coming into Idlewilde in cars. [Person in background talks about her father not wanting to attend any of the fireman's parades but he was in the azalea beds 'mooning' people!]

Q. Oh, no! As they went by?

A. Yes! We had a good time.

Q. In the azalea beds, 'mooning people'. My goodness!

A. I mean he loved to see weekends come and for them to come home and be here.



[Background voice speaks again about her father... he was a jolly person...etc.]

Q. He was a good time, huh? So, who would come around on the weekends? Would you have certain friends or family members that would show up?

A. Jeannie would come here and stay over the weekend, and her husband... they lived down in... Lee's father..I mean his parents down there, and his sisters or brothers'd come up here. Then down below, the(??) Fowler would come up here. Just had a house full. Every weekend we had somebody.

Q. You must've been a good cook?

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A. [Laughing.]



Q. Surely, they came to eat, too?

A. No. They didn't eat too much here.

Q. Really?

A. They would come and...come in the living room. Then they would have their parties. I'd make 'em a big cake and first thing you know, the cake was gone.

Q. What kind of cake would you make?

A. A lot of times, chocolate.

Q. Chocolate cake?



A. Umm humm.

Q. How about hard (?) Arden(?) jelly cake. Did you ever make hard jelly cake?

A. I used to make Arden jelly cake one time. I made ten one year. [Background voice speaks again...] I...mostly they are made in the winter here for Christmas.

Q. Now how do you roll those out?

A. I have a rolled (??) and my big bowl that I use.

Q. Do you have to use special pans to cook them?

A. Oh, yes. I bought them at Myers' s on West Street... ten cents a piece. [Laughing.]



Q. How many pans does it take?

A. I only could get three. I would've gotten more but I couldn't get but three. That's all they had left.

Q. Oh, OK.

A. And I've had them for...I couldn't tell any body how long.

Q. How many layers do you put in your cake?

A. Sometimes ten, depends on...you know?

Q. Do you mix the batter up ahead of time for...



A. I mix it up and leave it set for a while in the ice box.

Q. Like over night?

A. No, no..I don't...

Q. Does that make it easier to roll out?

A. It's easier to handle.

Q. What kind of ingredients do you put in a hard jelly cake?

A. Umm, the flour and the sugar and the spices...lard and butter, eggs, vanilla.

Q. Where did you get your recipe?



A. I got that from my sister-in-law, my brother's wife.

Q. What was her name?

A. Mabel Wilby. Whitey's (??) mother?

Q. OK. All right, so didn't you say she made some this last year?

A. Umm humm. Yeah they...getting too much for me now.. I can't

Q. Well it sounds to me like you're doing pretty good for a...

A. I don't want to give up. I try to keep going.



Q. And that's a good thing, that's a good thing.

A. Around here [Background voice talks about her family living there with her mother?]

Q. Sure, sure. And I understand you still get dinner started and you do the dusting and wash the dishes?

A. Yeah. Wash dishes...wash clothes.

Q. And wash dishes, still go up and down steps?

A. Yeah. I've got to be careful about falling down though...getting older...

Q. Sure, you do



A. [Laughing, as voice in background speaks something again.]

Q. Exactly. So what would you say your key was? What is your secret to having lived as long as you have?

A. Don't know. I guess I feel like I want to keep goin' all the time.

Q. Good. Do you have any goals in mind? You want to try and beat Miss Ethel?

A. No, I'm not goin' to beat her. [Laughing.]

Q. Oh, you don't think so?

A. No, what was she... 104 years old?



Q. She was 109.

A. Oh!

Q. 109! Well, let me tell you. You're doing pretty good, compared to Miss Ethel at 95, and she kept going to 109. [Laughing.]

A. She did, too. She wouldn't give up either.

Q. Miss Ethel said that the reason she lived so long was because every day, she learned something new. But with all the activity you have around this house, you're probably learning something whether you know it or not, right? Gotta keep everybody straight.

A. That's right. [Background voice says: "She voices her opinion some time."]



Q. Opinions are good [laughing], opinions are good, especially when you have wisdom and knowledge behind them, right?

A. Right.

Q. Well, thank you so much for talking to me today and...

A. It was nice meeting you.

Q. We'll treasure this tape for a long, long time. Thanks so much.

A. Bye.

