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Q. Today is Saturday, April 7, 2001. Thanks for joining us today, Nellie Jane..

A. Thank you

Q. [Ginny gets up from chair and moves to face Mrs. Cherry.] First, we'd like to get your full name and when and where you were born?

A. Nellie Jane Cherry, I was born in Shadyside, January 14, 1924. That's it.

Q. OK, and you were born where exactly?

A. I think it's the little house that used to sit next to Shadyside Market...torn down now.

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Q. OK. That's the house that's dilapidated right now, or the one that...or is it actually not there?

A. It's not there

Q. Ok, so it's between like little apartments that they have there and where the Bowens used to live?

A. It's like...right to the left of the store. If you're standing looking at the store, it's right to the left of the store.

Q. Oh, so it's between where you live now and the store?

A. That's right.

Q. Got 'cha! What were your parents' full names?

A. My father's name was Oscar ??Glen ?Sayers/Seegar? and my mother's name was Iva Sayers??Seegar.

Q. And what was your mother's maiden name?

A. Crandell.

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Q. Did you know your grandparents at all?

A. I knew...I did not know my father's parents...I knew my mother's mother. Her name was Mattie Crandall.

Q. And did she live in Shadyside?

A. Yeah, she lived in Shadyside?

Q. Do you remember where?

A. She lived in several houses...it was about a mile from me...

Q. OK...So is it out...going out of town or down towards the ??? wharf or

A. No, down towards Snug Harbor

Q. Oh, OK...all right...and do you know your grandfather's name?

A. That's what??? .. was telling me! They used to call him Capt. ??Tide??

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Q. He was ??Augustus? They called him Capt. Tide ??

A. [Nods head in agreement.] They called him Capt. Tide ??

Q. Do you know where your parents were born?

A. My mother's parents were born in Shadyside, and my father's...think was born in Galesville.

Q. OK and your father was born in Galesville...

A. [Nods in agreement.]

Q. And your mother was born in Shadyside?

A. [Nods again.]

Q. When you were growing up, did you have any aunts or uncles that lived nearby that you recall?

A. Oh I had my mother's sister...Aunt Nellie?? that lived down on the shore....?near Wood's Wharf ?? And I had Lerch? Crandell that lived down towards Idlewilde on the water. They were the main ones.

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Q. And they were both your mother's sister and brother?

A. [Nods yes.]

Q. How about...did you have any cousins living in Shaydisde today?

A. Connie Alkovich(??)... Sandra lives with May, her sister, and I think that's all my cousins that live in Shadyside now.

Q. And do you have any brothers or sisters?

A. I had a brother that died.

Q. And how old was he

A. That was before I was born...and he was about two.

Q. OK. And what did they call him...do you remember?

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A. Mike ??

Q. How long has your family lived in the area?

A. Well I've lived there all my life, and I'm 77

Q. Do you...have you ever heard the story of how your family came to Shadyside or Galesville or anything?

A. No...they were born there [Slight chuckle.]

Q. Ok. That's the way it was, huh? Now which house did you grow up in...that same house you were telling us you were born in?

A. No, I lived there till I was about 14, and then we built the brick house down

Q. OK. Any other family members that you recall in the area during your childhood?

A. No.

Q. OK. Would you have considered your house like a farm house or it was just a plain old house....?

A. Plain old house.

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Q. OK. Did you have any pets that you remember?

A. Always had dogs, and I had ponies.

Q. Ponies? Weren't you a lucky girl? [Laughs.]

A. [Nods ye.] If I wanted a pony, my father bought me a pony.

Q. No kidding?...fantastic!

A. If I wanted a dog, he got it.

Q. That's great.

A. Always had pets.

Q. Now I know you had two homes here that you remember growing up in, did the second house that you grew up in, the one that you moved to when you were 14, is that still standing?

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A. The one I moved out of?

Q. Moved to when you were 14.

A. I'm still living in it.

Q. Oh that's the house? OK, all right. Well let's ? move?? to the house that's not there any more Can you describe that for me... how many rooms it had...stories...?

A. It had two bedrooms upstairs, it had a living room, and a big kitchen, and a front porch and a back porch. And we didn't have a bathroom then...we had an outdoor bathroom.

Q. That's my next question...what kind of amenities did it have, such as indoor plumbing, electricity...?

A. We did have water that you'd pump in the kitchen.

Q. OK, isn't that something! 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. [Laughing.] I'll bet I threw it out back. [more laughing]...had a big garbage pile.

Q. I've heard stories like that before. But you don't remember anybody coming around and collecting?

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A. [Shakes head in the negative.] Huh umm...

Q. Were there any special items in the house...in that house that's not there any more, that stand out in your mind...a possession of yours or your parents or...?

A. No, nothing favorite

Q. OK. Now remembering that home, I want you to describe the surroundings for me What type of road was there...was it fenced in...were there lots of trees around you?

A. ?Had a full?? fenced-in front yard; and we had a...what would you call it...a trellis?...had moonflowers on it?

Q. Oh! OK...as the gate...that you would walk through?

A. [Nods in the affirmative.]

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Q. Oh, that's nice. How about trees? Were there lots of trees?

A. [Nods yes again.]

Q. OK. How about some of your neighbors when you were growing up? Can you name some of them for us?

A. I had a colored lady that lived in back of us

Q. Do you remember her name?

A. Susie Parker...she used to come over and help my mother, and my mother would give her chickens and she'd take 'em home and clean 'em and bring 'em back to her.

Q. OK. [Laughs.] Anybody else live near by?

A. ?Nobody that lived by us?? there. My father built Shadyside Market.

Q. Did he? Oh, that's good to know.

A. And they used to start in the morning about 7 and close at night about 10.

Q. Now did he actually run the store or did he build it?

A. [Nods in the affirmative.] He built it and ran it.

Q. And how long did he run the store?

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A. About ten years.

Q. And when he sold it do you remember who he sold it to?

A. There were so many different people...

Q. ?Like a group of people that bought it?

A. Well, no, I can't remember the first person unless it was ??Morris?? Selski??

Q. OK. Do you remember what the store was called back then?

A. I think it was Shadyside Store.

Q. OK, and at that time, was it like Grasmick's (??) still down the street?

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A. [Nods yes.]

Q. OK.

A. Ugh, or it was called ? wasn't it then?

Q. OK. Well, he wasn't afraid of competition, was he? [Laughs.]

A. No.

Q. [Laughs.} Did your family attend church on a regular basis, and if so, which church did you attend?

A. St. John's, and I went from a tiny girl.

Q. OK Any particular minister that really impressed you?

A. [Slight pause...] Bob Barnett.

Q. OK. What was it about him that impressed you?

A. He was so kind.

Q. Was he?

A. And he'd come and visit you, sit and eat with you... and just a regular person.

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Q. Well, good. Did you have a favorite part of church? Was there...you know...that you couldn't wait to get there because you got to do such and such?

A. No, not particularly.

Q. OK. Did you have a particular hymn or Bible verse that you liked?

A. No...liked them all.

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

A. Shadyside Elementary.

Q. OK. Describe the school for us... the building, the teachers, the principal, the school grounds.. what do you remember?

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A. Well the first through third grade went in one room (?), and 4 through 6 (?) went in another one?room? And I can't remember who was my first grade teacher, but I remember Miss Ethel Andrews was the 3rd, 4th and 5th...or the 4th, 5th and 6th.

Q. And so the school was smaller than the building that we see today?

A. Yeah.

Q. And how about the school grounds? Is there anything in particular that you remember?

A. No...but I used to love recess

Q. [Laughs.] Your favorite subject?

A. My favorite subject.

Q. OK. Cause today it floods a lot...did it flood a lot back then?

A. I don't remember of it flooding a lot.

Q. OK. Any playground equipment out there?

A. We had see-saws and I think see-saws was the main thing we had.

Q. OK. What games would you play out there ?

A. Played tag and dodge ball and things like that.

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Q. Was there anybody in particular you liked to chase?

A. Oh I loved boys...

Q. [Laughs.]

A. When I was younger...I still like 'em.

Q. [Laughter.] Cause I heard you used to chase my Dad.

A. Probably. [More laughter.]

Q. Probably...he was one of those boys, huh? OK. Any particular event at school that stands out in your memory...in your mind. For instance, did you ever get out of school early because of

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a particular event occurring in town or really bad weather?

A. We lost very little time due to bad weather, and we had plenty of bad weather; but we walked to school and we walked home.

Q. Sure.

A. We didn't have ?? buses??

Q. OK. So nothing stands out in your... you never got... everybody got sent out because something happened in the school... anything like that?

A. No

Q. Who was your favorite teacher and why?

A. I guess Miss Ethel was my favorite teacher. She was very kind and she knew what she was doing...but she would whoop-us hard on me(??)

Q. Was she?

A. [Nods 'yes'.] Because I was dumb. [Snickers.]

Q. OK.

A. Especially in math.

Q. Oh, OK. Now what type of chores did you have to do before you went off to school in the morning?

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A. None.

Q. You didn't? Did you have any in the afternoon when you came home?

A. [Shakes head 'no'.]

Q. OK. Now when you came home from school, were there any kids that you played with?

A. I played with Lucretia Lee, at that time, and I played with Winnie Crandell and ...see that's been so long ago so I can't remember a whole lot about it. t

Q. Now was Winnie Crandell a cousin?

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A. Yes.

Q. Is that a girl or a boy?

A. A girl.

Q. Does she live around here today?

A. No, she lives over on the Eastern Shore.

Q. Ok. Did you have a favorite toy?

A. I think my pets were my toys.

Q. OK. What type of things did your family do for fun...like go to the beach, park, movies, zoo?

A. We used to go to the zoo, and we went to the beach...and I guess that's about it.

Q. Would you go the beach around here or did you go to the ocean?

A. We'd go to the ocean.

Q. Did your family regularly take trips or go on vacation, so you knew every summer you'd go some place?

A. No.

Q. How about family reunions?

A. We would go down to my grandmother's, and she'd have a big dinner and pies and all that kind of stuff.

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Q. Was that an annual event, or every couple years, or every week? [Laughing.]

A. It was about once a month. [Laughing.]

Q. Oh, OK. Al lright. Do you remember any close friends of the family...people that would come or visit your folks?

A. Well, my mother and father was very friendly with Frank and Lida Lee, that's ?? ?? mother and father.

Q. OK.

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A. I don't know who else they were friends with, but I can remember going up to their house and them coming down.

Q. Describe the personalities of your parents...give us a picture of them?

A. My mother was very easy-going. And the only thing I can say about my father is that he loved me and I loved him.

Q. OK. Do you happen to know how your parents got together?

A. No...I really don't.

Q. OK. Now when you were growing up and you got sick, what did your family have to do? Was the doctor called or...

A. They called Dr. Dent.

Q. Dr. Dent. OK.

A. And he would come and give us...I think he gave everybody the same pill [chuckles]..the little pink pill, and I don't think it really did any thing, but we thought it did and that was all.

Q. [Laughing.] All right. Do you ever remember your folks using any special concoctions on you...like Dr. Dent wasn't available or something?

A. Well, my mother always rubbed Vicks on my chest, if I got a cold, and they used to put drops in my ears or oil if I had an ear ache. But that's about the main thing.

Q. Tell me what you remember about Dr. Dent. Do you remember what he looked like and how he acted?

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A. He was friendly, a little bit heavy...gray hair, and that's all...

Q. How did he arrive at your house?

A. I think he had an old car...a real old car.

Q. All right. Were there any memorable traditions that your family practiced?

A. [Coughs.] Memorable what?

Q. Traditions...like every Sunday you'd go out for ice cream or...something like that?

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A. Now why are you asking me those questions like that? [Laughing.]

Q. Nothing that stands out in your mind?

A. No.

Q. OK. Can you remember any stories about old-time Shadyside that you were told as a child?

A. No, but I know that old time Shadyside was extremely safe. We could walk out at night...walk all around town, eleven o'clock, and you didn't have to worry about any body bothering you or anything like that. Very safe. We loved it.

Q. Didn't have to lock your house or your car?

A. No, never locked our house or car.

Q. Even in my lifetime, we started locking our house and our car.

A. Well, we never had to.

Q. Can...any stories about somebody who used to live in Shadyside before your time...somebody you didn't actually know, necessarily, but your folks would talk about them or people around town would talk about them?

A. I can't remember

Q. OK. What inventions or developments changed your life and how?

A. Well, I was mighty glad when we got television. That's the main thing.

Q. OK. Do you remember in-door plumbing?

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A. I can remember when we got our other house, when we had all in-door plumbing...that was great.

Q. That was when you were 14?

A. Ugh huh [yes].

Q. Is that why you think they decided to build the house cause they were gonna do it really good this time? [Laughing.]

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A. Well, I don't know. [Laughs.]

Q. Any of yo'r ancestors...were any of them in the big warlike the Civil war, the Revolutionary War? Were you ever told that?

A. No

Q. OK. Did any body in your family ever serve in the military?

A. My father was in the army, but he was just in a short time.

Q. And it wasn't during World War II?

A. World' War I.

Q. World War I! OK. So technically, he was serving during World War I.

A. Yeah.

Q. OK. And what was your father's occupation, and where did he wo'k?

A. He worked at the store...almost the whole time I can remember.

Q. All right, and obviously, he was a builder, too, because he built it right?

A. No, he didn't build it...I don't know who bui't it, but I didn' build it.

Q. OK, but he knew 'e wanted a store?

A. Umm humm. [Yes.]

Q. OK. How about your mother, did she work outside the home?

A. She worked as a secretary in Baltimore for a while.

Q. OK. Did anybody in your family ever hold pubic office?

A. No.

Q. Did anybody in your family play a musical instrument?

A. Except my father used to play a mouth organ ...(?).

Q. Good! Would your family raise a garden?

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A. Yes, my father ?? took care of that.

Q. Any animals to speak of like chickens, cows...anything like that?

A. Yes, we had chickens.

Q. And that's where you got your eggs?

A. That's how we got our eggs, yeah.

Q. And...ok, so you had eggs there, and normally I'd ask where would you buy eggs, milk, sugar and flour, but I guess...

A. Well, we got the flour right out of the store...

Q. There you go. OK...all right...now tell me about...let's see, I called it ? Frednick's? Store. What did you call it?

A. I call it Swinberg's

Q. OK...I knew there was another name for that. What do you remember about that store?

A. I remember I used to go in there and get pickles.

Q. Pickles?

A. Yeah, a big jar of pickles. I would always get a pickle, but that's the main thing I can remember about that.

Q. All right. How about ?Herb? Crandell's Store?

A. Well that was up the road there about three or four miles, and I can remember going in there but I can't remember a whole lot about it.

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Q. OK. Do you know where Jennie Lefevre lives now...across from the ballfield?

A. Yeah, yeah.

Q. There used to be a store there. Do you remember that one?

A. I can just vaguely remember that, but I don't think it...it didn't do well.

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Q. I understand there was a store down West River Road?

A. Yeah. That was Heinlich's

Q. Heinlich's Do you ever remember going in there?

A. Yeah, I went down there with my mother, but I don't remember anything about it. I was small then.

Q. All right. And how about down as far as where I live, where Barbara and Bobby Owings live? That little tiny white house at the end of the road? That used to be a store. Did you remember being there?

A. No, I don't remember.

Q. What were some of your favorite meals when you were growing up?

A. Fried chicken.

Q. Your Mom cooked it?

A. Umm humm [yes]. She was an excellent cook.

Q. Was she?

A. Umm humm [yes].

Q. Anything special that she did to the chicken?

A. No but her chicken was very good, and she made the best homemade rolls than anybody in Shadyside.

Q. Do you have her recipe?

A. No, she never used one.

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Q. Oh!

A. She just added flour and stuff, and kneaded it, and I never found out how she did it. She always wanted to show me, and I never even took the time to watch her.

Q. Sure. Well, that does sound like ??? but back then, they didn't use much?? of a recipe. Were there certain foods that were eaten on certain occasions, or certain foods that were avoided

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on certain occasions when you were growing up?

A. No, but the only thing I can remember...when we had crabcakes or fish or something, you weren't supposed to drink any milk with it, and I thought that was strange. Today you can drink milk with anything you want to.

Q. Now why do you think that was?

A. I don't know if that was an old superstition or whatever it was...

Q. That's funny. Did your family belong to any organizations...fraternal, charitable, scouting...any organized...

A. They weren't really that much going around back then.

Q. OK. At what age did you move away from home?

A. I didn't

Q. [Laughing.] OK. That's true...I guess you didn't.

A. I lived in Florida a while when we got married, but then I came back home.

Q. OK, well that's the next question about who you married and where they were raised.

A. I married Lem/Leon Cherry. I met him in Florida, and I married him in Florida, and he went overseas for about a year and a half. Then when he came home, we lived with my parents for a while, then we went up to my farm and lived in the farmhouse for a while. Then we came back down there and lived there.

Q. Leon??...was he raised in Florida?

A. No, he was raised in Alabama.

Q. Oh. OK. How did you meet him in Florida?

A. Just walking along the street. [Laughs.]

Q. Oh, OK. You just took a liking to each other?

A. [Nods yes.]

Q. When did you get married?

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A. I think 1944.

Q. OK. And you married in Florida?

A. Yes.

Q. What city?

A. Ft. Myers.

Q. Oh. And I'd like to ask you how long you dated before you got married?

A. About four months.

Q. OK. And who participated in your wedding? Did you have any friends there or family?

A. Bernie and Joe Ferguson, and they were the main ones that we knew.

Q. Did you go on a honeymoon?

A. No. He was in the service then. We didn't have much money.

Q. What branch of the service?

A. Air Force.

Q. Oh, was he? And so after he got out of the Air Force, what did he do for a living?

A. He came up here, moved up here and farmed with my father.

Q. And did they...where is the farm?

A. About seven miles from Shadyside going towards Galesville.

Q. All right. Is that where one of your sons lives now?

A. Yeah.

Q. And what did you do for a living?

A. I drove a school bus for 34 years.

Q. All right. And how did you come about getting that job?

A. Well, I was a secretary in Washington for a while at the Pentagon building. And I hated

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being inside for the summer so I quit that. And there was a bus that you could buy..and so I bought the bus, and I just did that for 34 years.

Q. Great. Any colorful or interesting characters in your early memories of Shadyside?

A. [Long pause.] No, I could tell you some but they wouldn't be very nice.

Q. [Laughs.] OK. Do you ever remember a ? anybody that was famous coming to Shadyside?

A. No.

Q. Do you ever remember the bay freezing over.

A. Oh, yes, yes! When I was young it froze over... I have pictures home of the school buses out on the ice.

Q. No kidding? School buses...wow!

A. We took school buses out on the ice. [Nods in the affirmative.

Q. And would it stay frozen all winter or..?

A. No, but it stayed frozen a long time.

Q. OK.

A. We had a lot harder winters then than we do now.

Q. Was it lots of snow or because it...

A. Lots of snow and cold.

Q. OK, how about flooding? Do you remember any flooding in particular?

A. No, hum umm.... We almost finished?

Q. Are you in any particular hurry? [Laughing.]

A. No.

Q. No, I've got two more pages. Any celebrations you remember attending in Shadyside ... 4th of July parade...?

A. We generally had 4th of July parade and the churches had Christmas services...went to those,

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but that's the main thing. [Dog barks in background.]

Q. OK, I'm going to mention a few ?nouns? that ? early Shadyside. You tell me what you remember about them, ok? The Andrews Hotel and Rural Home?

A. Oh, I used to walk up there and visit with the different people and sit on the front porch, and I thought that was the greatest place in the world. I thought how nice it would be to stay up there. And I went out on their boat a few times, so that was the main thing.

Q. So they had a boat that they took their guests out on?

A. Yeah, Jack ?Nieman? took them out there.

Q. How about the 'Emma Giles'?

A. I can vaguely remember going to Baltimore with my mother on the 'Emma Giles'.

Q. Cool.

A. I was very small.

Q. Do you remember why you went to Baltimore?

A. We went to visit some of her relatives, but I don't remember who.

Q. OK. Did you come back on it?

A. Yeah.

Q. OK. How about the Showboat?

A. Oh, I loved the Showboat. The Showboat used to come in over to Galesville, and we used to go and watch the different things on that, and that was great.

Q. What kind of shows did they have

A. Don't ask me. [Laughs.]

Q. What kind of shows?

A. Because I can't remember. My memory is nothing like it used to be...can't remember the Showboat.

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Q. OH. How about the post office?

A. Oh, the post office...I used to go up and get the mail and they had...in the summer, they had a nickelodeon going and dance, and I used to stay up there and watch 'em dance and [places hand up to her mouth and quietly says...] smoke cigarettes.

Q. [Laughs.] OK. How about the movie theatre?

A. The movie theatre was right across from us. And I would go every night they had a movie. And one night, I didn't come home, and I didn't come home. And my father went and got the keys and went over and I was sound asleep in the movies.

Q. They locked you in the movies? [Laughing.]

A. They locked me in.

Q. Do you remember any of the live entertainment that they would have before the movie was shown?

A. They didn't have it.

Q. OK. The car sales lot?

A. The car sales lot?

Q. I heard there was a car...like a Ford dealership or something down here?

A. Well, I never saw it.

Q. You never heard that? How about the local newspaper that Mr. Nowell put out ??his brother?

A. I may have read it, but I wasn't paying any attention to newspapers at that time.

Q. Ok, you never got written up in the newspaper?

A. No, no.

Q. OK. Now tell us about your children.

A. My children? I have two sons: Michael and David.

Q. OK. And where do they live now?

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A. Michael lives at Davidsonville, and he's a yacht broker, and David lives with Uncle ? Hiram?? farm, and he works at...I can't think of the place...it's a grocery store.

Q. Ok, and any grandchildren or great-grandchildren?

A. Michael's got two sons, Andy and Timmy. They live with me right now. And Michael has a daughter by his first marriage, and she's about 30. He went to Russia and adopted a little 3-year old boy About two years after they got back, his wife got pregnant and they hadn't been able to get pregnant...and they had a son; and about two years after that, they had a daughter.

Q. Neat. Do you know of any old family Bibles?

A. I've got an old family Bible home, but I don't know too much about it.

Q. OK. Did any body in your family keep a diary or a journal which detailed old myths ???

A. No.

Q. Any old photographs that you would have of any, you know, like a showboat or 'Emma Giles' or anything like that?

A. No.

Q. Has any body ever traced your family history?

A. I don't think so.

Q. OK. Tell me about the impact that the Chesapeake Bay, or any of its tributaries, had on your childhood. For instance, did you swim, crab, fish...?

A. Oh, swimming in the Chesapeake Bay, and I ate plenty of crabs from the Chesapeake Bay, and I used to go fishing with my father on the Chesapeake Bay.

Q. Well, what do you remember catching?

A. Rock fish, mainly, and just assorted little fish, spot, and ...??...

Q. OK. Any special kinds of equipment did you use back then that you don't necessarily see today?

A. No.

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Q. What's your opinion on helping the Bay now as compared to your childhood, and what do you think we've done wrong, and what do we need to do to fix it?

A. We let too many people crab, and the last time, I went out on the water, which was a couple years ago, you couldn't go any distance that there wasn't a crab pot. And I think it's too much crabbing done. I mean, one person has the license to get too many pots. That's my idea.

Q. All right. In your opinion, and what impact does the health of the Bay have on residents of Shadyside?

A. Well, a lot of people made their living working on the water, and I don't think they can make their living really good now.

Q. Did you know any of the local watermen and, if so, tell me about them?

A. Well, my Uncle George was a great waterman

Q. What was his last name?

A. Proctor ??

Q. OK.

A. And he crabbed and he oystered by handtongs, and he made a good living.

Q. Did he do that all of his life?

A. [Nods yes.} Umm humm.

Q. That was his entire ?livelihoodt?

A. Yes.

Q. Tell me a little bit more about driving your bus, and how do you think kids have changed over the years?

A. I think it's the parent's responsibility that the children have changed so. And the children are much worse than when I started driving. When I started driving, it was a pleasure. When you had somebody bad on the way home from school, you just stopped the bus, opened the door and tell them to get off. Now you have to go through putting forms into the school. Sometimes they do something about it, sometimes they don't. And I blame the parents a good bit on that. So...

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Q. What year did you stop driving the bus?

A. I knew you were going to ask me that! [Laughing.] About ten years ago.

Q. Ok all right. Last question. Do you remember a specific period of time in Shadyside where you felt the best about your life and the world in general. In other words, a time when everybody in Shadyside seemed happy, like everybody was on the same track, and going??doing things together, and life seemed like a party? If so what year or years would that have been, and what was going on in Shadyside, or the world at that specific time that contributed to that feeling?

A. I don't know but I can remember I had an extremely happy childhood. Nothing worried me.

Q. That's good...that's good ... very important.

A. Very happy.

Q. Well, good. Anything else you'd like to say?

A. No, but things, as you get older, get worse. [Laughs.] I think most people will agree.

Q. Well, somebody said growing older isn't for sissies?

A. I can't say what it really is, but it's terrible. It really is.

Q. Well, we appreciate your coming and talking to us today, and we learned a lot. And the Heritage Society and your children will really appreciate having this video tape, so thank you so much.

A. Thank you very much.

[Interview ends and tape stops.]
