

Name of Interview: **Gustav Heinrich**
Cedar Lane
Shady Side, Maryland

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[Interview begins as follows:]

Qt: "September 17, 1984, interviewing Gus Heinrich, Cedar Lane, Shady Side. Mr. Heinrich, could you please tell me if you were born in Shady Side"?

GH: "Yes."

Qt: "You were. Would you mind telling me what year"?

GH: "1908, in August."

Qt: "And where did you live in...?"

GH: "In Cedar Point. Ms. Somerville has the home now."

Qt: "Do you have brothers and sisters"?

GH: "I had one bother, he died in '77 and my sister died in '81. But I do have two sisters, Anna down there and Irma (?) in Fair Haven" (?)

Qt: "I see. So when you were growing up, you lived down on Cedar Point."

GH: "Until I was 13 and we moved up West River where the store was."

Qt: "I see."

GH: "In 1913, we bought that property up there and built a store and we stayed there until '57."

Qt: "I'm going to ask you all about that store in a little bit. Could you tell me what your father did for a living"?

GH: "Well, when he was a younger man, he was a sailboat captain for a while, then afterwards he started a oyster house in 1914, so from then on he ...up till 1950 he run the oyster house and store."

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Qt: "When he had the sail boat, was he a waterman, or did he..."

GH: "Yes. Run oysters from West River to Baltimore. Some times he run just other stuff, like canned goods, tomatoes or something."

Qt: "Did you ever go out with your father oystering"?

GH: "Not much then. I was rather young." [Chuckles]

Qt: "You wouldn't happen to remember if your father told you what he used to maybe get for a bushel of oysters"?

GH: "Oh, they brought any where from \$.35 a bushel up."

Qt: "Oh my goodness!"

GH: "When he quit in 50, they was only \$1.50, \$2.00 a bushel." [Laughing] ...up to a \$1.50 in 1950! Now when the oysters stopped it was in 1948...plenty of oysters up until 1948. But after '48 they dropped off completely."

Qt: "Well, why do you think they dropped off."

GH: "I don't know unless it was silt in the Bay ... don't know what happened."

Qt: "I see. Did you go to school down here in Shady Side"?

GH: "In the old school, yeah." In the old school in Shady Side, that would be the one on the corner...where some other (?) people owns it now...it's different."

Qt: "Do you remember who some of the people were you went to school with"?

GH: "I imagine so."

Qt: "Could you remember some of their names"?

GH: "Ms. Ethel Andrews' was the teacher[chuckles]. Do you know her"?

Qt: "Yes sir."

GH: "Ms. Bast (?) was one of mine (?) Ms. Dawson (?) was the teacher when I first started."

Qt: "When you were growing up with your parents down on Cedar Point, when you did live there and a young child, what did you use do for entertainment"?

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GH: "Oh, not much of nothing. Time I was old enough, I stayed in the store ... mostly stayed in the store 1914, 1915."

Qt: "I see."

GH: "I didn't do much until 1920 or more than the store."

Qt: "So could you tell me a little bit about the store now? How many years did your father have the store?"

GH: "Well from '14 to '50, that's 36 years."

Qt: "And it was down on West River Road"?

GH: "Yes."

Qt: "Did he also have ... you said a oyster house there as well"?

GH: "Yeah, we had oysters. Started that around the same time."

Qt: "I see. Could you tell me a little bit what ... Do you remember what the store looked like on the inside"?

GH: "Well, it was a ... when we first started, we just had a small store, 30' store, maybe it was, it right there; did a lot of ... oyster houses did business ... that made the business there. People coming in with oysters and they ... buying ?? line up there (?)"

Qt: "Did you have a pot belly stove sitting in the store"?

GH: "We did. At first we had a coal stove, something like that. I think that's what it was."

Qt: "And every body'd sit around the stove and talk."

GH: "Yeah."

Qt: "Would you happen to remember some of the things they talked about"?

GH: "No, I don't hardly remember that. That's been so long ago."

Qt: "Did you have like barrels of things sitting around and sacks of different things"?

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GH: "We had most any kind of groceries we could get in them days. Of course, half the canned goods we have now, we didn't even have in them days. Only half of what they got now."

Qt: "How did they get the groceries to the store"?

GH: "Well, a steamboat brought it to Shady Side, and in 1927 they quit ... the 'Emma Giles' and them, three or four steamboats, first one steamer then the others would come in. They had four big steamboats running up and down the Bay."

Qt: "Did you ever ride on the 'Emma Giles'"?

GH: "No, I never ride on her. I'd go down the wharf and get the freight. We'd see her at the wharf."

Qt: "Could you tell me what the 'Emma Giles' looked like"?

GH: "Well, she was a right good size steamer, and they got pictures of her now around if you want one."

Qt: "Have any ideas how many passengers she carried."

GH: "I don't know, up to 1,200, I think somebody said. I think that's right [chuckles].. I think she could carry up to 1200 passengers...I think that's right."

Qt: "Oh my goodness!" Do you recall when the boarding houses were down in Shady Side and all the people used to come and stay at the boarding houses"?

GH: "Oh, yeah I remember them. There was two big boarding houses there: Mr.Hartge and Ms. Nowell's ...Mrs. Andrews."

Qt: "Could you tell me where the Hartge boarding house was"?

GH: "Down on the West River shore, not too far from the steamboats up to West River, further, up in the river.

Qt: "How many people could they board there at one time"?

GH: "Oh, Ms. Andrews generally have up to 100."

Qt: "At the Hartge's, they would have..."?

GH: "They might not have that many, but they had a right good crowd. I don't ever know how many they had but they had a right good crowd."

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Qt: "Could you tell me about some of the pictures you're 'gonna show me now ... you said of the store and so forth"?

GH: "What does he want to see [Mr. Heinrich sounds like he might have moved away from the microphone while reaching for photographs.] My aunt, my father's sister."

Qt: "Is this a picture of the store"?

GH: "Yeah...boats, there's the store."

Qt: "That's very nice. Oh, and here's a whole field full of oyster shells."

GH: "Yeah, that's oyster shells ... snow storm, that's how we used to snow."

Qt: "It says....."

GH: "That's my brother; he's dead ...he died in '76."

Qt: "He was an electrician"?

GH: "Yes. That's my mother...some of Irma's children..." [Slight pause]

Qt: "Oh, there's...Whose sailboat was this"?

GH: "This was John Bozman."

Qt: "Was he from Shady Side"?

GH: "No, he's from over on the Eastern Shore."

Qt: "Oh, I see."

GH: "Just below Salisbury."

Qt: "A ha!"

GH: "That's the oyster house. This is the store here."

Qt: "Whose boat is this called 'The Three Sisters'"?

GH: "That was my brother. He had them...he was born in Sweden....some of his people."

Qt: "Your family is from Sweden"?

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GH: "That's Norman's daughter. Christine (?) He was in World War II . He was under General Patton's ..."

Qt: "Did you say that your family is from Sweden"?

GH: "No, my father's from Germany. My mother ...my grandmother's from Sweden, my mother was born in this country."

Qt:: "I see."

GH: "That was (?) Annapolis – my place????"

Qt: "That's nice."

GH: "That's one ... must be the farm house."

Qt: "Which farm house was this"?

GH: "The one at Fairhaven...built a new house...that would be George. He works at the lumber yard now...you might say."

Qt: "We're interested in any pictures you might have of Shady Side ... sort of, maybe, tell the history of Shady Side." [Pause]

GH: "Some of these of my sister, Deale, and Fairhaven they taken between here ?? and we lived at Fairhaven."

Qt: "I see. [Pause] Are these your father's horses"?

GH: "Yes some of them I believe that's them."

Qt: "Did they have horses when they lived out on Cedar Point or

GH: "No we never ... Oh, we had a horse on West River Road. We kept him a while, my father ... didn't keep him too long. This is house...a couple hundred yards away."

Qt: "Is this, I was 'gonna say, is that the store"?

GH: "I don't know who for sure who that is."

Qt: "When you were a teenager down here, Mr. Henrich, what did you used to do for entertainment"?

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GH: "Not much because I was in the store most every day."

Qt: "You were working."

GH: "In the store most of the day."

Qt: "So you started working in the store at about 13 or 14"?"

GH: "Not much till I was 20. I don't think I did too much till then."

Qt: "Did you ever skate out on the West River"?"

GH: "Sometimes, yes. When we were closed in the winter, sometimes we skated out there."

Qt: "Did you ever skate out there in the evening, when they lit bon fires"?"

GH: "Not often. I couldn't do too much skating."

Qt: "I see. Did you ever go to any of the dances that they had ..."?"

GH: "No mamm. I never danced...I don't know, I just didn't. I might go there, but I didn't dance any."

Qt: "I see. Do you recall the Shady Side Beverage Company"?"

GH: "Leatherbury's? I knew them, yeah, we used to buy soft drinks and stuff from them."

Qt: "Do you also remember the ice cream parlor and the bake shop down there"?"

GH: "I think so, yes. So many things in Shady Side are gone now. New people ... gone."

Qt: "What things in Shady Side are gone now"?"

GH: "Oh, I don't know. There was a lumber yard was down West River Road, too, when they started. Mr. Will Thomas started down there."

Qt: "Oh, he did."

GH: "Right down in there, yeah, he started...that big.. you been down that road"?"

Qt: "Yes."

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GH: "Yes mamm That big house going down there. I don't know who owns it now. Then he moved up on the corner and that's where it is now...Ms. Smith's house."

Qt: "Would you know what year he started his lumber yard down there"?

GH: "No, cause it must've been round 50 maybe ... round the War time, even before the War. Maybe after the War. I'm not sure."

Qt: "Would you know how long that they had it down there"?

GH: "Well, he started around 1922 or 23. He came from New York, New York."

Qt: "And how many years..."

GH: "He was overseas (?) during the War and had a ship load of lumber. The war stopped, and he lost that."

Qt: "Oh my goodness."

GH: "Then he started over again and made some money ... made right good after he got here, but during the War then the lumber prices went down after the War."

Qt: "Would you happen to remember any of the saw mills that they had in Shady Side"?

GH: "Yeah. Mr. Price had one in near Shady Side."

Qt: "Where was it in Shady Side"?

GH: "Do you know where the super market is on the corner where the lumber yard is"?

Qt: "Yes sir."

GH: "You go up that road a couple hundred yards maybe more not much past that. Not much past where the ?? garden ?? is little past that."

Qt: "I see. Were you ever there"?

GH: "I have seen Mr. Price working there, yeah."

Qt: "Could you tell me a little bit about what he did and how he did it"?

GH: "I don't know too much about it but...been gone about 50 years so, it's been a long while."

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Qt: "Would you recall any blacksmith's shops in Shady Side"?

GH: "No, wasn't too many ... don't think it was any ... never..."

Qt: "I was just wondering, if people had horses, there must've been a blacksmith's shop."

GH: "Well, there was one over in Galesville."

Qt: "There was one over in Galesville."

GH: "Yeah, a good blacksmith's shop there."

Qt: "Do you remember who owned it"?

GH: "Mr. Joe Diemer, I think owned it. If he's living, he's in Annapolis (??). He was an old man. I don't know whether he's still living or not."

Qt: "When you were a tiny little boy, living in Shady Side, would you remember who the oldest person that was living in Shady Side at that time? Would you recall"?

GH: "No, it's hard to say, but there was some old people around ... most always some old ones around."

Qt: "Would you remember who some of them were"?

GH: "Well, Mr. Bob Nowell was a right old man when he died. He died in '27."

Qt: "You'd say he was about the oldest person around..?"

GH: "He died and they had a snowstorm ... had to dig the road out to bury him."

Qt: "Had to dig the road out to bury him"?

GH: "The snow was that deep."

Qt: "Oh my goodness. [Pause, chuckles] Would you remember any other older gentlemen who lived in the community at that time or lady for that matter"?

GH: "No, I guess there's Mr. Crandall and them ...getting old ..? lived up the road up there. John Crandall lives up the road, his father was right old. And Will Crandall was right old and Gus Crandall, he was ?? and the Averys .."

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Qt: "I know this is a funny question, since you're talking about all the men. There had to be a gentleman down here who was a barber. Who was the barber in Shady Side"?

GH: "Well, I don't know ... different ones. Leatherbury had it one time, Taylor Leatherbury was the barber one time."

Qt: "Did he have a shop or ..."?

GH: "He worked in there where that lunch room ... they tore the building down and built a new building there. But he had it. He was in that ... rented that building there."

Qt: "Which building was that"?

GH: "Where that lunch ... that lunch room across from the store. Out there where the big store is"?

Qt: "Oh, yes."

GH: "Right across the road there. That lunch room. Leatherbury rebuilt that in the '60's and ..."

Qt: "And he had a barber shop ... was it just a barber shop or was there other things there"?

GH: "Then Winters ... a 'fella by the name of Winters stayed there a few years. He ..."

Qt: "How much would it cost you to get a hair cut"?

GH: "Started at a quarter. Then it went to 50 cents and on up. And now it's \$4.00."

Qt: "Did you remember what the barber shop looked like inside

GH: "I don't know, we had a couple pool tables and different things, you know, and cut the hair, and all. "

Qt: "And all the gentlemen would sit around there and talk"?

GH: "And some of them did, yeah, and some would play pool."

Qt: "Would you happen to remember any stories that they talked about, any thing in particular...?"

GH: "No, I ..."

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Qt: "There was ? business that happened down here"?

GH: "No, I don't know too much about it."

Qt: "How long did he have his barber shop"?

GH: "I don't know, don't remember the years but he had it a right good while."

Qt: "I see. Well, I had not heard any one talk about a barber shop down here and I presumed there had to be one."

GH: Taylor Leatherbury had one a good while and I ... ??

Qt: "Could you think ... I know that you said you worked in the store but there must've been some things that you did to entertain yourself when you were ..."?

GH: "Didn't get much entertainment ... and most times the store. 'Course, oyster boats would start out at 6 o'clock in the morning. Any where from seven or six, according to the weather, and in the winter time later on. But in summer ... in the fall of the year they started at 6:30 and go any ??? ."

Qt: "Could you remember some of the things that the men used to buy ... that the oystermen would buy from you"?

GH: "They bought a lot of meat and stuff like that and canned goods."

Qt: "Could you remember some of the names of the gentlemen who did have oyster boats who used to come into your store"?

GH: "Well, up there where we was mostly colored fellas up that creek ... there's a creek there they all sometimes there would be others but..."

Qt: "Do you remember some names"?

GH: "One man was Ben?/Dent Smith. He was half Indian. That's what they told me, so..."

Qt: "And he lived down here in Shady Side"?

GH: "Yeah, in Shady Side. He raised a family."

Qt: "Did he come from out West to Shady Side"?

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GH: "I don't know where they originally from, Smith. There was another, his brother ... Erwood Avery, his land, ?? the brother owned that land there. Ed Smith."

Qt: "I see."

GH: "They were part Indian according to what they tell me. That's all I know."

Qt: "Could you remember some of the names of some of the other people who used to come into your store"?

GH: "Oh, Gross up there and Scott, plenty of Scotts up there. Gross and Matthews and all them kind."

Qt: "And they all were oystermen...?"

GH: "Most of them were, yes. R.C.?? ? And Bast way up the creek."

Qt: "Did your family have a boat? I know that they ran a store but did they have a boat of any kind"?

GH: "Who's that"?

Qt: "Your family."

GH: "No, we didn't have one. My brother had one but we didn't do much with it...had it a couple years, let somebody else use it."

Qt: "Did your brother work on the water"?

GH: "He did for a while, but he was a ... manual electrician in '27, I think."

Qt: "I see."

GH: "So most of the time he was an electrician."

Qt: "And every body used to come and sit in your store and talk and ..."?

GH: "Oh yes."

Qt: "Would you be able to tell me a little bit about it, maybe just to describe what a day was like in the store"?

GH: "One 'fella lived across the river ... from West River ... [Slight break or pause in the tape, or maybe the microphone was moved.] ... Will Smith ? had ? little pictures of

him ?? He lived across the river. He come over across in a row boat, and sit in the store and talk for a while. He lived up the head of the creek there, no body was close by so he'd come over the store once in a while."

Qt: "Did they used to sit in the store and talk about what all happened out on the water"?"

GH: "all things like that."

Qt: "Did you happen to remember anything in particular about maybe something they said that was unusual, odd that happened out on the water one day"?"

GH: "They had a heavy storm in 1927, I think it was. Around 1930 that was. Three men got drowned on (an) oyster boat."

Qt: "Who were these gentlemen"?"

GH: "Oh, Selman ??, Scott and them, Scott boys."

Qt: "The Scott boys? How many of them were in the boat"?"

GH: " Three in the boat."

Qt: "All drowned at the same time"?"

GH: "That happened around the 7th of April, I think."

Qt: "That's terrible."

GH: "It was an awful storm."

Qt: "And how long did it take them to find them after ..."?"

GH: "They found 'em the next day, I think."

Qt: "Found 'em the next day. Anything else that ..."?"

GH: "Oh just it gets rough out there ?? I don't think anything that bad out there."

Qt: "You wouldn't happen to remember anything else that they talked about"?"

GH: "No, it's hard to ..."

Qt: "See, this is for the history of Shady Side, and there must've been some other peculiar thing they talked about."

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GH: "I imagine to ... so many things."

Qt: "So many things they talked about."

GH: "Yeah, that's the trouble."

Qt: "If the store opened at six in the morning when did you close in the evening"?

GH: "Any where around 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening, something like that."

Qt: Eight or nine o'clock..."

GH: "If we

Qt: "And you just had a steady stream of people in there all the time"?

GH: "Most of the time. Always be somebody either going or coming Not too many."

Qt: "Do you recall any other stores that were in Shady Side at the same time"?

GH: "Yes. Hopkins had a big one in Shady Side. Nowells had a store, too, then. Will Crandall had a store. And Leatherbury later on had one up the road there."

Qt: "Where did Leatherbury have his store"?

GH: "On Cedarhurst turn, on Cedarhurst only now he's not other business."

Qt: "I see. And that's all the other stores you can remember in Shady Side"?

GH: "And the year before that, I don't know, Will Crandall had another store ... closed it around 1930, something like that. He got old and boys went somewhere. John Crandall's store on ??? Road."

Qt: "How many years did you work in the store with your father"?

GH: "Up until '57."

Qt: "Up until '57. Then what did you do for a living"?

GH: "Well when I come down here, I went clamming a few years...on the Bay clamming."

Qt: "I've never asked any one. Did they used to see clams by the bushel"?

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GH: "Clams, yes, by the bushel."

Qt: "How much did you used to get for ...?"

GH: "Well when we was clamming, it was around \$2.00, \$3.00 at most. I don't know how much they are now. [Chuckles]"

Qt: "Now did you clam alone or ..?"

GH: "No, it was always two men in the boat, sometimes three."

Qt: "I see. Could you tell me what the name of your boat was, do you recall?"

GH: "I don't know the name of the boat, but Mr. Halleck was ... Mr. Halleck and his son owned the boat when I was ... Then I worked for Alvin Joyce for a while. Do you know him? He's dead now."

Qt: "Oh."

GH: "Yeah. He died about a year ago."

Qt: "I've never had the opportunity to meet him. You clammed, did you also oyster?"

GH: "I never did oystering. We had oysters mostly out of the store."

Qt: "How about crabbing?"

GH: "We crabbed some ... soft crabs and stuff like that...hard crabs..."

Qt: "Do you remember how much people would pay you for a bushel of those?"

GH: "We'd sell big hard crabs for 25 cents a dozen. [Chuckles] Selling best ... We'd get about \$2.00 a bushel something like that. Now look where they're at!" [Chuckles]"

Qt: "Where would you sell the crabs?"

GH: "Around home mostly, folks always ... somebody wanted some."

Qt: "A buy house or buy boat?"

GH: "Sometimes ... mostly sell 'em around home for 25 cents a dozen. [Laughing] Now they're, what, \$3.00 a dozen? \$4.00, \$5.00 a dozen, maybe."

Qt: "Ye sir, yes sir. And then did you work on the water until you retired?"

GH: "No. I never worked much on the water. I would do some crabbing in the summer, but mostly around the store and like that. Then we had... In the summer ... in the store we had oysters with my father, but then I was crabbing??"

Qt: "I see. And then really what was your main occupation"?

GH: "Well I don't know. Went up on the farm work about 10 years, I think, worked up on the farm. Quit in '76."

Qt: "What farm was this"?

GH: "I worked for Leatherbury for a while. ??Tenant work at Mrs. Well's. That's this big farm ... was split in half. Leatherbury had half the farm and Mrs. Wells got the other half. Worked up there a lot."

Qt: "I see. Could you tell me what type of things you did on the farm"?

GH: "Well I raised a lot of hay, corn, didn't do much corn. On the other farm, mostly race horses. We just took care of horses. She had mostly race horses there, see, I didn't train them but I worked out there with them. I cleaned the barn, and worked around the barn."

Qt: "Were they really good race horses"?

GH: "Some of them were right good, yes."

Qt: "Can you remember the names of some of the real good race horses"?

GH: "There was one horse, I think ... Cloud Dawn, I think, I don't know. Frances, he called one, I think. I don't what the real name.... She went blind before I left ... that one horse was blind."

Qt: "Which was the best horse they had that was a race horse"

GH: "They didn't have no real good ones there because she was raising a few young ones once in a while ??... some of them was right bad."

Qt: "Did you say you didn't train any of them who was it ..."?

GH: "She had some different ones ?? type ... that ... horse ??...knew what to do with them."

Qt: "Was it anybody from Shady Side so speak"?

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GH: "No."

Qt: "Do you remember... maybe this was before your time ... but do you remember when the farms were down here and the thresher machines used to come"?

GH: "Yeah, I used to see them. I used to watch them thresh wheat."

Qt: "Could you describe to me a little bit exactly what they did"?

GH: "Well, Mr. ?Weems ? had a great farm down here, and then they had a threshing machine here every year....they threshed wheat right down in West River Road where he had a big farm."

Qt: "And everyone came down and helped him."

GH: "he didn't own his rig; he was always hiring somebody else would thresh the wheat for so much. I don't know but they did thresh it that a way."

Qt: "They would never pay the pan ... would they pay the man who came with the thresher machine"?

GH: "Oh, yeah. They would have to pay him so much a bushel for each bushel threshed."

Qt: "Do you remember how much"?

GH: "No I never heard how much."

Qt: "Do you recall the name of the man who had the thresher machine"?

GH: "I think Price had one - I think he had one. I'm not sure it's been so long ago."

Qt: "Did you help them, or did you watch"?

GH: "No I never helped."

Qt: "What did you do for a living"?

GH: "Mostly oysters in the summer or the winter."

*** [SEE Notes on Page 28:] Qt: "Was he a white man or a black man"?

GH: "Colored fellow lived down the"

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Qt: "I heard he had a log canoe sailboat."

GH: "Yes."

Qt: "Was it an oyster boat"?

GH: "He oystered in it, yeah ... a sailboat."

Qt: "Could you tell me...remember what year this gentleman had this boat"?

GH: "Well, he oystered for Mr. Hal Owings, think it was around 1922, Mr. Hal Owings sold ?? down here and went to Annapolis, ?? his two daughters live in Annapolis now. See Mr. Will and his brother owned that big store where Mr. Hopkins had ... where that man is now."

Qt: "Do you happen to remember the name of his boat"?

GH: "No I don't. I heard it, too, many times but I just don't think of it right now."

Qt: "It was a log canoe"?

GH: "Yeah, log canoe."

Qt: "Did you know he built this boat"?

GH: "No, I don't, but I imagine ??built it ...?? that I know of."

Qt: "And how many years did this gentleman operate this boat"?

GH: "Well he ... a right good while. He died in 1950, ?? I don't know. I don't know what year but he died around that time."

Qt: "Were there any other men who had log canoe sailboats"?

GH: "No. They had power boats, most of 'em, so..."

Qt: "And he was the only one that had a log canoe boat."

GH: [No response audible.]

Qt: "Would you recall who some of the early boat builders were in Shady Side?"

GH: "Well, Lee built boats in Shady Side. Mr. Perry ??? made two... some others that built some later."

Qt: "Did you ever go down in their boatyard and watch them build a boat"?

GH: "I had but too often. I been down there. My brother got one. Mr. Lee built the boat we had."

Qt: "Is it the boat you still have now"?

GH: "No. I don't know. We sold it to a colored fella about 30 years ago, to a colored fella. He's probably gone to wreck now... they dead now."

Qt: "I see. When you lived down there it was called 'South Creek'"?

GH: "That's right, that's right."

Qt: "How many people live down there on South Creek"?

GH: "Wasn't many down there, now a few more now, accumulating all the time."

Qt: "Who was it that lived down in that area when you had the store"?

GH: "Well, Crandall lived on the shore and Johnson lives up a little bit further from it. Howard ?? Johns, he had four or five sons and they, some of 'em live down there."

Qt: "Sold it"?

GH: "No, they just had a home there and lived there and oystered. Most of them oystered."

Qt: "I see. And that's about all the houses that were down there then"?

GH: "There were some real old homes there, but I never knew much about them, who built them or ..."

Qt: "Don't know who lived there or ..."?

GH: "Different people lived in them but no one ... Henry Scott owned them one time. He died in '24 so that's a long time ago." [Chuckles]

Qt: "I guess so. Could you think of something odd or, other than these three gentlemen dying out on the Bay, something else in particular that happened or something very unusual that happened down here that maybe you could tell us about for history"?

GH: "I don't know – who built the road down here."

[Type text]

20.

Qt: "Do you remember it"?

GH: "In October 1929, I think or 30. That was the first State road that come to Shady Side around 1930."

Qt: "Was that a shell road or a paved road"?

GH: "No, that was a ...yeah, just a gravel road. They built a gravel road."

Qt: "Did you attend the carnival that they had to raise money to put in the road"?

GH: "I don't know. I think some carnival, but I don't know whether I ..."

Qt: "For that one in particular"?

GH: "No."

Qt: "But you can't think of anything else that might've happened down here or that was unusual or some particular story you could tell me someone did"?

GH: "No. We had a couple fires in the family when we be up at ...?"

Qt: "In your family"?

GH: "We had a store that burned down in 1922."

Qt: "In Shady Side"?

GH: "Um huh."

Qt: "What store was that"?

GH: "We just had a small...."

Qt: "Oh, it was your family's store"?

GH: "Yeah. That was 1930, the oyster house burned down. We had to rebuild that."

Qt: "Would you know what caused the fire"?

GH: "No. We never did find out what caused it."

Qt: "Well, I was just going to ask you what happened down here when there was not a fire department. What did every one do"?

GH: "Well, we didn't have any then. We didn't have nothing in 1930 when?Galesville had to come down to get, when the oyster house burned down. They came down around that time. They came down around 1930, so right after the fire, a year or two after."

Qt: "Were you all running around with a bucket brigade trying to ..."?

GH: "Wasn't too much there to do, just let it burn. Wasn't no way to get to it. We called West Annapolis, but when they got there, the building was gone."

Qt: "They came from Annapolis ... the fire company came down. Now that's interesting, that's very interesting."

GH: "That was West Annapolis came down in 1930."

Qt: "And how many trucks came trucks did they give"?

GH: "Just one came down."

Qt: "It was a tanker truck"?

GH: "I imagine it was, I don't remember just now."

Qt: "Then you rebuilt the oyster house. Correct?"

GH: "Yeah."

Qt: "Then after it was rebuilt, how many years was it in operation"?

GH: "From '30 to '50."

Qt: "From '30 to '50. How about the store? Did you rebuild the store"?

GH: "Yeah, we rebuilt the store, then the little one we had...built the new one in '41, and that one's still standing...the building's still standing."

Qt: "Oh, it is still standing"?

GH: "That's the way we left it....still there. We built it in '41."

Qt: "Is any one living in it now"?

GH: "No, I think there's a Swede lives there now. I don't know his name, though. He works somewhere else and lives there."

Qt: "But someone does live there"?

GH: "Oh, yeah. He lives there."

Qt: "When you rebuilt the oyster house and the store, did you build them bigger than the ones you had before, or about the same size"?

GH: "No, it might have been a little bit bigger. the oyster house ... still both of them built a little bigger, yeah."

Qt: "Did it burn down during the day time or was it evening"?

GH: "Fire started during the day, I think burned down sometime near around mid-night."

Qt: "That must've been a real tragedy for your father then"?

GH: "It was time."

Qt: "And how long did it take him to rebuild"?

GH: "We ... I don't know. We had a store ... put a little store and a house there a while until we built one or something?? start a store. "

Qt: "I see. Did everyone around try to come to help you put the fires out"?

GH: "Well, we had a crowd." [Chuckles]

Qt: "You had a crowd there? Did the house, I mean did the store and the oyster house burn in the same year"?

GH: "No, there was eight years between the two."

Qt: "Eight years between the fires...but everyone came to help you"?

GH: "Oh, we had a crowd."

Qt: "Would you happen to remember... who had the first cars in Shady Side"?

GH: "Years ago, I think Mr. Wagner bought the first car in Shady Side. He lived down in West Shady Side where Ms. Somerville ..lived over ? Sandy? Point. Mr. Wagner and I think Somerville married Mr. Wagner's daughter, if I'm not mistaken. I think that..."

Qt: What did Mr. Wagner do for a living”?

GH: “I don’t know He lived in Washington. I’m not sure what he did.”

Qt: “Oh, he did.”

GH: “That was a long time ago so I don’t remember.”

Qt: “OK. Was his car the only one in Shady Side”?

GH: “He was the first car, but after that it wasn’t too long before I think different cars... I don’t remember who the others were.”

Qt: In growing up, did your grandparents live with you, Mr. Heinrich”?

GH: “I don’t know...I only knew my grandmothers, but both grandfathers died. See, my father came from Germany in 1890. My mother was born over here. But see my grandfather was in this German War in 1891, and my father was born in ’77, so he, I don’t think he lived over a year, so...after father was born.”

Qt: “I see, but you do you recall your grandmothers living in the house”?

GH: “Yes, the two grandmothers, yeah.”

Qt: “Did they like it in Shady Side”?

GH: “Yeah, they liked it. She came from Germany in 1890. She was born in ‘37, a long time ago any way.” [Chuckles].

Qt: “Well, that’s ok. Did your family speak German from time to time”?

GH: “He could speak some but he never bothered about it.”

Qt: “And did your grandmother speak German”?

GH: “No, she spoke mostly American.”

Qt: “She didn’t try to teach you any...”?

GH: “No.”

Qt: “Didn’t try to teach you any at all. Could you tell me what your grandmother’s name was”?

[Type text]

24.

GH: "Epstein, I don't know what the ...not sure what it was. It was a funny name...starts with an "E", or something or other ... same as Epstein ... or I don't know what it is. I can't think of the name."

Qt: "What was her first name"?

GH: " ?? [No response.]

Qt: "Was that her first name"?

GH: "Something like that."

Qt: "Ok. Could you tell me what year your grandmothers died"?

GH: "In '22."

Qt: "In '22 - Both of them"?

GH: "No, the other one died in '52."

Qt: "I see. But they lived in your ... with your family."

GH: "Yes. One was 86 when she died, and the other one was 92."

Qt: "Oh my goodness! Well they had a nice long life."

GH: [Laughs]

Qt: "They had a nice long life. What did their husbands do for...Did their husbands live down here in Shady Side ... the grandfathers and ...?"

GH: "No, none of them was here living."

Qt: "They were already gone"?

GH: "No. Grandmother came over here as a young girl from Sweden. She came from Sweden and she went up ... worked up to her marriage somewhere up ? St. Mary's ? through that a way. She worked up there for a while. Then she worked different places."

Qt: "Could you tell me, in all the years that your family had the oyster house and the store, did your father give it up because he thought he couldn't do it anymore or because he wanted to retire or what was the reason"?

GH: "No, he was 70, around 70 years old when he quit his job."

[Type text]

25.

Qt: "I see

GH: "He died when he was 75."

Qt: "He just decided he didn't want to do it any more."

GH: "No, he was just getting so he couldn't do much more no how." ??

Qt: "OK. Getting back to you working, you worked on the Leatherbury farm you said"?

GH: "Yeah, I worked up there for a while."

Qt: "And what else did you do"?

GH: "Well mostly running the barn and different work, and getting hay in the spring and the fall, keeping the barn safe, cleaning up."

Qt: "And you did not have any other job after you worked on the Leatherbury farm"?

GH: "No, I went over to Ms. Well's a while and worked."

Qt: "She had a farm also"?

GH: "Um humm. She bought just half of the big farm that was up there at one time."

Qt: "I see. So you really worked on farms all of your life"?

GH: "No, only from '70, around '68 on. See we sold the store in '57 so, I didn't work much until ... I worked clams a few years. My mother died in '63 so that left me by myself. My brother died in '77 so I been"

Qt: "Have you ever been married"?

GH: "No I didn't get married."

Qt: "You have never been married"?

GH: "No."

Qt: "And could you tell me when you moved into the home you're in now"?

GH: "In where"?

Qt: "Could you tell me when you moved into this home"?

[Type text]

26.

GH: "In this house"?

Qt: "Yes sir."

GH: " Since '57, in December."

Qt: "Did you buy this house from someone"?

GH: "Yeah, we bought it from Norman. Norman built it. ?? He built it, then after we bought this one from him, then he built a bigger house on the shore there."

Qt: "I see. Did they ... So you lived in this house with them for a while."

GH: "No, they lived on the home down the West River shore."

Qt: "Oh, and I see, he built this house for you"?

GH: "Yeah, and he stayed there until he built ... till he built his house. Yeah after he bought this one then he started on his."

Qt: "But he built this home specifically for you."

GH: "I don't know. He built it for his self, then he changed his mind and started building one down there."

Qt: "I see. Would you tell me what you and Anna used to do when you were little"?

GH: "I don't know ..."

Qt: "You must've played or ..."?

GH: "Time ? ... like you say, the store, most of the time, I didn't have too much time to play."

Qt: "Did Anna work in the store also"?

GH: "No, they was?? Youngsters??when they got larger, around 18 or 20 some where at that time."

Qt: "I see. But you were the one who really stayed and helped your father"?

GH: "Yeah, I stayed right there most all the time."

[Type text]

27.

Qt: "In showing me the pictures that you have there was a big field of oyster shells, they used to spread the oyster shells around some of the roads here"?

GH: "Yeah. Up, down there at West Shady Side Road. The County built the road."

Qt: "Did you help do it"?

GH: "...put the oyster shells down and built that road."

Qt: "The County brought the oyster shells down."

GH: "And built that road, yeah."

Qt: "But what did you all do with the oyster shells you all had"?

GH: "Well we'd sell them to the County and different place sometimes. Well, the State bought them and planted them in the Bay."

Qt: "How did they sell the shells, by the truckload or...?"

GH: "By the bushel."

Qt: "By the bushel"?

GH: "They measured one truckload and then the others they'd go out and sell them about the same thing, so they ... that way."

Qt: "Well, that was a good way to get rid of them"?

GH: "Well, yeah. The County bought 'em from? watermen sometimes when they needed something."

Qt: "I see.."

GH: "The State planted a lot of them out in the Bay. We planted the shells in the Bay and then the oysters would catch on and ..."

Qt: "Anything else you can think of that you might like to tell me about Shady Side, since you say this is for history. Some one told me you know a lot of history of Shady Side."

GH: "Not so much, I guess. I don't know."

Qt: "Well we would be interested in anything you would have to tell us."

[Type text]

28.

GH: [Chuckles] “Don’t know too much...I don’t know much more.”

Qt: “Did you like ... you must’ve liked working on the farms then”?

GH: “Yeah, farm was all right.”

Qt: “Which did you like best? Just working on the land or helping them take care of the horses or...”?

GH: “Well, most of the time, worked on the barn , had to clean that barn out every day, see, so that had ... time by myself??...”

Qt: “Did some of the farms that you worked on.... You worked on two farms.”

GH: “Yeah.”

Qt: “Did they also have cows”?

GH: “Well, he did once, but he got rid of the cows when I started working he got rid of them right after..”

Qt: “So you didn’t have to milk the cows”?

GH: “No, I never milked any cows.”

Qt: “Could you tell me some of the crops that were raised down here”?

GH: “Well there was[Side one of this tape ends and shuts off. When I flipped the tape over, I heard nothing.] SEE BELOW:

Transcriber’s Note: Using the second (or copy) of the two tapes Janet mentioned, I was able to hear some of the tape, but it actually sounded like parts of the same tape, beginning on page 17 of my transcription, although I did not hear the name “Charlie Scott” on the ‘better’ tape! Side two starts with this sentence:

Qt: “Mr. Heinrich, could you remember a gentleman by the name of Charlie Scott”?

GH: “Yeah, I knew Charlie Scott.”

Qt: “What did he do for a living”?

GH: “Most oysters in summer... in the winter.”

AFTER LISTENING TO THIS TAPE TO THE END, THE INTERVIEW WAS THE EXACT SAME AS I'D HEARD PREVIOUSLY, UNTIL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, which pick up where Page 28 ends...

GH: "Well, they raised mostly corn. Some years ago they used to raise a lot'a tomatoes. In the '20's and '30's they had the canning house in Galesville, used to raise some tomatoes down here and they canned them down here in the canning house."

Qt: "You wouldn't recall the canning house down West Shady Side Road, would you" Would you recall the canning house that was... ?

GH: "No, I don't know if there was any canning house down there. I know Galesville had one."

Qt: "I see."

GH: "??Woodfield's had one."

Qt: "Oh, Woodfields"?

GH: "Yeah

Qt: "Did they carry everything over by boat or did they carry it over by horse and wagon."

GH: "Most of 'em ... Some of em carried by boat. Didn't have a truck, they'd carry by boat."

Qt: "I see. May I ask you, do you remember when the mail came to Shady Side or was that long long before your time... post office"?

GH: "I don't know so long ago I can't remember what year it started. That's the trouble. A long time ago."

Qt: "Well, before the mail ... before the Post Office was in Shady Side, where would you have to go and get your mail"?

GH: "I don't remember. Maybe it wasn't much mail at that time. I don't know remember ... whether Shady Side the first I remember ... or not

Qt: "I see."

GH: "Mr. Leatherbury, I think .???? started a mail route at one time in Shady Side. He might be the one started it. I'm not sure."

[Type text]

30.

Qt: "Did you ever go to the movies down here in Shady Side"?

GH: "What's that"?

Qt: "Would you ever go to the movies Shady Side"?

GH: "Yeah, I used to go when Mr. Will Nowell ? owned the place."

Qt: "Mr. Will Nowell – Could you tell me where in Shady Side he had it"?

GH: "That's across the road from that big store, he had a garage, right."

Qt: "Yes sir."

GH: "That big building. That building was built for movies. He had an automobile dealership, Ford ? dealership, at that time and he built that big building there for movies."

Qt: "Was that the only thing that was in that building was the movies? Was there something else that was in that big building"?

GH: "Well, he had an automobile business at that time, a garage-like, so,,,"

Qt: "Oh, in that store"?

GH: "Yeah, in that building ..."

Qt: "He sold cars"?

GH: "I think he sold ... I know he sold automobiles for a while."

Qt: "Do you remember what kind they were"?

GH: "Ford cars."

Qt: "Fords!"

GH: "Yeah, he sold Fords."

Qt: "Now see, no one has told me about that either. Now that's interesting."

GH: [Chuckles] Mr. Nowell had an agent ?? for Fords in Shady Side. It must have been in the '20's I guess, I don't know."

[Type text]

31.

Qt: "I was just 'gonna ask you. Now see, no body has told me that. That's very interesting."

GH: "He had the garage and he built and the garage ..?? ??

Qt: "So he had, so he sold cars there and he also repaired them"?

GH: "Yeah, I think so. He had some men there."

Qt: "Do you remember some of the men who would work for him"?

GH: "No, I don't know. I think two Leatherburys worked there... for a while his nephews ... worked for him for a while. ??? worked later on."

Qt: "Well now, that's very interesting."

GH: "Will ?? Taylor had his rug cleaning he was..."

Qt: "If you say a lot of black people came into your... You said the majority of the people who came into your store were black people..."

GH: "Yeah, but we was up there at the head of the creek ...think that was all that was up there at the head of the creek at that time."

Qt: "Would you recall any of the black boarding houses that were down here at that time"?

GH: "Matthew Carter had one across from the fire house. That big building there. She tried to run a small boarding house there at one time."

Qt: "Did some of her guests used to come to your store and buy"?

GH: "Not on ...there's other stores out on that road, see sometimes ...wasn't much then. Only other stores, you could go either to Shady Side or Leatherbury's "

Qt: "I see."

GH: "The store that Will Owings had had to stay on Shady Side, then ? in '22 to the Hopkins and then ??? since he was there." [Chuckles].

Qt: "Do you recall a place in Shady Side called the 'Dew Drop'"?

[Type text]

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GH: "I think so. I don't know where it's at now. I don't know where it could be. I've heard of the name."

Qt: "Well, exactly what was it"?

GH: "The Dew Drop Inn? It was called, I think ...only thing I know of. ... We called it the Dew Drop Inn, I think."

Qt: " And everyone ... would people go there and dance, would you remember"?

GH: "Well I don't know where it would be at. I don't remember who heard ?? even."

Qt: "Oh, because some gentleman told me about it and I wanted to know if you had recollection of it."

GH: "No, maam, cause I don't know why ... who named it ...don't remember who had it ??? "

Qt: When people came in your store ... a lot of the black community came in store, did any of 'em ever bring any musical instruments and just sit there and sing"?

GH: "No, ??don't know ?? not much about them down there."

Qt: "I see. OK, because I was told that they used to go to the 'Dew Drop' and sing."

GH: "Maybe they did. I heard it named that, but I don't know who owned it, that's the only thing back at that time."

Qt: "Is there any other ... is there any particular thing that sticks in your mind most about Shady Side? You've lived in Shady Side all of your life

GH: "I was born and raised there." [Chuckles]

Qt: "Well, you've ... you were born at home."

GH: "Down West Shady Side ... a doctor...Dr. Dent."

Qt: "I was going to ask you if the doctor delivered all the babies down here."

GH: "It was, yes."

Qt: "There was no mid-wife for it..."

GH: "Doctors ... didn't know what a midwife was then, I don't believe....1908."

[Type text]

33.

Qt: "I see. So Dr. Dent delivered all the babies. He must've delivered a lot of babies."

GH: "Yes He used to charge \$1.00 a visit. He told me one time he had enough dollar bills he covered the whole house with it."

Qt: "A dollar a visit!"

GH: "Now what is it? Any where from \$50 to \$100." [Chuckles]

Qt: "Exactly . Oh well now that was interesting. What type of man was Dr. Dent"?

GH: "Well, he drove a horse and buggy and he died in 1936, he was around 80 ... close to 80 years old when he died. He come from St. Mary's County, I think. They tell me there's a lot of Dents down there."

Qt: "Did anybody ever tell you how long Dr. Dent was down in Shady Side"?

GH: "No, I don't know ... he started ...I don't know. He was down here many a year, at least 40 years. I don't know how long."

Qt: "What type of man was he"?

GH: "I think he was a nice man ... told some jokes, though." [Chuckles]

Qt: "What kind of jokes would he tell"?

GH: [Laughing]

Qt: "They weren't any bad jokes"?

GH: "I don't know ... any you'd want to know, he'd tell."

Qt: "Could you tell me what he looked like"?

GH: "I don't know he was a right old man...had right good age on him. I think he was over 75 when he died."

Qt: "Was he a tall man"?

GH: "Not too tall I don't know, I'd say about 5'8" or 10" ... between 8 and 10."

Qt: ?? "Light hair"? ?? [I could not hear this question.]

GH: "Yes maam."

[Type text]

34.

Qt: "Was there anything else you could tell me about him"?

GH: [Chuckles and mumbles something ??]

Qt: "He knew every body in the community, and I'm sure he was everyone's doctor."

GH: "That's right. He made right good money..."

Qt: "But I imagine he would come, night or day"?

GH: "Yes, that's right."

Qt: "And he used to come down to Shady Side in a horse and buggy."

GH: "The last few years he had a car, ? Ford."

Qt: " ??? roads down here, the mud"?

GH: "??might have, I don't know."

Qt: "I see, awful roads down here."

GH: " State roads in 1930 ?"

Qt: "Is there anything else you could tell me? We have maybe about five minutes left on the tape, because, see, we're going to keep your voice on this tape forever."

GH: [Chuckles] "Well, I don't know..."

Qt: "Mr. Heinrich, you were telling me about the population of Shady Side..."

GH: "I guess there was 100 ... maybe about 150 families in 1930."

Qt: "150 families or ""?

GH: "Could be, I don't know for sure . Could be around 150."

Qt: "Families or homes or..."

GH: "Started ?????in 1932."

Qt: "I see."

GH: " \$25,000 in 1932 ???

[Type text]

35.

Qt: "My goodness!"

GH: [Cannot understand what he says.]

Qt: "Look at all the houses that are down here now."

GH: "Wasn't nothin' down here, just the farms. 215 acres of farms."

Qt: "For heaven's sakes. Now that's interesting. Oh, I'm glad you told me about that. That's interesting to know. Is there anything else like that you could tell me"?

GH: "I don't know. That's about all."

Qt: "Mr. Heinrichs, thank you very much. We really do appreciate it. You're delightful to talk to. Thank you."

GH: "??50's I can't find it ???"

Qt: "OK, we thank you very much Mr. Heinrichs."

GH: "???? 75 at the time."

Qt: "There's a picture...oh how nice. Mr. Heinrichs, thank you very much. We really do appreciate it."

TAPE STOPS.
