

Grandma Salt

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My Grandmother Mary Rose Oliver - who married Frank Oliver - my Father's Stepfather - moved to Falmouth on Cape Cod - They had a little 4 Rm bungalow ~~with~~ 5 acres of land.

She grew Strawberries - and Potatoes Corn and Cuke Cumber ~~to live on~~

My Brothers and I with a few other of our city friends would go down to her house - Sleep on the porch and pitch a tent - then we would pick Strawberries for farmers in the area they would pay us 2¢ a basket the baskets were 4" by 2 1/2" high it would take about 25 berries to fill a basket giving us 2¢ ea - they would give us a little round check on turning in a full basket of Berries - on your knees for 8 hrs at a time was hard on the back also we would have a lot of fun - watching the girls and women trying to make more money on the beach

at night we would gather at the post office - and the older ones would have cars - they would go to the Beach and have fun - Some times they would take us -

We used to pick Cohogs and Clams before it got dark. We would bring them home to my grandmother so she could make Clem Chouder and other meal from the fish we would bring home. ~~At the age~~ 4 1/2 of July we used to go out at night and knock over our houses - Some time someone would be in it - and we would not know it - we got chased many

time by the people also the police -
 we played tricks on some of the real
 cheap farmers - who hated to pay us for a
 bucket at 2¢ unless it was overflowing
 some time we would steal his track and
 go for a joy ride -
 When school opened we would have
 to come back home to the City & come
 making probably 150.⁰⁰ to 200.⁰⁰ dollars
 for the Sammes after giving my poor
 Grandmother & Grandfather a few dollars -
 they would never ask us for any
 money - they were wonderful to us
 my Grandm + Grandpa - I let them
 Chickens - making sure we get plenty
 Eggs and Chicken Soup to eat,
 and plenty ~~make~~ milk from the cow
 she had, also a goat. She used
 to talk Portuguese to her animals
 and Birds she had - they obeyed
 her just like little children - we
 used to be amazed ~~at~~ the
 things she used to make them
 do. She had a dog named Jack
 she would send him to the store
 with ~~box~~ tops from the product she
 wanted - ~~the~~ the store keeper
 would put them in a bag and the
 dog would come right back
 home to ~~her~~ like a little kid, 2 Miles
 then she would reward him with something
 to eat. She had a black crow that she
 found dying one day and nursed at
 back to health. She trained him when
 she wanted my Grandfather to come in
 from the field - she would send
 the bird out to him - fly around him
 and fly back to her. She would feed him

She spoke to these ~~On~~ Birds and animals like she was talking to a little kid - they would just look at her - and as she asked - the cow and the Billy Goat also did as she asked - She was an amazing woman w/ animals -

When I got older and went into the U.S. Army - I was stationed for one year at Camp Edwards in Falmouth So I got to see them quite often ~~Before I was out~~ ~~over~~ I gave ten dollars a week to my Grandma - and 10⁰⁰ a week to my Grandpa I had it sent by my 1st Sgt. Neither one knew I was getting 10⁰⁰ too as one of them my Grandmother would cash the check w/ the milk man so he wouldn't know and he would walk to Kenyon's store 1/2 mile away to buy his tobacco and cash their welfare check - at the same time cash the 10⁰⁰ he was getting pay me ea ~~week~~ ^{month}. I did this for most of the time I was in the Service 3 yrs I didn't drink or smoke so I thought this was the best place to put my money and I felt good in my heart.

My father nor my family ever knew this until my Grandfather told my ~~father~~ ~~when my~~ ~~father~~ ~~just~~ ~~before~~ ~~my~~ ~~Grandpa~~ ~~took~~ ~~sick~~ ~~and~~ ~~died~~ - He also learned about my Grandmother too. My Dad ~~was~~ was very happy that I had done this for his mother & step father -

Sneaked a Peak

Many times we watched the older Strawberry pickers take the girls behind the out houses or sheds to have sex, some time in the woods also