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EMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INTERVIEW WITH MILDRED COX
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JP: MILDRED COX, MILDRED LIVES IN FERRON, UTAH. I'M GOING TO START WITH HER TELLING WHO HER PARENTS WERE AND WE'LL JUST GO FROM THERE. OKAY MILDRED.

MC: I'M MILDRED JOHNSON COX. MY PARENTS WERE PHILLIP A. AND EMMA MILLER JOHNSON. I WAS BORN IN WOODSIDE, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH. THE EIGHTH CHILD OF A FAMILY OF NINE. I HAD FOUR SISTERS AND FOUR BROTHERS. I SPENT ALL MY GROWING UP YEARS IN WOODSIDE. I WENT TO SCHOOL, OR AT THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE WHERE WE HAD ALL EIGHT GRADES, ONE DIFFERENT TEACHER. AT ONE TIME, MY SISTER WAS MY TEACHER. AND UH WE HAD, THERE WAS AT ONE TIME WE DID HAVE TWO TEACHERS FOR EIGHT GRADES AND AS THE POPULATION DIMINISHED, WE HAD ONE TEACHER FOR EIGHT GRADES WHEN I WAS AN EIGHTH GRADER.

JP: MILLIE, HOW MANY CHILDREN WERE IN THE SCHOOL AT THAT TIME? APPROXIMATELY?

MC: OHH, THERE WASN'T TOO MANY, BUT....I'D SAY....

JP: I KNOW THAT WOODSIDE WAS A VERY SMALL LITTLE COMMUNITY.

MC: IT WAS A VERY SMALL COMMUNITY. WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL I WOULD SAY POSSIBLY IN EIGHT GRADES, MAYBE TWENTY-FIVE.

JP: YOU PROBABLY GOT INTO (GOOD JULY'S DETENTION sounds like).

MC: WELL, FOR ONE YEAR, I WAS THE ONLY EIGHTH GRADER. AND UH ALL THE WOODSIDE WAS ESSENTIALLY A RAILROAD AND CATTLE COUNTRY. THEY SHIPPED THEIR CATTLE OUT OF THERE BY RAILROAD. COURSE MY DAD WAS..WORKED ON THE RAILROAD. AND UH THE..I DON'T KNOW THE THINGS...I HAD A LOT OF FRIENDS. I REMEMBER THE THINGS THAT WE WE USED TO ICE SKATE IN THE WINTER TIME, WE ROAD BICYCLES, WE PLAYED BASKET OR BASEBALL RATHER. AND DIFFERENT THINGS LIKE THAT THAT WE DONE FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

WE ALSO HAD A RELIGIOUS MEETING EVERY SUNDAY SOMEONE FROM A DIFFERENT DENOMINATION WAS WOULD BE THERE, SO I GREW UP KNOWING OR HEARING ABOUT OTHER RELIGIONS. ALTHOUGH MY MOTHER WAS LDS MY DAD WASN'T AND COURSE THERE WASN'T AN ACTIVE CHURCH SO..WE WEREN'T ACTIVE IN CHURCH. WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?

I HAD MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO HAD, AS THEY GREW OLDER AND MOVED AWAY AND WORKED AT DIFFERENT PLACES OR MARRIED OR SOMETHING SO I DID SPEND QUITE A LOT OF TIME VISITING WITH THEM AND GOING...THEY TOOK ME ON TRIPS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND MY BROTHER WHO IS YOUNGER THAN I WAS BY SIX YEARS, HE AND I WERE VERY CLOSE TOGETHER. AND WE, I DON'T KNOW, WE DEvised A LOT OF DIFFERENT GAMES THAT WE...THE GAMES THAT WE JUST MADE UP...WE BOTH JUST LOVED TO READ, WE BOTH LIKED TO PLAY CARDS, AND SO, AND MY DAD WAS VERY MUCH A CARD PLAYER, SO WE PLAYED CARDS A LOT IN OUR HOME.

AND THEN I MET LLOYD WHEN I WAS NINETEEN.

JP: NOW, LLOYD WHO, MILLIE?

MC: LLOYD, LLOYD COX. (LAUGH) SORRY.

JP: AND WHERE WAS HE FROM? AND HOW DID YOU MEET HIM?

MC: HE WAS....

JP: LETS HAVE A LITTLE ROMANCE HERE.

MC: HE WAS FROM FERRON, AND HE CAME DOWN THERE TO WORK ON THE ROAD, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, AND I MET HIM, I DON'T REMEMBER JUST WHAT MONTH, BUT ANYWAY WE WERE MARRIED IN SEPTEMBER, THIRTY-ONE, 1931. WE MOVED TO VERNAL AND LIVED OUT THERE UNTIL 1933 WHEN WE MOVED BACK TO FERRON. VERNAL, AND WE'D LIVED HERE ALL THESE YEARS, AND I'M STILL LIVING HERE. SHOULD I TELL ABOUT THE ()?

JP: YOU BET.

MC: OUR FIRST SON WAS BORN IN JANUARY OF THIRTY-FOUR, AND WE HAD EIGHT CHILDREN. FIVE OF THEM BOYS AND THREE GIRLS. AND UH THEY ALL WENT TO SCHOOL HERE IN FERRON. THEN AS THEY WERE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT AWAY AND WENT TO OTHER SCHOOLS OR GOT JOBS AND WERE MARRIED AND LIVING OTHER PLACES.

JP: WHAT DID LLOYD DO FOR A LIVING WHEN YOU MOVED UP HERE, MILLIE?

MC: UH, LLOYD MOSTLY FARMED. AND DURING THE TIMES THAT HIS BROTHER LESLIE HAD A CONSTRUCTION JOB SOMEWHERE, LLOYD WENT AND WORKED WITH HIM AND SO, AND DURING WORLD WAR II HE WORKED UP AT DUGWAY, FOR QUIET SOME TIME DURING THAT TIME...

JP: WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THAT ERA, YOU WAS A MOTHER OF A NICE SIZE FAMILY..

MC: I WAS THE MOTHER OF SEVEN CHILDREN BY THEN.

JP: RIGHT, TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW IT WAS TO TO MAINTAIN YOUR FAMILY WHEN HE WAS AWAY AND THE WAR WAS ON.

MC: WELL, IT WASN'T, IT WASN'T MUCH DIFFERENT THAT WHEN YOU WERE HOME, UH WE MOSTLY RAISED ALL OUR OWN VEGETABLES, OUR OWN BEEF, OUR OWN, HAD OUR OWN CHICKENS AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT, WE WAS MOSTLY SELF SUFFICIENT IN THAT RESPECT. WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY, BUT UH, AND UH WE UH KNEW YOU KNOW, THE WAR, I DON'T KNOW MAYBE, I DON'T THINK THAT IT REALLY MEANT AS MUCH TO US AND WE REALIZED, AND REALIZE NOW WHAT IT MEANS, MEANT TO US.

JP: A LOT OF SACRIFICE AT THAT TIME, BUT I THINK THAT'S TRUE ABOUT ANYTHING WE DO, IN LOOKING BACK IN RETROSPECT WE HAVE MORE OF AN APPRECIATION...

MC: I REMEMBER WE HAD TO SACRIFICE, WE HAD TO DO WITHOUT SUGAR AND WE USED SACCRINE AND TO THIS DAY I CAN'T TOLERATE SACCRINE OR SUGAR EITHER AS FAR AS THAT'S CONCERNED.

JP: NOW AT THAT TIME TOO, THEY HAD CLOTHING STAMPS, NOW I'LL BET THAT WAS KIND OF HARD TO KEEP YOUR KIDS IN SHOES.

MC: UH HUH, YES.

JP: I REMEMBER A PAIR OF SHOES A YEAR, I THINK.

MC: UH HUH, AND THEY HAD GAS RATIONS, AND UH WELL I THINK FOOD TOO, I THINK A LOT OF FOOD WAS RATIONED AT THAT TIME.

JP: WHAT IN BEING IN FERRON AT THAT TIME, WHAT WAS SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WENT DURING THAT EARLY PERIOD OF YOUR LIFE THAT...

MC: WELL, THEY HAD DANCES, THERE WAS QUITE A LOT OF DANCES, DIFFERENT PLACES, OUT TO WILBERG'S, GO TO THE DANCES THEY HAD A DANCE PAVILION DOWN HERE, DOWN TOWARD MOLEN, DOWN THAT WAY, THEY HAD DANCES AND ACTIVITIES. AND WE BELONGED TO A BUNCH, A CLUB BUNCH THAT PLAYED CARDS, AND WE I DON'T KNOW, WE HAD PICNICS AND THINGS LIKE THAT THAT YOU WENT TO AND THE THINGS YOU DONE. AND IT SEEMED LIKE THAT IN A WAY THERE WAS MORE FREE TIME TO DO THINGS, THAN WE HAVE FREE TIME NOW TO DO THINGS.

JP: I THINK CARS HAVE MADE US REAL BUSY.

MC: (LAUGH)

JP: DO YOU FEEL LIKE, I ALWAYS KIND OF LIKE TO HAVE OLDER PEOPLE KIND OF COMPARE THE WAY OF LIVING THEN IN COMPARISON WITH TODAY'S FAST PACE NOW AND I THINK YOU PRETTY WELL DID THAT BUT UH, DID YOU EVER WORK WHEN YOU WERE RAISING YOUR KIDS, MILLIE?

MC: NOT OUT OF THE HOME. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN.

JP: THAT'S WHAT I MEAN. THAT'S A BAD PHRASE CAUSE I DON'T KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WORKS HARDER THAN A MOTHER RAISING A FAMILY. DO YOU REMEMBER WHO WAS THE MAYOR AT THE TIME OF THE WAR HERE? WHO MAYBE THE TOWN LEADERS WERE? THE COUNTY LEADERS?

MC: NO I DON'T. I REMEMBER BISHOP PERRY SNOW WAS OUR BISHOP, BUT I REALLY DON'T KNOW, I REALLY DON'T.

JP: TIME (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

MC: AND I THINK THAT...I GUESS WE HAD MAYORS AND TOWN COUNCILMEN AND THINGS AT THAT TIME.

JP: OH, I'M SURE YOU DID, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER EITHER. I WAS KIND OF INTERESTED, WHEN YOU LIVED IN WOODSIDE, WHERE DID YOU GO TO GET YOUR GROCERIES. DID THEY HAVE A GROCERY STORE IN WOODSIDE?

MC: MY DAD HAD A GROCERY STORE. WE HAD A LITTLE GROCERY STORE AND ONCE A WEEK THEY DELIVERED WHATEVER HE WOULD ORDER THE WEEK BEFORE....

JP: SO THERE WAS....

MC: THE NEXT WEEK.

JP: WHAT ELSE WAS THERE IN WOODSIDE AT THAT TIME? BESIDES A DID THEY HAVE A GAS STATION?

MC: YES, DAD HAD A GAS STATION AND THE STORE.

JP: SO HE...

MC: AND THERE WAS A POST OFFICE, AND UH THE SCHOOL AND THAT WAS IT.

JP: DID YOU MAINLY GO TO GREEN RIVER, OR DID YOU JUST GO UP TO PRICE WHEN YOU NEEDED ANYTHING?

MC: WELL, WE WOULD TO GO TO THE DOCTORS AND THINGS LIKE THAT WE WENT TO PRICE. AND THEY HAD BUSSES THAT RUN EVERY DAY. A BUS THAT RUN AND ALSO TRAINS AND BEING AS MY DAD

WORKED...WAS A RAILROADER, WE ROAD THE TRAINS FREE.

JP: OH..

MC: SO ANYTIME WE NEEDED TO GO TO THE DOCTOR OR ANYWHERE WE COULD, I WAS I ROAD THE TRAIN A LOT WHEN I WAS A KID, CAUSE I HAD A GRANDMA THAT LIVED IN SALT LAKE, I HAD A SISTER THAT LIVED UP IN PROVO AND AN AUNT IN GRAND JUNCTION AND I'D JUST GET ON THE TRAIN AND AWAY I'D GO.

JP: YOU PROBABLY HAD MORE ADVANTAGES THAT WAY THAN MOST KIDS DID.

MC: DO, IN A WAY, IT WAS.

JP: YEAH.

MC: AND WE ALSO HAD BUSES THAT LATER, AFTER THE RAILROAD PUMP STATION WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM THERE. THE....

JP: DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT WHAT YEAR THAT WAS, MILLIE?

MC: OHHH.. THAT WAS UH THAT WAS BEFORE I WAS MARRIED, I'D SAY IT WAS APPROXIMATELY MAYBE TWENTY-EIGHT OR TWENTY-NINE.

JP: IS THAT RIGHT?

MC: SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE. AND THE REASON OF THAT WAS THERE WAS NO MORE CATTLE BROUGHT IN THERE TO SHIP OUT BY RAIL.

JP: THAT WAS A GOOD...

MC: AND THAT WAS KINDA THE END OF THE RAILROAD.

JP: WHAT ELSE DID THEY SHIP OUT OF THERE? I KNOW...

MC: CATTLE AND SHEEP.

JP: JUST PRODUCE TYPE THING?

MC: UH HUH.

JP: NOW HAD THEY DEVELOPED THE GEYSER DOWN THERE AT THAT TIME?

MC: THE GEYSER WAS DEVELOPED LONG LONG BEFORE I CAN EVER REMEMBER, CAUSE THE RAILROAD DRILLED FOR WATER AND THAT'S WHAT THEY GOT GEYSER.. AND AT THAT TIME WHEN I WAS A KID AND GROWING UP, I CAN ALWAYS REMEMBER, I REMEMBER IT FROM DAY ONE, SO IT WAS THERE BEFORE I EVER GREW UP. AND UH IT USE TO ERUPT ABOUT EVERY TWENTY OR THIRTY MINUTES.

JP: IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD SIZE GEYSER THEN?

MC: YES. AND UH WERE TO AND LET'S SEE THERE'S A CEMETERY DOWN THERE WHERE MY PARENTS, MY GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES AND COUSINS AND THINGS ARE BURIED. AND WE WERE DOWN THERE THIS MEMORIAL WEEKEND AND THE GEYSER IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

JP: IT'S JUST GONE?

MC: IT'S GONE.

JP: WELL NOW, WHEN YOU LIVED THERE, DID THEY HAVE IT AS QUITE A TOURIST ATTRACTION?

MC: YES IT WAS.

JP: IT BROUGHT A LOT OF PEOPLE DOWN THROUGH THERE.

MC: IT BROUGHT A LOT OF PEOPLE IN, WELL THE MAIN HIGHWAY... SEE THE MAIN HIGHWAY AT THAT TIME RUN RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY MOTHER AND DAD'S HOME AND OUT PAST THE GEYSER AND OUT THROUGH THE BRIDGE.

JP: ABOUT HOW MANY HOME WERE THERE THERE? AT THAT TIME, THE TIME YOU REMEMBER GROWING UP, MILLIE?

MC: OH, LET'S SEE, THERE WAS HANSEN'S, DOLLINGS, DOWNARDS, CURTIS'S, ROBARIES, THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE AT THE RANGER STATION. AND THERE WAS ALWAYS SOME OF THE WORKERS AT THE RAILROAD. SOME OF THEM ARE MARRIED AND SOME OF THEM WEREN'T. BUT I REMEMBER THE DEMASES, THE GROSMANS, I'D SAY MAYBE TEN HOMES.

JP: I ALWAYS THOUGHT...

MC: SO IT WAS, AT ONE TIME.

JP: AT LEAST YOU WEREN'T ISOLATED.

MC: UH HUH. AND ISOLATION COME AFTER THEY TOOK THE RAILROAD AWAY AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

JP: AND THAT'S WHY.....

MC: IT REALLY DROPPED DOWN.

JP: OKAY, LET'S GO BACK TO FERRON THEN, UH WE GOT BACK TO THE WORLD WAR II AND HOW THAT AFFECTED... DID YOU NOTICE A REAL CHANGE IN THE ECONOMY AT THAT TIME? DIFFERENT LIFE STYLES?

MC: UH NOT PARTICULARLY, UNTIL AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER. THEN THE ECONOMY PICKED UP AND THINGS CHANGED AND...

JP: HAVE YOU ALWAYS, YOU AND LLOYD ALWAYS LIVED IN THIS HOUSE?

MC: YES.

JP: THIS IS WHERE YOU CAME WHEN YOU WERE MARRIED?

MC: YES.

JP: DID YOU BUILD IT OR...

MC: NO, IT WAS BUILT BY HIS DAD. WE MOVED HERE IN NOVEMBER OF 1933.

JP: IT'S STILL A LOVELY HOME TOO. AND YOU RAISED ALL YOUR FAMILY HERE?

MC: UH HUH.

JP: THAT'S GREAT. WHAT OTHER THINGS DO YOU REMEMBER, HOW DO YOU FEEL LIKE FERRON HAS AFFECTED YOU, IN YOUR LIFE, IN RAISING YOUR FAMILY. WHAT ARE YOUR DEEP FEELINGS ABOUT A LITTLE TOWN LIKE FERRON.

MC: WELL, FERRON'S BEEN GOOD. AND UH I SAID THERE'S BEEN, WE'VE HAD PEOPLE MOVE IN AND PEOPLE MOVE OUT, I'VE HAD LOTS OF GOOD FRIENDS, HAD A LOT OF GOOD NEIGHBORS.

JP: WHAT WAS THE NAME OF YOUR CLUB?

MC: I THINK WE JUST CALLED IT THE 500 CLUB.

JP: AND WHY DID YOU PICK THAT NAME?

MC: WELL, I GUESS CAUSE WE PLAYED 500.

JP: THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD REASON TO ME. AND WHO WERE SOME OF THE LADIES THAT WERE IN THAT CLUB?

MC: UH, OH THERE WAS DELMA AND EASTON LESLIE,

JP: THIS WAS A COUPLES CLUB THEN?

MC: UH HUH, AND ART AND ANNA RHODES, () AND ART RASMUSSEN, EVA AND CLEON HUNTSMAN, VIVIAN AND CAN'T THINK OF HER HUSBANDS NAME UH PETTY, PETERSON RATHER, PETERSON AND UH ADELE AND ROLAND HENRY, AND WHO ELSE WAS IN IT, AND UH THE VERDA, CHARLIE RASMUSSEN WAS ANOTHER COUPLE, AND OUT OF ALL

THOSE THAT, I THINK THERE WAS ABOUT FOURTEEN COUPLES OF US, AND OUT OF THEM ALL THE ONLY TWO THAT ARE STILL A COUPLE ARE DELMA AND EASTON LESLIE.

JP: MY GOODNESS. SO WHEN WOULD YOU MEET, ONCE A MONTH?

MC: NO, WE'D MEET EVERY WEEK.

JP: IS THAT RIGHT?

MC: UH HUH.

JP: AND WHAT DID YOU DO, TRADE HOUSES?

MC: UH HUH, AND WE ALWAYS COOKED, WE ALWAYS HAD A BIG MEAL AND...

JP: A MEAL?

MC: YES A HOT MEAL, HAROLD AND FANNY SORENSEN WAS ANOTHER COUPLE THAT WAS WITH US TO.

JP: SO WHAT WOULD A MEAL CONSIST OF?

MC: OH, WE'D SERVE A REGULAR MEAL, WE WOULD HAVE MEAT, POTATOES, SALAD, JELLO AND EVERY VEGETABLE AND EVERYTHING, WE'D SERVE A REGULAR...

JP: WELL, YOU GUYS WORKED REALLY HARD AT THAT....

MC: YEAH.

JP: AND I BET YOU HAD LASTING FRIENDSHIPS FOREVER.

MC: YES. YOU JUST, SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE YOU THINK ABOUT.

JP: YOU KNOW, AND WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DO THAT ANYMORE. AND I THINK THAT'S KIND OF A SAD THING THAT'S LOST.

MC: UH HUH.

JP: THOSE ARE GOOD MEMORY TIMES.

MC: AND ANOTHER THING THAT LIVING IN FERRON. LET'S SEE LLOYD HAD A FARM AND WE HAD THRASHERS, THRASHERS GUESS I'D BETTER PRONOUNCE IT RIGHT...COME YOU KNOW TO THRASH THE GRAIN AND THINGS AND UH OUR KIDS MENTION THAT, THEY TALK ABOUT HOW EACH WIFE TRIED TO OUT DO THE OTHER WIFE IN THE MEAL THAT THEY'D COOKED.

JP: WOULDN'T WANT TO BE OUT DONE BY MRS. LESLIE OR SOMEONE, WOULD YOU.

MC: YEAH.

JP: WELL, I SUPPOSE YOUR BOYS GOT TO HELP WITH THE THRASHING AND...

MC: OH THEY DID.

JP: AND THAT WAS QUITE A BIG TIME, A LOT OF WORK FOR THE WIFE.

MC: YEAH.

JP: I THINK THOSE WIVES NEED TO BE COMMENDED. REALLY CAUSE THAT WAS A LOT OF WORK.

MC: AND I THINK KIDS THAT LEARN TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND UH THINGS LIKE THAT, AND THEY HAD MORE RESPONSIBILITIES, THEY LEARNED TO WORK.

JP: I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT OUR CULTURE HAS REALLY LOST NOWADAYS AND...

JP: I GUESS IF THERE WOULD BE ONE BIT OF ADVISE IT WOULD BE TO KEEP KIDS BUSY, ACTIVE SO THEY DON'T THINK ABOUT THE MISCHIEF AND THINGS THEY DON'T HAVE.

MC: WELL THEY DON'T HAVE THOSE THINGS TO DO NOWADAYS SEE...

JP: AND THAT'S SAD THAT WE DON'T HAVE THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO, IT CERTAINLY RAISES A GOOD FAMILY DIDN'T IT? YOU'VE GOT A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY, THEY'VE ALL LEARNED TO BE HARD-WORKING KIDS AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE FARM DOES FOR THEM TOO.

MC: I THINK SO TOO, CAUSE THEY, YOU KNOW THEY THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER WORK, THEY KNOW THERE MIGHT BE A CALF THAT HAS TO BE FED AT A CERTAIN TIME OR YOU KNOW THINGS LIKE THAT.

JP: DID YOU EVER TAKE PICNICS UP TO THE PICNIC GROUNDS?

MC: OH YES AND...

JP: AND UP THE CANYON?

MC: WE WENT UP FERRON MOUNTAIN AND SPENT A FEW DAYS EVERY SUMMER AND.....

JP: WHAT DID YOU DO? DID YOU TAKE A TENT?

MC: YES TAKE A TENT AND WE WENT, HORSE AND WAGON.

JP: HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE YOU TO GET UP THERE FROM THE MIDDLE OF TOWN MILLIE, WITH THE HORSE AND WAGON?

MC: OH, I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY IDEA, BUT IT SEEMED LIKE A HALF A DAY.

JP: WELL, THE ROAD PROBABLY WASN'T MUCH BETTER....

MC: AND YOU'D PITCH YOUR TENT AND I REMEMBER ONE TIME WE DIDN'T DIG A TRENCH AROUND IT AND IT STARTED TO RAIN THE FIRST THING, YOU KNOW HERE WAS ALL THIS WATER, AND SO AFTER THAT WE REMEMBERED TO DIG A TRENCH, AND THERE WOULD BE SNOW AND THE KIDS WOULD TAKE AN OLD INNER TUBE OR OLD PAN OR SOMETHING AND GO UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND SLIDE DOWN IN THE SNOW IN JULY.

JP: IS THAT RIGHT?

MC: UH HUH.

JP: WOULDN'T EVEN NEED A SLEIGH (MC: UH UH) THEY'D JUST DO IT. WHAT OTHER FUN MEMORIES DO YOU HAVE?

MC: OH EASTER PICNICS AND...

JP: WHERE WOULD YOU GO? WHERE WOULD YOU GO FOR EASTER?

MC: WELL, SOMETIMES, WE WENT DOWN BELOW SEVERAL TIMES, WE WENT DOWN...

JP: DOWN ON THE DESERT.

MC: WE'D GO UP THE CANYON OR YOU KNOW DIFFERENT THINGS LIKE THAT.

JP: FUNNY WHAT FAMILY MEMORIES ARE MADE OF.

MC: YES. AND THEN OF COURSE AS THE KIDS GOT BIGGER AND OLDER WE WENT OTHER PLACES.

JP: IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE, WOULD YOU CHANGE ANYTHING MILLIE?

MC: I DON'T THINK SO.

JP: YOU'VE HAD A, RAISED A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY.

MC: YES, THERE'S BEEN THE GOOD AND THERE'S BEEN THE BAD.

JP: JUST PART OF LIFE.

MC: YES.

JP: LET'S GO BACK TO WOODSIDE AGAIN, WE KEEP GOING BACK THERE MILLIE. IT'S JUST SO INTERESTING, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAID EARLIER, BUT THE SCHOOL ANYWAY WENT FROM GRADE ONE TO EIGHT, SO THAT'S SOMETHING INTERESTING, THEN WHERE DID YOU GO TO GET THE REST OF YOUR SCHOOLING?

MC: TO OGDEN TO HIGH SCHOOL.

JP: THAT'S WHERE YOU GOT FINISHED OUT?

MC: I HAD A SISTER THAT LIVED THERE.

JP: NOW HOW DID YOUR FAMILY END UP IN WOODSIDE?

MC: WELL, THEY MY MOTHER WAS BORN, MY GRANDPARENTS STARTED IN SPRINGVILLE, THEY WENT TO FOUNTAIN GREEN, THAT'S WHERE MY MOTHER WAS BORN. THEY MOVED TO CASTLE GATE AND ENDED UP IN WOODSIDE. AND MY MOTHER MET AND MARRIED MY DAD IN CASTLE GATE. HE WAS WORKING ON THE RAILROAD. THEY UH AND DOWN TO WOODSIDE, WE HAD THIS MR. DUNLAP WHO WOULD FOLLOW THE SIDE, AS WE CALLED THEM, THE DAMN YANKEES, BUT HE WAS...

JP: NOW WHO WERE THE DAMN YANKEES?

MC: WELL, THEY WERE THE ONES THAT FOUGHT, THEY WERE THE ONES THAT FOUGHT AGAINST THE CIVIL WAR. (JP:UH HUH) WHAT WAS IT THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. (JP: THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH) SO THEY WAS THE NORTH.

JP: I WONDERED IF THAT WAS JUST KIND OF A...

MC: NO THEY WERE THE NORTH AND THEY WERE CALLED THE YANKEES. HOW HE EVER MOVED TO WOODSIDE, I DON'T KNOW. BUT I REMEMBER HIM AS A KID LIVING THERE IN THE LITTLE DUGOUT AND THAT HE REPAIRED SHOES FOR A LIVING.

JP: DID HE HAVE A FAMILY?

MC: NO. NOT THAT I KNOW.

JP: JUST CAME BY HIMSELF.

MC: KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT AND LIKE I SAID, I YOU KNOW, HE WAS JUST THERE I GUESS.

JP: BUT THERE WAS NO DISCRIMINATION OR ANYTHING....

MC: OH, NOW.

JP: HE BECAME PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

MC: MY GRANDDAD AND HE WERE THE BEST OF FRIENDS.

JP: SO THE DAMN YANKEE WAS A...

MC: YEAH.

JP: WAS A FUN NAME.

MC: OH YEAH. IT WAS JUST THAT ONE FOUGHT FROM THE NORTH AND ONE FROM THE SOUTH. THEY FOUGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER IN A WAY. BUT THEY WERE THE BEST OF FRIENDS, MAYBE NEVER EVEN SAW EACH OTHER DURING THE CONFLICT, NEVER MET UNTIL THAT TIME.

JP: PROBABLY NOT. DO YOU REMEMBER MUCH MILLIE, ABOUT THE WATER SITUATION WHEN YOU AND LLOYD WERE FARMING? HOW DID THEY, WHAT WAS THE WATER LIKE THEN, WITH THE CROPS AND THINGS. THEY DIDN'T HAVE MILLSITE RESERVOIR.

MC: THERE WAS ALWAYS AND FERRON RESERVOIR.

JP: UH HUH.

MC: AND THEY HAD, THERE WAS ALWAYS PLENTY OF WATER.

JP: IT NEVER SEEMED TO BE A PROBLEM.

MC: NO. NO. NOT AT ANY TIME THAT I CAN EVER REMEMBER THAT IT'S JUST BEEN THE LAST FEW YEARS THAT IT'S BEEN. AND IT COULD BE CAUSE THERE'S MORE PEOPLE.

JP: WHEN DID YOU GET YOUR FIRST CAR? DO YOU REMEMBER?

MC: OH, IT WAS AN OLD HUP MOBILE, I IMAGINE MAYBE IN THE EARLY FORTIES.

JP: YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER WHEN ELECTRICITY CAME?

MC: I THINK THERE WAS ELECTRICITY HERE WHEN WE MOVED HERE.

JP: WAS THERE IN WOODSIDE?

MC: UH HUH. JUST BEFORE I WAS MARRIED, UP UNTIL THEN WE HAS GAS LANTERN AND GAS LIGHT.

JP: SO YOU WERE PROBABLY ABOUT EIGHTEEN?

MC: YEAH.

JP: SO YOU CAN RELATE TO A LOT OF CHANGES. DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TV THAT YOU HAD?

MC: OH YEAH, THAT WAS ABOUT IN OHH WHEN DID TV COME HERE, ABOUT THE TIME THAT...OHH I KNOW EARL WAS IN COLLEGE OVER TO CARBON WHEN WE HAD OUR FIRST TV, SO IT WAS I'D SAY, WHAT, FORTY YEARS AGO.

JP: I REMEMBER THE FIRST ONE THAT CAME TO CASTLE DALE, EVA JENSEN HAD IT, IT WAS JUST A SNOWY MESS, BUT IT WAS JUST WONDERFUL.

MC: WONDERFUL.

JP: AND I THINK I WAS ABOUT, THAT MUST HAVE BEEN MAYBE 1950 OR SOMETHING AROUND IN THERE.

MC: MAYBE IT DIDN'T COME HERE THAT EARLY, BUT I REMEMBER THAT THERE WAS, THEY DID HAVE TV, WE HAD, WE ALWAYS HAD RADIO. AND THEN WE DIDN'T GET TELEPHONES UNTIL...WE HAD TELEPHONES IN WOODSIDE WHEN I WAS A KID. BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE THEM HERE.

JP: DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN, NOW THEY USED TO HAVE A CENTRAL OPERATOR THAT YOU COULD CALL.

MC: UH HUH THAT YOU COULD CALL.

JP: WAS THAT ALWAYS IN CASTLE DALE OR DID WE HAVE ONE IN FERRON?

MC: NO, THEY HAD A YOU COULD GO DOWN HERE WHERE AARONS CAFE IS AND USE THAT.

JP: (UNINTELLIGIBLE)

MC: UH HUH.

JP: DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU GOT YOUR FIRST PHONE?

MC: OH. NOT OFF HAND BUT WHENEVER THE PHONES, I THINK THE PHONES WERE AFTER WE...DIDN'T WE HAVE GAS BEFORE...DIDN'T THE GAS COME IN BEFORE THE PHONES DID. I REMEMBER WE WERE ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE IN FERRON TO HAVE THE GAS FURNACE. I DO REMEMBER THAT, CAUSE OUR OLD FURNACE HAD GONE OUT, OUR OLD COAL FURNACE HAD GONE OUT. SO WE JUST REPLACED IT RIGHT THEN.

JP: WASN'T IT WONDERFUL?

MC: OH YES.

JP: I I THINK ONLY WHEN YOU'VE GONE, WHEN YOU'VE LIVED ON BOTH SIDES DO YOU TRULY APPRECIATE THE WONDERFUL MODERN CONVENIENCES THAT WE HAVE NOW.

MC: I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I SAW MY FIRST HELICOPTER, I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I TOOK MY FIRST....

JP: WHERE WAS THAT AT?

MC: UH, DOWN TO WOODSIDE BELIEVE IT OR NOT. I WAS DOWN THERE TO MY MOTHERS.

JP: MY WORD.

MC: WHEN THE...

JP: AND WE USED TO THINK WOODSIDE WAS WAY OUT IN THE STICKS.

MC: UH HUH.

JP: AND YOU HAD A LOT MORE....

MC: YEAH.

JP: ADVANTAGES OUT THERE THAN WE DID HERE.

MC: YEAH.

JP: BECAUSE OF THE RAILROAD DOWN THERE, YOU HAD TO HAVE IT....

MC: MY FIRST PLANE TRIP WAS AFTER BERNICE WAS MARRIED AND MOVED TO CALIFORNIA, WE FLEW TO....

JP: HOW MANY GRANDKIDS DO YOU HAVE?

MC: THIRTY-TWO.

JP: HOW MANY GREAT-GRANDKIDS?

MC: I THINK AT LAST COUNT THERE WAS SIXTY-THREE.

JP: HOW MANY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDKIDS...

MC: NONE YET. MY OLDEST GREAT IS JUST NINETEEN. WELL HE WON'T BE NINETEEN UNTIL DECEMBER.

JP: WHAT A WONDERFUL HERITAGE. ISN'T THAT JUST A MARVELOUS HERITAGE? UH..WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO HAVE LIVED ANYPLACE BESIDES FERRON? HAVE YOU REALLY ENJOYED LIVING IN EMERY COUNTY.

MC: I'VE REALLY ENJOYED LIVING HERE BUT AS TO SAY WOULD I HAVE LIKED TO LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE, I'VE NEVER LIVED ANYWHERE ELSE. WHEN I WAS A KID GROWING UP, I LOVED PROVO, I STILL DO. I WOULD HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW, MAYBE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, MIGHT HAVE LIVED IN PROVO. BECAUSE I DID LIKE PROVO, AND I STILL LIKE PROVO.

JP: UH HUH. I REMEMBER HEARING A LOT OF STORIES ABOUT THE BARTERING. DID YOU EVER LIVE THROUGH ANY OF THE.. LIKE TAKING EGGS TO THE STORE FOR GROCERIES?

MC: OH YES.

JP: YOU DID THAT TOO.

MC: YEAH, THE KIDS COULD TAKE AN EGG DOWN TO THE STORE AND COME HOME WITH A SACK OF CANDY.

JP: OH WOULDN'T THAT BE FUN. I THINK IT WOULD BE FUN TO GO BACK TO THOSE TIMES A LITTLE BIT.

MC: YEAH.

JP: CAN I HAVE THIS EGG MOM..FOR SOME CANDY...

MC: YEAH.

JP: GET A PIECE OF CANDY FOR A QUARTER.

MC: THEY TOOK (GRAIN sounds like) OR THINGS LIKE THAT YOU KNOW AND CHANGED THEM FOR GROCERIES.

JP: WE HAVE LOTS OF MODERN CONVENIENCES BUT I THINK SOME OF THE TIME DOING IT THE SIMPLER WAY IS ALMOST A LOT SIMPLER.

MC: WELL, I THINK WE HAD, LIKE I SAID, I THINK WE HAD A LOT MORE TIME OR MAYBE WE TOOK MORE TIME AND WE VISITED MORE, IT WASN'T WE DIDN'T HAVE CARS, WE HAD LITTLE WAGONS, WE'D PUT OUR KIDS IN THE WAGON AND TAKE OFF AND GO SPEND THE AFTERNOON VISITING WITH SOME OF OUR FRIENDS OR SOMETHING. THINGS THAT YOU JUST DON'T DO NOW.

JP: I I THINK THAT'S THE THING THAT MADE OUR LIFE REALLY GREAT BUT COMPLICATED IS CAUSE WE TRAVEL SO MUCH NOW.

MC: YEAH.

JP: WE DON'T STAY HOME AND DO THE VISITING AND THE CARD GAMES AND THINGS THAT USE TO BE SO IMPORTANT IN PEOPLES LIVES.

MC: WELL, I DON'T EVEN LIFT THE PHONE AND CALL PEOPLE LIKE I SHOULD.

JP: USED TO HAVE ALL THIS TIME MILLIE?

MC: I HAVE LOTS OF TIME TO DO NOTHING.

JP: WELL, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU TAKING YOUR TIME TO DO THIS, CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SAY?

MC: NO. I DON'T THINK SO.

JP: A GOOD HEALTHY LIFE AND STILL VERY ACTIVE.

MC: YES, IT'S BEEN HEALTHY AND YOU, I'VE HAD YOU KNOW()
TROUBLES AND THINGS, BUT ALL IN ALL IT'S....

JP: BEEN A GOOD LIFE.

MC: BEEN A GOOD LIFE.

JP: WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS TIME MILLIE, I'M SURE THAT SOMEPLACE DOWN THE ROAD WE'RE GOING TO BE REAL GRATEFUL FOR THIS HISTORY THAT YOU'VE GIVEN US.

END OF TAPED INTERVIEW

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