

Toni P. Hopes

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Mrs. Carter 6th hour

Golden Days: Beginners Guide to Family History

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A Beginner's Guide to Collecting Family History and Community Traditions

Interviewer: Greg Kinoshita

My Personal and Family History

What is your full name?

Toni P. Hopes

Are you also called by a nickname?

Mad Dog, T.O., Gladius

How did you get your nickname?

I tend to get a little wild when I get drunk, so my friends started calling me by these names that are in ways related to famous people and my personality.

Who Gave it to you?

My friends

Who calls you by your nickname now?

Friends and Family

Where do you live?

Orem, Utah

Have you ever lived anywhere else? Where and When? Place

Year

Ephraim 1991-1992 and Goshen 1974-1990

Have you ever traveled anywhere else? Where and When?

Place Year

San Diego, California 1995; Los Angeles, California 1995; Las Vegas, Nevada 2001; The Oregon Coast, I go to the Oregon Coast every August with my friends it kind of like a tradition for us.

Where were you born?

Payson, Utah County

When were you born?

August 7, 1974

What kind of work do/did you do?

Landscaping Designer/ Sales

When did you begin doing this kind of work?

Around 1996

What is the first kind of work you ever did?

Shovel Dirt and Cow shit

What was your first job?

Working as a gas station attendant running the cash register and pumping gas

How old were you when you first began working?

I would say around fifteen.

How much schooling have you had?

Attended UVSC for my generals, then transferred to Snow College and graduated in 1996. Majored in Business.

Are you a member of any clubs, organizations or churches?

No, but I'm a member of a lot of bars.

Do you have any brothers or sister? Name, Birth date, Residence

Brother-Shawn Paul Hopes; September 28, 1971; Springville, Utah

Donald Paul Hopes II

What is your father's full name?

Donald Paul Hopes II

Birthplace?

Salt Lake City; Salt Lake County; Utah; United States

Birth date?

January 13, 1952

Current/last residence?

Goshen, Utah County; Utah; United States

What kind of work does/did he do?

Heavy Equipment Operator/ Bullshiter. Before he was a heavy equipment operator he work in the mine for **10 years**.

Debra Jye Jarvis Hopes

What is you mother's full name?

Debra Jye Jarvis Hopes

Birthplace?

Santaquin, Utah County; Utah; United States

Birthdate?

August 23, 1953

Current/last residence?

Goshen, Utah County; Utah; United States. Santaquin, Utah County; Utah; United States.

What kind of work does/ did she do?

Owner of Woodstuff Landscaping Supplies

Where did you ancestors come from? What language did they speak?

England- English

Do you recall any stories about the history of your family?

- My Grandpa Hopes got drunk one night, was driving down Goshen back roads around 2:00 driving down the road and out of nowhere this dairy cow came into full view of his lights and killed the cow on impact, that night he tried to put his truck back together with bailing twine, actually worked out pretty good. When I seen the truck I laughed my butt off. Also, thankful he didn't get hurt.

Family and Community Traditions

What do you remember about the house you grew up in?

Kind of like a Adobe Setting: contained 5 Rooms, the ugliest carpet in the world, it was in all the rooms, the color was kind of a orange with a blend of

brown and the couch was a green and orange color (also the ugliest couch in the world). We also had fake wood cabinets. Our T.V. was one of those T.V. that you had to switch yourself, that sucked.

How was it different from the housing you live in today?

Today, there is more advanced technology like dishwashers, Satellite T.V. I have better looking carpet. Right now I'm living in a one bedroom apartment, with one bath/shower, and kitchen /living room. It's a small apartment, but its my own home. I've decorated it in oriental setting as well as a kind of autumn setting.

What do you remember about the town or community where you grew up?

It seemed like the years went by in slow motion. We had a population of about 150, small country town. The ethnic groups included Mexican-American. We had a small Dairy Queen, Motel (it burnt down). The only thing we looked forward to was going down to Legion Hall to skating with our roller skates and the dances that took place there. Legion Hall was pretty much our Recreational Center. Our community consisted of miners and farmers. The one thing I still find amazing to this day, was that we were probably the only county in Utah who had a blind judge, he gave a new meaning to blind justice.

How is it different from the community you live in today?

Consists of a larger population, has a mall, supermarkets, bars, and more things to do.

What are some of you favorite family stories that include you parents or your siblings?

- When I was about ten, my brother Shawn threw rotten apples at me and my friend Clayton Davis, while we were tied to the apple tree. For some reason, I laugh about it today.
- We were all just playing around the house, when all of sudden this snake comes out of nowhere, my mom and me jumped instantly on to a chair. My dad (keep in mind that my dad is terrified of snakes) with nothing but his cowboy boots and boxer shorts grabbed a fire poker and chased the snake around the house trying to get it out the door. I've never been so scared or laughed so hard in my life.
- When I was five and my brother Shawn was seven my grandpa took us to the Tinic bar with him, he was so drunk that we had to drive him home, neither one of us knew how to drive a stick shift. The truck was there so we just decided to drive. I worked the clutch, brake, and gas; while my brother did the stick and the wheel. It took us around 6

hours to drive approximately 7 miles. I'm surprised we didn't blow the transmission. That is how I learned how to drive and drive a stick shift. This is one of my most favorite stories. We got home safe and sound.

- On my first Christmas, my mom had bought me this cute red dress to where. That whole day I spent crying, they tried everything trying to get me to stop crying. At the end of the day my mom realized that I had a pin in my leg that was left in the dress. It just keep poking in to my leg. Since then my mom made sure to check for any pins that were in any of my clothes.
- I was about twenty, and I decided to stay over at my Grandma Jarvis house to help her quilt, while we were at the table eating dinner I told her to pass me the butter, her response to that was "Don't worry honey you'll find a man someday". Her hearing isn't to good. It was really funny.

What were some of the special occasions in your family and community?

We have a family reunion every year. Other than that we celebrate all the same holidays that are celebrated by many today; Easter, Christmas etc..

Which of these occasions are still celebrated today?

All.

Which have changed or disappeared?

None.

Name some of the homemade foods you ate as a child?

My Grandma Jarvis made the best homemade fries, pies, and rolls. My Grandma Gerriz made the best apple turnovers, I always looked forward to that when I seen her.

What were some of the foods you regularly ate?

My mom made homemade chili on a regular basis, but to this day I hate chili. Because I ate it some much it during my childhood. My Grandpa Hopes made meat and potatoes a lot too.

What were some of the foods you only ate on special occasions?

On Thanksgiving we ate Turkey, Spiral Hams and Homemade Rolls all made by my Grandma Jarvis (She used to work at BYU bakery). Even when my grandma reached the age ninety she still managed to get up every morning on thanksgiving day put the turkey in the oven, and make her homemade apple and rolls. I admire her for that, she always wanted everything to be perfect for thanksgiving because it was the only time that all the family got together to sit

down at the table; we would always have it at her house and it was a really small house, we would cram about 20 people onto a table that could fit about 14. Also, she would say the prayer every time, and every time she would cry. My Grandma Jarvis always put her family above anything else in the world (Sorry, I just had to mention that). On Christmas day we would go over to my Grandma Jarvis to eat Christmas Breakfast it consisted of scrambled eggs, ham, freshly cut hash browns, and crisp bacon, and homemade rolls the best breakfast in the world.

Which of these foods do you still eat today?

All

Do you have any special recipes that have been handed down in you family?

Yes. My Grandma Jarvis Chocolate cake.

Would you be willing to share this recipe?

No. It's personal. Maybe if you pay me enough.

Name some of the games you played as a child.

Red Rover (Every one knows how to play that). Bike Cops and Robbers, and touch football I was always on the skins team, I wore nothing but a sports bra

and shorts and Bike tag.

Which of these games are played by children today? Explain.

I think just Red Rover and Touch Football. I can't really remember how to play but I'll try and remember.

- **Red Rover:** The objective of the game was to prevent the other team from taking all you players, the team with the most players won. The game had to be played with a group of people, an even amount of people on each side. You would then form a straight line and hold hands. One group would begin by saying "red rover, red rover send Toni (or who ever was the weakest on the opposite of the opposing group) right over. The person that was sent over has to run hard and try to break the line, if that person failed to break the line he would then have to join their group, but if they did break through the line then he/she could choose any opposing player to come onto their team. That's about it.
- **Touch Football:** It's basically like playing flag football, but you don't have any flags, you instead prevent the opposing team from getting to their goal. You have to tag that person that is running with the football before they get to either their down or their goal post.

Which of these games do you think have changed or disappeared?

Probably Bike Tag.

What was your favorite and how was it played?

My favorite probably bike tag. What we did was rammed our bikes into each other and whoever had the least amount of scraps won, it's kind of pathetic, but we lived in a small town so we had to do something.

Did your parents have any special hobbies or crafts?

My family got really involved in rodeo, My dad and mom were roper, my brother was a bare back rider, roper, and steer wrestler, I was a barrel racer. It became somewhat a hobby for all of us, and a way to get closer together.

Do you have any favorite hobbies? Who did you learn from?

Golfing (Myself). Fishing (Allen Rogers, friend). Scrap booking (Aunt Jeannie). Having a beverage or two (My Grandpa). When I was younger I played softball, I was a great pitcher. My mom coached my softball team in Junior High, I ended up playing all through high school. I then received a scholarship to play softball at Snow College, but then I broke ankle. After that I lost interest in softball.

Do you remember any stories that were told to you as a child?

- My Grandpa Hopes told me this story, in a way its sad because of what happened to the horse, but its funny how he told it to me and the outcome

of the story. My grandpa had a horse that was getting old and really sick so he decided that it would be best to put the horse down, but he really didn't have the heart to do so; because he really liked this horse. So his friend (his next door neighbor) decided that he would do it for him. So his neighbor got a roll of duck tape and a stick of dynamite took the horse out to the desert, he then wrapped the duck taped the dynamite around the horses neck, lit the fuse and went back to his house. He then heard a noise in the back and there was that horse in the backyard, his whole back house blew up. The horse did die, but who would be that stupid to do something like that. I found it hard to believe this story, but my Aunt told me that it was true, even my Grandma Hopes (She never lies).

Do you remember any jokes or riddles from your childhood?

None that are clean.

Did you know anyone who sang?

Yes.

Who were they? What type of music?

Bruce Gordon. He had a really nice voice. Country Music. I sometimes sing but only in the shower or when I'm drunk I like to sing Gretchen Wilson, "Redneck Woman".

My Younger Days

Did you know anyone who played any musical instruments?

Yes.

Who were they?

Me.

What kind of instrument?

Trumpet.

What kind of music?

Classical like Beethoven or Chopin.

When and where would they play?

I would play at our school, I played the trumpet only in the 5th grade.

Homemade Remedies

Do you remember being sick as a child?

Yes.

What kinds of medicine did you take when you were sick?

Antibiotics, Epson Salts (My grandma J. believed this to be the cure all for everything)

Did your family use any home remedies?

Yes. Hot Mustard Plaster that consisted of grease, camphor, mentholated, layered on a dish rag and placed in the oven till hot.

Do you remember any sayings or beliefs concerning weather, good luck and bad luck, dreams, marriage etc.)

"If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself.

" Marriage Screw It"

What are some of the things you remember about school- friends, teachers, recess, after school?

"Power of Positive Thinking"

"What ever you have the desire for, you also have the talent to become"

What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?

Every day after/ before school my dog Buzzy would walk us to and from school, he was my best friend. Also, the birth of my God Child Raquel.

What historical events do you remember?

The most memorable September 11.

Student Interview: Greg Shingo Kinoshita

How did you become acquainted with the person you have interviewed?

She is my Aunt.

How much time did it take to complete all the questions with the person you interviewed?

About hour thirty minutes, it was fun.

What is your name?

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