

FAMILY HISTORY  
Ben Feuers  
8<sup>th</sup>

Ben: what is your full name

Mom: Nancy Whimpey

Ben: Do you have a middle name?

Mom: No my mother did not believe in middle names.

Ben: Mom did you ever have a nick name when you were a kid? What was it, and how did you get it?

Mom: Im not tellin, cause it was baby fat. Cause I had big cheeks.

Ben: who gave it to you?

Mom my friends in wellington, the even bought me a jersey that had baby fat on the back of it.

Ben: Do you ever get called that any more

Mom: ah no

Ben: um, where did you live when you grew up?

Mom: Willard

Ben: how long did you live there?

Mom: fourteen years.

Ben: have you ever traveled any where, like what is the biggest place you have travel to?

Mom: like the biggest state

Ben: any where, the biggest trip you ever made.

Mom: I went across country.

Ben: Was it interesting?

Mom: it was it was fun

Ben what was the coolest thing you did when you were crossing?

Mom: I got to see the ocean for the first time

Ben: was it pretty?

Mom: it was it was beautiful. and I went to san clamente.

Ben: what was that.

Mom: it was a place in California, they have nixon's library there

Ben: was it cool

Mom: no, na, im a democrat

Ben: Where were you born?

Mom: Provo Utah

Ben: When were you born, month, day, year?

Mom: November 22 1961, im 44, much younger than dad.

Ben: are you married

Mom: maybe, if I tell ill have to kill ya

Ben: come on give me the name,

Mom: Westly Dean Whimpey

Ben how old is he?

Mom: a lot older than I am, forty nine.

Ben: is he bald on the back of his head?

Mom: yes,

Ben: Where was he born?

Mom: Price Utah

Ben: When?

Mom: September 24, 1956

Ben: and has he lived here his whole life

Mom: yes

Ben: where was the first place he lived?

Mom: Cleveland

Ben: for how long?

Mom: till he was four, then they ran em' out of town.

Ben: did you have any children that were proven to be yours

Mom: no none that lived( ha ha), yes,

Ben: who were your first children? What were there names?

Mom: Benjermin Wayne Feuers, hasn't been proven in a court of law, but they say he's mine. He was born march 22 1989, then Stevie Lynn your little sister who you don't like to claim, born April

22 1992, Then Westly, July 22 1983, then there's Cara, June 7 1980.

Ben: What kind of work do you do?

Mom: a very, very, very nice shift manager at discovery research

Ben: have you ever fired anybody?

Mom: yes. That why at times they call me Hitler. But I shaved the mustache

Ben: how did you get the name Hitler.

Mom: cause I fired people

Ben: how many or was it just cause you fired so many

Mom: yes

Ben: who gave you the name Hitler

Mom: the employees,

ben: was there any specific employees that gave you the name?

Mom: yes, Robert Slama

Ben: when did you start this job?

Mom: 7 years ago

Ben: did you like it at first?

Mom: I did

Ben was it your favorite job?

Mom? Yes

ben: is it your favorite job right now

mom: yes, its my only job right now.

Ben: I mean is your favorite job that you ever had right now

Mom: no technically its not my favorite job.

Ben: how much have you had

Mom: high school

Ben: did you graduate?

Mom: no,

Ben: where you any clubs or organization or anything like that.

Mom: no I didn't like clubs.

Ben: did you like people.

Mom: no.

Ben: do you have any brothers or sisters

Mom: I had two sisters

Ben: named

Mom: carol and jenny

Ben jenny...

Mom: jenny Peterson and corol Conway, im the baby of the family, I was not spoiled, k maybe I was.

Ben: what was your fathers full name

Otto Dale Collings, and he hated it, he went by tony his hole life, he hated it and if you wanted to make him really, really mad you called him Otto

Ben and you know this how?

Mom: cause I called him Otto

Ben where was he born?

Mom: he was born on white rocks reservation, by vernal utah September 13 1911.

Ben what kind of work did he do?

Mom: he was a sheep sheerer.

Ben did he enjoy that

Mom he loved it he was very, very good at it.

Ben did you help him out at all?

Mom: yes,

Ben what was the funniest moment you had with him?

Mom: the funnest was, when he would take us sheering with him, to the stalk yard he would put us in

the bottom of these hundred pound sacks burlap sacks maybe fifty feet long, they would throw

down

the wool and then we stomped it. Then they would throw down more as they sheered, and we would

stomp it and we would stomp our way to the top of the sack, then we would get out, they would tie it

off and then they would wench it over to another pile, then they would check us for ticks, and then they would put us in another sack, and we loved it, and we would come home stinking so terribly bad

and but as little kids we loved it. And I fell of a hole stack of those and about broke my neck, and I

didn't cry cause I was my dads partner.

Ben: what was your moms full name

Mom: fern l. her maiden name was Barry, and her married name was collins

ben: and where was she born

Mom: Escalante Utah July 19 1927,

Ben and what was her current last residence,

Mom: here Elmo Utah

Ben what kind of did she do

Mom: everything, she had a worm farm when I was a kid. we had a worm, a big worm farm, we had

cement backs that were probably 100 foot long by five foot wide, and like five or six different kinds

that we raised, like red wigglers and jumpers and just plain night crawlers, we had them in the basement, we had them in old fridges, we had em' everywhere, that's how she supported us.

Ben for how long

Mom for years, she shipped them all over the country, then she grew raspberries and sold

raspberries,

and then she sewed, and in the summer time she worked in the cherry cannery and sewed and garden

and did worms, I remember going, she had all these little places that had sheep pastures, and the night

after they irrigated, we would go worm huntin, and she would stay out they, us kids would be in the

car ballin, "I want to go home", she said well I have to catch a few mor dozen, thats why I can catch

them, both hands can out catch night crawlers. To no end.

Ben: is there any where else she worked like the temple

Mom: yes she worked at the temple, but that's not a job, that's a calling, she loved her time at the temple, she's probley there now

Ben: Where did our ancestors come from?

Mom: well mine came from, I don't know where yours came from, all over mainly um Denmark Sweden Italian, fathers side Germany, they were probably driven out

Ben: what languages did they speak, like did they speak English right of the bat.

Mom: no I don't think so I wasn't there, um we had a lot of English relatives, of course they speak

English, Sweden Swiss, a lot of them came across and didn't speak English, they spoke Dutch, isn't

that what they speak?

Ben: do recall any stories about the history of your family

Mom: I guess the statue of limitations has run out, lets see, you grandma Collings was helled up by

Jesse James in a stage coach, that was probably the coolest story I remember as a kid, um lets see, your great grandfather Richard Collings, they came over on one of the ships, when they brought the

Mormons from England, and I think it was always funny they woke him up, it was stormin really, really bad and they thought the ship was going to sink, and he would just looked at them, and he says "is there a back door" and they said no "then what do you want me to do", that's how he looked at life, is there a back door can I leave, well if not there's nothin I can do about it, this to will pass, and that was pretty much how he lived his life

Ben: what do remember about the house you grew up in, like the size, number of rooms..

Mom: um I remember it was a big house, and it had like an acre of land, and my mom bought it for 10000 dollars, and that was a hole lot of money back then .then the people who I've in there before

I had all these pet rats, big giant ugly white rats and when they moved they turned them all lose, and I remember the second night I lived there, my parents went out, it was just us kids there, and we looked

over, and there was a big giant rat sitting on the washin machine looking at us, and we all, we were

so scared, we hid in the bathtub till my parents got home, it had the scariest basement in existance

like a big dug out basement and the light was, you could turn on the light over the stairs and you had to go down these, big dark stairs and the furnace was like the big Freddy Cruiger furnace, the big giant old, and around this corner was the fruit room, and the light was I the middle of the room with

one of those strings, and about this wall that run down the fruit room, there was this crawl space that

went down to this other opening and carol swore there was a vampire coffin in the other opening so



when my mom would send us down to get fruit, I would do anything I could to get out of going down

there, but if I absolutely had to I would prop the door open and she would stand at the top of the stairs, and, and I would stand at the dark room, and I would hurry try to find the string cause I new the vampire was going to eat me. And uh jenny and carol took me in the bedroom when I was really

little and had me look in the mirror, and if Mary worth came she was going to kill yah, remember those stories?

Ben: the bloody Mary ones

Mom: bloody Mary? Well this was Mary worth, Mary worth do you see her, do you see her and the would put a

candle in there and then I could see her and then they locked me in the basement. And uh for like three or four years I wouldn't go in that house by myself. I would sit out on the lawn if nobody was

home, I wouldn't go in the dark, I hated the dark, see how nice your aunts were

Ben: what was the best feature of the house though

Mom what the lights ha ha ha runnin water.

Ben: What is different about you live in today

Mom: we don't have a basement, ha ha I still don't like basements.

Ben we have a creepy crawl space

Mom. Yeh but its not a basement and I never go down in the crawl space

Ben; I do

Mom our house was fun, we had, we had a cool yard, when my parents would leave we'd steel the keys to the truck and we would drive it around in a circle around our house, there was enough

room

If drove really careful it would fit it between the house and the shed and we drove it around so many

times that it left like a road print and ha, we couldn't get rid of it, and that's how we got caught

Ben dah! dah! dan!

Mom dah! dah! dan, got in trouble for that one.

Ben. What was the next house you lived in, and where was it, where was that one

Mom. I was in willard and It was fun cause it was a little town, and we were right next to willard bay, so we spent every day at the lake swimmin, in the summer. And there was like a mile long in the winter time, it was a lot of fun kind of like Elmo almost the same size it was very fun I like willard.

Ben: where was your next house

Mom: gosh I lived all over after that

Ben all over

Mom yeh after daddy died I lived with jenny a lot and we moved Brigham city and Ogden and Huntsville and salt lake, and I got married and we moved to Wyoming

Ben um what do remember about your town or community where you grew up

Mom it was fun

Ben the size the population

Mom it was about as big as Elmo, but it was, I don't know, we did more, like on the fourth of July they had, a ballerina at the park and we played bingo all day long you could play bingo and the y had

a big fire mans ball at night and like dunking booths and every game you could think of, and bands

played all day long till like two a clock in the morning it was fun

Ben was the community like really strict, or were they all pretty fun

Mom it was fun you know every body knew everybody, we called the town policeman deputy dog, and he lived next door to us and we played at his house all the time so he could never get mad at us

Ben did you get into trouble when you were a kid

Mom we were lighting firecrackers and cherry bombs and runnin all through these cow pastures and

this big fat police man, that we called big jess he was like a rent a cop thing he worked on holidays.

Followed us on foot all over and uh we were laughin we lost him we lost him, and uh this hand com

down on jenny's shoulder and he said all right you guys now you got to come back and help me find my gun, he lost his gun crawlin through a barb wire fence tore his pants, he was mad we had to go back and help him find his gun , then we had to go home and tell our parents

Ben did you ever go cow tippin

Mom yes

Ben does it work

Mom yes in fact when I was tellin your dad, about that he never believed that, and then he started asking people well yeh there's cow tippin havn't you ever gone tippin, you should try it at least once in your life.

Ben. How is the community you lived in different from the community you live in today

Mom people are more busy, every body works longer hours and I think people travel more now, you

know on weekends and stuff I think its just more not as close to people as you used to be

Ben: what were some of your favorite family stories like that included your parents and your siblings

and family trips, yes that the thing were you take your kids with you

Mom we didn't take a lot of family trips um fishing trips, was uh interesting cause when I was a kid

it

was ok to throw all the kids in the camper, like the camper on the truck, and then they would be out

and my mom would drive our truck and my aunt Cheryl would drive her truck and the would race up

to island park, and I mean they would be hallin like eighty miles and hour, and they'd stop you know

to the store like every two ours or stop for every two ours

Ben and you guys are in the back

Mom yeh ha ha ha we'd all be in the camper

Ben just getin thrown around

Mom and well it was we wanted to win to. It was a pride thing that was the main thing I think we just, they just liked to race,

Ben that the only part of the trip,

Mom and it was it was like a competition, they would you get mad if you passed each other you knew

it it was hilarious. We did a lot of fishin.

Ben was that like the family trip thing was fishin, annually or somthin

Mom yeh we went fishin a lot

Ben what was you biggest family annual event

Mom our family reunions, we used to have them at lagoon when I was a kid then we got to many people in our family, and then every body got old, yah know when grandma and aunts and uncles started gettin yeh know older unlike grandma who went on the sky coaster when she was 70.

Ben. What was you most fondest fishing memory

Mom um I don't know we went fishing a lot. I about put the car in the snake river once

Ben how you do that

Mom I put it in ah gear

Ben and just drove

Mom no it wasn't started, it was an old station wagon, and when you put em in gear there was no brakes and there was no steering, I think I got a woopin for that oOne, about run over uncle frank and put in the snake river, um I chased mom friend Dorothy around the car with a dead snake about gave

her a heart attack, got a wippin for that one, so basically i was a state with fishin with wippins um grandma loved to fish that's why that was another one that was you'd go she ne ver wanted to stop and

every body would be in the car cryin " I want to go home" and shed still be out there fishin

Ben was she good

Mom yeh she was very good

Ben could she catch Any thing did you think

Mom um hum yep she was a good fisher

Ben what were some of special home made foods you ate as a child

Mom I don't remember eating special foods as a child

Ben really

Mom like we had roast on sundays, spaghetti chile stew somthin daddy could make in a crock pot, he

did most of the cookin cause mom was at work

Ben, what was like your most regular food

Mom spaghetti and chile

Ben that's why you make bomb spaghetti and chile, what was the like some of the foods you only ate

on special occasions like your really big meals

Mom, um cheese cake, maybe once a year

Ben really

Mom we got a cake on our birthdays

Ben was It like big cakes like what we get

Mom uh ah, we never had a store bought cake,

Ben I mean was it big though

Mom ooooh it was just a cake like a cake pan on our birthdays that's the only time I remember ever

having cake, and putting daddy liked putting so we always puting

Ben um do you have any special recipes that's been handed down from you r families

Mom um like what spaghetti on I can make good spaghetti and uh chile,

Ben what would you say is your favorite thing to make these days that you brought from your child

hood,

Mom um I don't know, not a clue

Ben what were some of the games you played as a child

Mom um Texas hold em, hahaha

Ben what was your favorite

Mom kick the can, give me a wave

Ben was it really,

Mom it was all the neighbor hood kids played it we used like three yards yah know our yards were all connected and there were so many places to hide, and wed play it for ours it was fun

Ben did anybody ever get like basically killed palyin that game like layin people out

Mom oh yeh that's what made it fun

Ben Did you ever see jenny get laid out

Mom oh yeh, and we played foot ball yep got my rips broke, I got tackled into a tree I played flag football but it got a little out of hand

Ben what were some of the games you played on each other

Mom oh, lets see, we uh played jenny was a pshycic and uh shed go out of the room and wed get the neighbor kids or somebody to pick and object you know like touch it, and jenny would come back in the room and magically go over every thing and we had a little signal that know body else knew, and when she got to that object we give a little sign she would pick it and it would freak everybody out

“oooh she's phsycic”

Ben did you ever make money or anything of f of them

Mom no and then carol would go into trances and scare everybody that was fun,

Ben did you guys ever get mad at each other, like form games played on each other

Mom yes

Ben did you kill each other

Mom yes shoe fights wed empty closets

Ben just throwin shoes at each other

mom yeh that's how we broke the window out, we blamed it on the cat, we went out side and picked

up all the glass and brought it inside and put it on the floor and on the back of the couch, and there

was a wood pile out side and we turned a piece of wood so it looked like it came through the hole,

said the cat ran accost the wood pile broke the window that was the only lie we never got away with

I don't think mom ever knew the truth until about five or six years ago we were all talkin about it and I thought she was goin to spank us then

Ben did you ever play tricks on your parents

Mom yeh sometimes

Ben without gettin killed

Mom no, we always got caught, parents always catch yah,

Ben no

Mom yeh eventually they always catch yah trust me

Ben did any of the family, like what was the family hobby, like toys, cars

Mom work, that was our family hobby, mom would get up go to work come home and the work would begin, we all had chores, and then we had all our each individual rows we had to weed and water, and I t was a pain and that's why I don't like to garden, it is when you have to do somthin you

hate it,

Ben well that generation stopped with you didn't it



Mom no that's why I make you work

Ben did you ever get bit by anything serious like snakes rattle snakes anything spiders

Mom black widows, that's when we were pickin melons,

Ben all the time

Mom ah huh, they don't kill yeh, I got shot once

Ben with what

Mom with buck shot, rock salt, granny grum shot us in the but

Ben on purpose

Mom yeh

Ben Why

Mom cause she had you know those tin roof the corrugated tin she had had a bunch of cows, and wed

get up and jump on that tin and it would sound like lightning, thunder! And the cows would go

crazy. Shed come out and shoot us.

Ben did it hurt

Mom yeh the one time she got it hurt we was all ballin and we was all sittin in the irrigation ditch sittin there

Ben with your butts in the water

Mom: just sittin there ballin there was about five of us, my dad come out and all he could do was laugh said serves you right didn't do that any more we did all the time that was the only time she caught us, last time to

Ben did you guys have like a family business

Mom yeh we sold worms and raspberries and it was so funny, we didn't want to pick mom

raspberries

and she would give us ten buck a flat if we picked them and sold them so we would go pick them for

people for ten cents a cup stupid huh then she opened a gas station we had a gas station for a while

Ben did your parents have any special hobbies or crafts like knitting carving

Mom mom could sew anything and my dad made canes

Ben like hand made canes

Mom uh huh he grew um I don't even know what its called, I don't think its called cane, its these trees and the wood spirals, and I don't even know what its called but he made canes out of it it was pretty cool.

Ben did you have any favorite hobbies

Mom. I liked to draw I liked to draw cartoons I liked to play softball I could throw rocks I don't know that's all

Ben which hobby got you the furthest in life

Mom none of them

Ben really good like neighbor hood would ask you to draw em things

Mom uh ya I draw cartoons , not as good as you

Ben what was your favorite thing to draw

Mom Yosamite sam

Ben did you go very far in soft ball , pretty good at that  
mom yeh, yeh we won a state champion ship

Ben were you good enough to go to collage

Mom mmmm

Ben you weren't good enough to go to collage

Mom I didn't try

Ben do you think you were

Mom if id kept with it probley

Ben what stopped you

Mom next question

Ben who taught you your hobbies who taught you to draw who taught you to play soft ball

Mom my sisters jenny, mom was a good artist

Ben who taught you to play soft ball

Mom just that's what we played, I grew up next to five boys, we played basketball we played baseball we played foot ball

Ben do ever remember that were told to you as a child like ghost stories legends anything about famous people

Mom what like the legend of sleepy hollow never herd of it well I thought of one , there was a haunted house, down and we called it banburger lane and there was a haunted house that was the legend of the town and I remember we went there one time and I really think it was haunted

Ben what was the legend

Mom it was just the family had lived there and uh one of the family had killed the other family there

and nobody had ever stayed there that there was still somebody still there you know and now body ever lived in it it was just probably just some migrant workers shack that was down there I don't know

it was an old house we went there one time I think, I was maybe 9 or 10 and it was scary yeh it was

kind of like the Blair witch thing

Ben what happened like what did you do

Mom we was you go first you go first thing you know won of them, and we all made it in to we went through the front I remember we made it through one room and somebody said they saw something and screamed and that was it every body was just aaaaaaaaaaaaaa and we never went back there never

Ben do you know anybody who sang

Mom no , carol yeh carol had a really nice voice, yeh she probably still does when she's not coughin

Ben what type of songs did you listen to

Mom rockin role, al skipper Judas priest Metallica iron maiden

Ben did you know any body who could play musical instruments

Mom will like guitars all my neighbors played trumpet every darn one of em, and they were terrible when they were first learnin how cause they practiced on there porch, but at once they all gotten really good they were good

Ben who is your favorite musicaled person dad

Mom well now yeh, dad can play the guitar and sing

Ben do you know any body who can do any dancing

Mom no

Ben did you do any kind of dancing like ballerina

Mom o heck no

Ben did you or do you still do any of the above like dance sing playing

Mom no im a listener yep dad sings and plays the guitar and I listen

Ben has it changed at all,

Mom has what changed

Ben any of your music like like the different music now

Mom I think I like all kind s of music I have pretty diverse musical taste

Ben do you remember being sick as a child like what was you worst

Mom yeh, I nomadic fever, really bad fever I almost died from it. I remember cause they would give me alcohol baths

Ben they got you drunk

Mom, no like rubbing alcohol they soaked towels in rubbing alcohol, cause they'd stay cold longer to

keep my fever down I remember like getting a cold bath with like ice water

Ben what kind s of medicines did you take when you were sick like common medicines

Mom penicillin they had penicillin for everything,

Ben really that's it like no ib-profn

Mom noo maybe a bare aspirin I remember if you got sick they gave a shot of penicillin

Ben do you remember any sayings or beliefs like concerning the wether good luck bad luck good dreams etc. like cool sayings

Mom no

Ben do you have a life motto

Mom work hard

Ben lives a garden dig it what was the most valuable thing your parents told you when you were getting along in life

Mom work hard

Ben that was the most valuable thing

Mom yep don't ever depend on somebody else to take care of you and you do an honest days work

for and honest days pay you do a good job.

Ben what were some of the things you remember about school like friend teachers recess after school

Mom I liked school it was just boring

Ben did you have a lot of school friends

Mom Yea, everybody was friends in school

Ben What were your teachers like

Mom They were fun

Ben Were they like really strict hard A's

Mom yeah, they were but

Ben Sexual intimidating so yeah, what was some of the recess things you did.

Mom Recess, dodge ball, hopscotch, jump rope, flag football

Ben What was your favorite sport to do or favorite thing to do at recess.

Mom Dodge ball, Loved dodge ball

Ben Was that the thing to do

Mom Yeah, that was the cool thing to do

Ben Were you good at it.

Mom Uh huh yep

Ben Un huh

Mom Uh huh

Ben Why, Did you have the advantage over people , just better aim or something

Mom Better aim, I could throw a mean ball

Ben Were everybody scared of you during school

Mom No I was nice, They were afraid of my sisters.

Ben um so the sisters were the intimidating ones

Mom Yes they were my body guards

Ben So anybody messed with you they messed with them

Mom I got a ticket for running in the hall when I was in second grade. I started crying cause that was

a bad thing , and my sister picked the hall monitor up, and had a little chat with her, I never got a ticket again. In fact she tore that ticket up.

Not that they were bullies.

Ben What was your favorite thing to do after school

Mom We used to go to the bay and go play in the lake, we used to go sneak cause we weren't supposed to get wet.

Ben what about those spa things

Mom what

Ben Remember those spa things you told me about.

Mom Oh hot tubs, well they were hot springs , natural mineral hot springs Yeah they was way cool, I

can't believe that they let them go , that somebody didn't develop that.

Ben Were they pretty popular when you were a kid

Mom uh huh Well yeah they were like, you know those old fashioned like the romans, when you watch those old shows, they had those cement tub things, that's how they were. But they were like all

natural mineral hot springs, right out of the ground.

Ben How many of them were there, lots of them

Mom Well they had a whole big, like they had a swimming pool there , like a normal wave pool sized swimming pool. And then down one side of it you could go over and get in these hot springs,

and there was like 10 of those cement like probably a little bigger than a big square hot tub. And it would go like from medium hot and as you went down it got hotter hotter hotter, and you could just

go in there and sit in them till you got tired of in and then run back out and jump in the pool. It was

pretty cool, it was way old and they eventually shut it down, and it always surprised me that nobody ever went and rebuilt it and made something out of it.

Ben would they still be there now

Mom Probably, you'd think ,cause they were all natural , they were underground, I don't know, I don't know if the freeway runs over it now. I don't know, I don't think it does.

Ben Is there anything else you guys liked to do after school

Mom we just played, that's all I remember

Ben were you like really girly girl, you know like to go shopping all the time

Mom No No, we never went shopping. We were tom boys, we were always outside, either hiking, there was a really cool place that had a waterfall, a rock waterfall, you saw it, in willard, we'd climb

up that, we'd go back in there and there was like ponds and stuff and we'd go swimming, and play in the water.

Ben And sheep bones

Mom Yeah that was up on the mountain. oh what



Ben tell the story now

Mom that's my favorite favorite things

Ben what the sheep bones

Mom Yeah that's my I don't know, that's my most vivid memory.

Ben What happened,

Mom We went on an archeologist trip with Carol, she was the little archeologist, I think I was only

,maybe, well we was in our old house so I was maybe in the first grade, I,mean we was little, and she

said there was Indians buried up in the hills, and we went up there and we found all these bones and we gathered them up , and loaded them , we had them in our sweaters and in our pockets and everywhere and we were taking them home, and daddy came and found us cause we'd been gone for

so long and he just loaded us up in the scout and took us home to mom, to show her our Indian bones,

and they was all dead sheep bones, stink oh lord, I think she burned our clothes, we had to take off all

our clothes out on the porch, she was so mad at my dad

Ben Why

Mom For bringing them home, cause then she had to act like she was proud of us, Oh how nice

Ben Now lets get them clothes off

Mom Now take your clothes off and get in the tub.

Ben Who was like the, I don't know how, like the favorite out of the parents, I guess like the more laid back.

Mom Daddy, we got away with anything with Daddy , mom was the stern one.

Ben Who were you more scared of though

Mom Mom ,

Ben so which one, if one of them got mad

Mom Mom

Ben Mom

Mom Mom

Mom My dad never got mad I mean even when he got mad he was funny, he was so mad at Carol once, and they were standing in the doorway of the kitchen and they were, she got so mad at him and

he said something to her and she hauled off and hit him in the stomach and you know she was just

the short little fight. and everybody just froze and their eyes got really big, and daddy just started laughing and it was hilarious,

Ben He just started laughing

Mom Yeah cause it was so you know out of the ordinary, and it was, he was proud of her for not taking any of his crap. It was hilarious.

Ben Was he pretty tough

Mom Yeah, he wasn't tough, I mean he was a tough guy.

Ben Kinda like Dad

Mom Yeah,

Ben did he ever get into fights or anything like bar fights

Mom No Nope he used to come home, it was funny, we had a long sidewalk and we had two big bushes on each side and one time he come home drunk and he fell head first into this bush over here

and all you could see were his legs and he was out there screaming get me out of here, you know, and

mom went out and drug him out of the bush and then like I don't know a week later he came home

and we watched him, he made this big long detour around that bush and he fell in the other one on the

other side. I remember that it was funny.

Ben Did the kids , did you guys ever have like dates that he was like strict about or anything

Mom Yeah Jennies first dance, she went with this short kid, he was so short, so we put a milk carton

out on the front porch so he had something to stand on and kiss her , then we all hid in the living room and watched out the door, it just humiliated her, it was funny.

Mom he was a character

Ben did he go to the army or anything

Mom yeah he was a marine

Ben was he a good marine,

Mom He was

Ben when you guys were kids,

Mom Uh naw that was before I was born he was old when I was born

Ben did he have a lot of stories about his marine days

Mom Yeah, he went to cool places , you know he was in New Zealand,

Ben What war was it

Mom when we fought Japan

Ben world war two

Mom World was two, he was in the Philippines he always had funny stories, you know, I never saw

them pictures until, you know those pictures of all those dead people that we found. You know he

never talked about that side of it.

Ben Did he ever say if he'd shot anybody or anything

Mom Well I 'm assuming he did

Ben I mean like

Mom well he never talked about the bad part.

Ben Just the fun parts

Mom Just you know funny stories about him and his buddies.

Ben what was the funniest story you remember him telling

Mom He was in um most of his platoon or what ever he was in with was Italians, Serbs and Italians

and they were, I think they were in New Zealand, and they got drunk and it was the native that had the big holes in their ears and they put the big pieces of wood through, and this one little Italian guy

come to the next morning and he'd went and had his ears done like that, he had them big old giant

Ben gauges

Mom I don't know, yeah what ever they're called through his ears, and that was hilarious the way daddy told it.

Ben and he didn't even know he'd had it done?

Mom uh uh nope

Mom that and I thought it was interesting, that when he joined the army, they went to , it was like <sup>a</sup>

big army tent, where they went to their physicals and they lined up on one side and went through and

they pulled their tonsils if they still had their tonsils, in line,

Ben really , just reach in and cut out on your way

Mom uh uh , didn't knock em out or nothing, I guess they deadened em or something. That was weird, it makes your throat sore, ok cough snip

Ben Are they gone yep bottled, got fresh meat for the night.

Ben What was the most amazing thing you've ever seen in your life, the coolest thing

Mom My kids being born, that was the coolest thing I ever saw

Ben What was, what historical events do you remember

Mom Um ,. President Kennedy was shot on my birthday, I remember that, I got the newspaper from

that, I remember when Elvis Presley died,

Ben On the toilet

Mom Yes, um gosh, historical events, I don't know, the most memorable I remember like the berlin

wall comin down things like that,

Ben Were you a hippie

Mom We didn't have hippies in Willard. Except Carol and we didn't count her

You know we wore bell bottoms and army jackets and head bands and peace signs, shut up but you didn't have a whole lot of hippies in Utah.

Ben Were you guys all like anti war with Vietnam and stuff.

Mom Yes,

Ben All of you were against it

Mom uh hu

Ben are you still against it

Mom Uh huh

Ben Really

Mom You know even my dad who was a true blue devoted army man, said if he would have had a son he would have sent him to Canada before he would have let him go to Vietnam, because it was a wrong wart, we shouldn't have done it, I remember that on the news every night they would have a list of soldiers that were killed, I mean it was every night,

Ben did you have any friends that died in it,

Mom No I'm no that old

Ben Do you have any friends that went to it I guess,

Mom How could I, I mean I was what 5,6 7 Helllooooo

Ben ok never mind

Ben did your dad ever almost get called to Vietnam

Mom No he was too old.

Ben How old was he when you were born

Mom 50

Ben How old was he when he died

Mom oh he was born in 1911 and he died in 1978

Ben How old were you when he died

Mom 16

Ben so he was like a really old man when he died or when you were 16

Mom He died, he was 66

Ben Was he like bed ridden or was he like

Mom No he was, he got out of bed he could go to the table, he didn't go outside, they didn't have oxygen tanks like they have now, it was really difficult to have like a portable oxygen tank, they'd

last for like an hour so by the time you got him some where he was out of air.

Ben was he really really like war patriot like go to meetings and stuff

Mom No , but he believed in fighting for his country.

Ben Would he die for his country

Mom Yes, well he joined , he enlisted , served in world war 2

Ben Because you forced me to what's your most fond funniest story about me, besides me shooting

myself in the hand.

Mom ha ha that was pretty good, lets see, it would have to be the Fischer Price ladder that you got when you were about what one and a half. For Christmas and it had three steps on it and you had to

stick your head in between the ladder rungs and it wouldn't come out , ah and you were so stuck and

we oiled you and we buttered your ears to try and slide you out and we couldn't get you, and the more

we tried to get it out over your head the bigger your ears kept gettin, and we wrapped the steps with Saran Wrap and oiled them and still we could not get your head out and I was just so disgusted and your ears were like four times the size they should be and they were turning black and blue and oh I

felt so bad and I said were just going to have to cut them off and you just freaked out, you thought I was talking about cutting you ears off and you ran round and round and bawled and I had t finally convince you that I wasn't going to cut your ears off. That I was just going to cut the ladder step off,

and we had to cut you out of it, ruined your Christmas present and your ears were so funny then they

turned yellow, cause you know how bruises fade, they were still all swollen up and they were yelow

and it was funny. Oh what else about you , you went and got into the camper, do you remember that

Ben With kids

Mom no when um Orville had all the bummer cow milk, dried milk in that camper, and you guys figured you wouldn't get caught if you took off all your clothes. And you and Whitney got in there and played all around in that yellow powdered milk stuff, you were powdered from head to toe, it was

just hilarious and they got caught , and that's the one that you swung off the car and broke your nose

Ben Did you ever break any bones when you were a kid

Mom Yeah I broke my ankles playing basketball

Ben How? You just tripped.

Mom I got one stepped on, and then I got it re-broke and my dad cut the cast off and then it broke again ,broke my nose, broke my ribs

Ben On my motorcycle

Mom Yeah, just the normal , yeah on your stupid motorcycle,

Ben What was your most painful moment

Mom Wrecking that stupid motorcycle.

Ben when you were a kid

Mom Oh, I wrecked a motorcycle when I was a kid too

Ben Hard

Mom Uh um , My worst wreck was a we were riding our ten speeds down this rode in the dark you know to steal apples and all of a sudden I was just pedaling in air, and I ran into this big giant culvert, it dropped down like 4 feet, just like threw my bike bent everything and tore up and it was



pitch black

Ben and your like

Mom It was scary , that was the last time we went and stole apples, see when ever you go do something bad you always get hurt, remember that.

Ben Did you ever go snow-boarding or ice skating

Mom No I fell down on ice and broke my tail bone,

Ben What happened

Mom I was just coming out of the Laundromat and I opened the car door to put close in and whoosh,

slid right under the car on a ridge of ice, broke my tail bone. Laid there and bawled

Ben Did you slide under there just on your back or were you folded in half

Mom It was on my back , I was like almost all the way under the stupid car. by the time I stopped

Ben How old were you when you did that

Mom 20 or 21 Layin there bawlin like a baby , some lady went and called your dad to come get me.

Ben When was the first time you met my dad

Mom I don't know its been so long ago I cant remember What

Ben You don't remember the first time you met dad Dean

Mom I met him at work

Ben Where did you work

Mom In a bar

Ben doing

Mom I was a bartender

Ben for how many years

Mom 10

Ben Did you enjoy it

Mom I did

Ben How long did you know my dad before you married him

Mom Oh 4 years , 5 years

Ben Were you guys best friends

Mom Yep, still are

Ben What was the funniest thing you've ever seen him do

Mom Gosh there's been so many. I don't know,

Ben could you name a couple

Mom I think the funniest thing I ever saw him do, was once about twelve thirty at night the phone rang and I picked up the phone in the bedroom and started talking and he jumped up and went and turned on the light and I asked him why did you turn on the light and he said well I thought you could hear better.

Ben What

Mom so you can hear better

Ben I meant funniest, not dumbest

Mom I thought that was hysterical

Ben What was the scariest moment that you and dad ever had

Mom we haven't had any scary moments,

Ben Mine accidents anything

Mom ok the funniest, was when the moth flew in dads ear at work

Ben Huh

Mom A moth flew in his ear at work

Ben what happened in that incidence

Mom a moth flew in his ear at work and it went all the way in to his ear drum, they had to take him to the hospital and drown the moth and they couldn't get it out at the hospital so they had to take him

to the ear specialist so they could get the moth out of his ear, and the next day I put moth balls in his

lunch bucket

Ben Did he get mad or anything

Mom No he went to work and he opened em up at lunch

Ben and everybody laughed

Mom and everybody laughed and I didn't know moth balls would get into everything, and it ruined his lunch, I was going to put a little net in there too but I couldn't find one.

Mom the scariest one would have to be the last time he got buried by coal, that was scary

Ben What happened

Mom they had a bounce and it completely buried him. About tore off his ear and I had to take him to the hospital and get it sowed back on , that scared me

Ben and went to work the next day

Mom and went to work the next day because he was a stubborn old toad

Ben He's pretty tough , that surprised me in there, he shoved me just went woe

Mom He is pretty tough, it makes him feel old.

Ben and that concludes the story of Nancy Whimpey's life now onto the drug hood, when did you start selling drugs tell me or I'll do it , No don't do it

Mom when I was 9

**Ben** What are you serious

**Mom** No I was selling wine