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- 153 Interview starts. Personal data on Edith Hilda Cooney. Maiden name is [REDACTED] nickname is Edie. Born 1919 in Cavour, Wisconsin. Now lives in Potlatch; came here with husband ~~in 1949 by car~~ and four children in 1949 by car.
- 171 Mother's background: name, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] born 1891 in Angelic, Wisconsin. Had nine children. Died 1955. Father's background: also born 1891; perhaps in Germany; name, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (originally spelled "[REDACTED]") He was a farmer and worked on the Milwaukee Railroad in Idaho.
- 197 Parents came to Idaho first, then Edith and her family followed.
- 198 Edith has eight sisters and brothers: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (twins), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- 213 Husband: [REDACTED], born 1912 in Lemark, Wisconsin. Retired now, but was a pipefitter. Edith and [REDACTED] married in Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1934. Four children: [REDACTED] who works as a switchman for Town Prairie Railroad; [REDACTED] who works in daycare and also is a neighbor to Edith; [REDACTED] a computer technician; and [REDACTED] a janitor.
- 260 Narrator's skills: doesn't feel that she has many. However, says she is a silk finisher for women's dresses ~~she has been~~ and has been a waitress, desk clerk, and short order cook. Also picked potatoes in Wisconsin in 1940s -- good salary for that job.
- 280 Narrator felt she was treated the same as her brothers and with the same opportunities. Families nowadays much different. During Edith's childhood families were much larger, no radio or TV, and families entertained themselves. As a child, Edith played lots of games and worked hard outside in the garden. Picked lots of wild berries in Wisconsin: raspberries, blueberries, blackberries. Sold wild raspberries as a child: \$1.00 for a 10 qt. pail. ~~social class~~ Narrator's social class ~~as~~ a child: poor. People nowadays quite different, people are better now, narrator feels, treated more equally now.
- 312 Marriage: Edith knew [REDACTED] about one year before they married. Narrator and interviewer discuss parent-child relationships. Edith feels parents should let children make their own decisions.
- 336 Describes Potlatch when narrator arrived in 1949. Wooden sidewalks. PFI (Potlatch Forest Industries???) owned most of the town, ~~houses~~ ~~hotels~~ including the homes, and the PFI crew did all maintenance work. At that time, narrator worked as a waitress in the hotel and also worked at the general store. Narrator went to the show hall in town which showed movies -- eventually torn down. ~~Also~~ "The Riverside": The "Riverside," a large round building for dance hall and rollerskating rink was the town's hot spot; lots of big name country and western bands, Ernest Tubbs played there. Riverside eventually condemned because of a bad flood.

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- 390 There was a hospital in Potlatch when Edith first moved there. Narrator's ~~children~~ first two children born at home and next two in ~~the~~ a hospital. Narrator's mother had all her children at home. Comments about ~~the~~ how during mother's time, all women had their children at home. Narrator's fifth child, [REDACTED] died ~~at a young~~ from ~~the~~ RH factor, but at the time, doctors did not know the cause of his death. Narrator discusses changes in medicine with RH factor babies.
- 428 Narrator's sixth child was stillbirth. Edith went into labor at 8 months of pregnancy, very painful, drove 20 miles to doctor (this was in Wisconsin). Terrible experience. [REDACTED] the fifth child, lived 7 months before he died. More discussion of RH babies and methods for treating. One RH girl who lived in Potlatch. More about Edith's stillbirth experience, lost a lot of blood, went into shock from plasma transfusion.
- 496 World War II: ~~Edith~~ Narrator's children born before and during war, all born in Wisconsin. Husband was not drafted because of his job at the mill. A few women worked at the mill during the war, but not many. Before the war, there were many Japanese in Potlatch (perhaps internment camp, narrator notes),; but by the time Edith~~s~~ and family arrived, ~~all-Japanese-were-gone-~~ in 1949, all Japanese ~~were-gone-~~ gone. Edith's-twin-brothers, [REDACTED] and He [REDACTED], both served in WWII. Stories about [REDACTED] war-experiences
- 515 Edith's twin brothers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both served in World War II. Stories about [REDACTED] war experiences at sea with Japanese "suicide planes." ~~Very traumatic~~ Effects of war very traumatic -- has taken a long time to come to terms with it. Narrator's other twin brother, [REDACTED] served in Germany. Also terrible ~~the~~ time for him. Discusses emotional effects of the war on twins.
- 582 Parents moved to Idaho in 1942. Twin brothers drafted immediately after finishing high school in St. Maries. Son [REDACTED] was in Navy during Korean War. Effects of war on Jack. Opinions of Japanese during WWII and more war stories. Feelings about war technology today and U.S. policy toward Japan after WWII.
- 678 Feelings about economic situation in the country today -- gas prices and control, sugar shortage, clothing prices.
- 714 ~~End of~~ Ending of interview.
- 726-730 Blank O.K.