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NAME: Flodberg, Marie
DATE OF INTERVIEW:
LOCATION:
INTERVIEWER:
REEL NO. 5 *side I 429-844*

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20:01-25:00		Raising animals during childhood. Story of coming to Idaho - work before marriage. Discussion of early abortions.
25:01-32:00		Marriage - married four years before husband died. Nursing school - working as a nurse. Story of husband dying.
32:01-39:00		Meeting husband - patient in hospital. Medical problems. Working in hospitals - in charge of various programs.
39:01-46:25		Rural area living vs. urban living. Married life - description. Holidays as child. Courtship.
46:26-50:00		Recreation. Reasons for marriage.
50:01-58:00		Work now. Suggestions for younger people. Current interests - magazines and books on records for the blind.
58:01-63:10		Going on trip at 16 - very independent. Sewing for various people when teenager - made 50 to 75¢ a day. Description of various dresses made.
63:11-70:15		Difference between her and other, more "traditional" women. Story of sewing dress for friend. Square dancing when younger.

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- 294 Interview begins. Nickname Bunny. Maiden name, Peters. Born 1893 in Iowa. First residence in Idaho was Payette; arrived in 1900; travelled by train; ~~with~~ five families in one Pullman coach. Narrator's ~~mother's~~ family on trip were mother, father, and two sisters.
- 334 Mother. Name Elizabeth Klingebiehl (maiden name). Born 1866 in Germany, died 1923. Married 1893. Mother was a farmwife most of her life. Came to United States with narrator's grandmother, to Illinois where grandmother's brother was living. While in Illinois, mother worked as a maid. When she went to Iowa to visit her sister, she met her husband-to-be and so she stayed in Iowa and married.
- 360 Father. Name John Peters. Born 1857 in Germany, died about 1934. Occupation farmer. Father came to U.S. while on leave from the service. Father stayed with brother in Illinois; later he migrated to Iowa (where he met narrator's mother). Father owned an 80-acre fruit orchard in Fruitland, Idaho before Fruitland was a town. Narrator thinks that his orchard is the origin of the name Fruitland.
- 389 Siblings. Three sisters: Elizabeth, Anna, and Emma. One brother, Rudolph, died when he was 5 years old. Probably died of polio. Narrator describes the funeral arrangements. Body was at home, ~~until the funeral service~~ placed on a special couch, until the funeral service. Narrator was 10 years old at the time and her duty was to keep the ~~brother~~ body's face moist so ~~it would~~ the skin would not turn dark.
- 420 Story of when grandfather died; narrator was $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Grandfather was living with the family and narrator was the person who discovered his body in the bedroom. It was a vivid memory for her. ~~Narrator~~ She was very fond of her grandfather, Describes how he and a neighbor boy used to take her for rides in a special wagon pulled by a goat.
- ~~_____~~
- 449 Husband. Name Herman L. Flodberg. Born 1895 in Troy, Idaho. Narrator ~~is~~ married him in 1934. She was 40 years old at the time.
- 455 Brief account of narrator's life up until the time she got married. Went to grade school for four years in Idaho and then family moved back to Iowa where she attended school through the seventh grade. Then, when she was 16 or 17, she travelled back to Idaho with a girlfriend. First came to Boise and attended business college for one year; then worked at the Pioneer Tent and Awning Company. Then, she decided to go to high school. Before she finished, however, she went to Spokane and started nursing training. After that, narrator worked at a hospital in Hailey, Idaho. Very interesting but brief description of abortions performed there. ~~At that time, narrator notes that~~ ~~Narrator~~ She notes that at that time, nothing was said about abortions; the doctor ~~just performed them~~. Narrator feels women had the right to get abortions. *and herself just did it*

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- 478 Married in Moscow at the Norwegian Parsonage in 1934. Husband died in 1938. Husband was a forester for the state and then for Potlatch Forest Industries. They had no children.
- 491 Education. Narrator attended high school but did not finish~~xxxx~~ -- she left to go into nurse's training. However, the combination of her one year at ~~high school and~~ business college and her years at high school qualified as a high school certificate. She became a registered nurse. Worked one year at a very small private hospital in Bailey where she did everything from caring for patients~~x~~ ~~cooking meals~~ and cooking meals to administering anesthetics. Then worked seven years as an office nurse in Pocatello where, among other things, she also administered anesthetics for minor surgeries.
- 515 After that job narrator married. Their home was in Troy, which narrator notes was called _____ at that time. She mostly stayed at home but did do some part-time work at the hospital in Moscow. Husband, Herman, died four years after they were married. Narrator comments that he probably was an alcoholic, that it was a relief when he died, and she ~~most likely~~ would have left him had he lived much longer. After his death, she bought a car and drove back east. Comments that she had owned a car before this one; had bought her first car about 15 years earlier~~x~~--a Ford. ~~Met~~ Narrator met husband at the hospital in Orofino: he was a patient and she was working there
- 548 Hobbies and interests. Nowadays, ~~Marie feels~~ narrator feels very limited because of her failing eyesight. She used to do some landscaping when she lived in Troy. Now belongs to a health group connected with county health association. In the past, narrator was in charge of the women's division for fairs in Moscow for six years. She has won many blue ribbons in cooking, sewing, and baking. Notes that she has done a lot of sewing in her life. Comments that she has been lucky at raffles and drawings: won an electric roaster the first year she was ~~x~~ in Troy; won a white faced steer another time which she sold in Spokane for \$220. At her home in Troy, she had a large rock and flower garden with a rock wall.
- 619 While married, narrator didn't get to spend a lot of time with husband because he worked in the woods 50 or 60 miles from home. He would come home once every two weeks or every month.
- 625 ~~Narrator was~~ Marie was the oldest child in her family. Funny story about one Halloween night when she was 8 years old. She and her sisters were warned ~~that~~ that boys might come over that night and play tricks. So Marie tied ropes around the gates to the house and barn in order to trip the boys. Comments that she could always climb trees higher than any of the boys.
- M 652 Marriage and married life. No real courtship because she met husband when he was a patient at the hospital ~~she was working x~~ where she was working. Met in December and married in March. Since both of them worked, they did not do a lot together.
- 688 Narrator has supported herself all her life. During her four years of ~~marri~~ marriage, although she did stay at home ~~at~~ lot, she did continue to work part time. ~~Notes~~ Comments that she always had her own money to spend and save

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- 699 Activities nowadays. Marie picks up mail for people and also spends time visiting them. They often give her food in exchange for her favors.
- 719 ~~A~~ Life nowadays is very different from 50 years ago. But, narrator feels that there are many similarities if a woman is independent like she was. She has no advice to give to young women today because she feels that everyone has their own life to live and they probably wouldn't listen anyway. Because she never had any children of her own, feels that she could not really advise youngsters.
- 742 Magazines and books. ~~N~~ Although narrator has failing eyesight, she gets a lot of reading done by listening to books and magazines on records that are furnished from the library for the blind in Boise. She listens to Harper's, National Geographic, and Reader's Digest every month. She has just finished listening to the book, Celia Garth, and is now listening to Calico Palace.
- 790 Marie was 16 or 17 when she came out to Idaho with her girlfriend. She earned her own money to pay for train ~~fare~~ fare. ~~Had~~ ~~it~~ Since she had lived with her family in Payette years ago and still had an uncle living there, she did ~~x~~ know some people when she travelled to Idaho this time. ~~E~~ Notes that she has always been a very ~~independent~~ independent person. Stories about sewing jobs she did for women when she was 14 years old. Got 50¢ and 75¢ a day.
- 854 Narrator has had no problems with women who led more traditional lifestyles. When she was between job and in her spare time, she did a lot of sewing. Made many dresses for herself and for other women. Often would sew while visiting friends. Story about buying expensive buttons at the Crescent department ~~x~~ store in Spokane. Marie notes that she doesn't have to buy clothes nowadays because she gets second hand dresses from ~~women whose clothes~~ friends whose clothes don't fit them anymore.
- 923 End of interview