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254	Interview begins with narrator talking about her house in Elk River. Her son and his wife also live with her <del>xxxx</del> in this house. Narrator and husband moved to Elk River in 1910; built the home in 1924.
259	Personal data record. Name, Mabelle Morris, nee Nickell. Nickname: her sister used to call her Bobo. Born 1887 in Rockwood, Ontario. Came to Idaho in 1907 by train; travelled by herself. She first lived in Potlatch, where she worked at the post office. Then she lived in Duluth, Idaho for one year with a sister and an uncle. Then she moved to Elk River.
276	Mother's maiden name, Eupheia Campbell. Born in Dornch, Ontario. Narrator not sure of mother's date of birth; died in 1959. Occupation, housewife. Father: John Robert Nickell. Narrator is not sure of his date of birth or death. Occupation: farmer and he also worked building bridges.
294	Siblings: four sisters; <del>no</del> brothers. Minnie Nickell, was a dietician most of her life, now retired, never married. Colleena Rachel Nickell, also was a dietician and never married, no longer living. Marjorie Frazier Mann, married and living in Saskatchewan. Margaret Ames, no longer living. Narrator has no brothers.
306	Husband, William George. Born in Farmington, Iowa. Narrator is not sure about his date of birth; he died in 1946. Occupation: druggist. Narrator married husband in 1909 at First Presbyterian Church in Spokane, Washington.
316	Two children. Mrs. Lillian Yangel; born 1912 in Elk River; was a school teacher for a while. John Morris; born in 1918 in Elk River; now a druggist. Narrator's son and his wife now <del>with</del> live with her in Elk River.
327	Education. High school in Ontario. Jobs and skills: she has worked in the drugstore all her life. Also <del>xxx</del> worked for a while at a post office. Sewing, quilting and rugmaking.
335	Brief history of Elk River. Was a mill town. At its largest, population was 1,200. Also used to be a hospital in Elk River. Most of the homes built by Potlatch Forest Industries. Ince <del>xxxx</del> the mill closed the town changed drastically. <del>since-the-mill--</del>
346	Other skills: narrator has always liked sewing. She learned how to sew by making dolls' dresses when she was a child.

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She has always made all her own clothes and the clothes for her children while they were growing up. ~~Re~~ Regular ~~activities~~- chores: ~~xx~~ for much of her life, narrator's usual schedule was: rise at 4:00 a.m. and work in the garden, then come inside and do housework, then off to the drugstore and work there until 11:00 at night.

- 372 Awards. She received a certificate of appreciation from the President for her ~~work~~ volunteer work during the war (narrator must be referring to World War II). Also, she has worked many years as a volunteer on election boards. Has her 50-year pin for Eastern Star and has been a member of Rebekah for 55 years.
- 388 Narrator prefers living in rural area; has always disliked cities.
- 392 Brief account of narrator's life. She ~~was~~ was married for 37 years, until the death of her husband. Met her husband in Potlatch while she was working at the post office and he was working at a drug store. Narrator grew up on a farm in Ontario. Funny story about she and other children would gather fish from the creek that ran through their land.
416. After graduating from high school, narrator travelled to Duluth, Idaho to visit an uncle. She lived there for one year. Reason for this visit: uncle had a daughter who had recently died and narrator resembled the daughter. ~~Later~~ Later, another uncle got her a job at the Potlatch post office. She then met her husband; courtship about one year.
- 439 Narrator then worked in the cashier's office at a department store in Potlatch. During that time, before ~~adding~~ advent of adding machines, narrator could add up to ~~300~~ \$300-~~400~~\$400 in her head. Comments that sometimes she can still add that way nowadays, when she is doing the books at the drug store.
- 454 Reasons for marrying: just liked each other. Brief comments about her two sisters who never married. They worked instead. They have both travelled the world several times. Narrator shows some picture books of the places she has travelled to with her sisters. Travelled on ship cruises to Australia, Japan, India, Africa, Hawaii, Easter Island, etc.
- 516 Changes in Elk River during narrator's life here. Most of the changes are for the worse. Biggest event was when the mill closed down -- most people left, most businesses left. Narrator describes the awful fire that PFI (Potlatch Forest Industries) made when they decided to burn down the mill. They had started the fire at night and it lit up the whole area like daytime.

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- 542 Decision to come to Elk River. After they married, moved first to Yakima. Then, her husband was offered a job as a druggist in Elk River, so they moved here. Narrator shows pictures of Elk River as it was years ago. Stories about many of the old buildings, several of which have since been torn down. Shows the buildings where she, ~~he~~ ~~and~~ her husband, ~~lived~~ his mother, ~~and~~ father, and two brothers lived. Narrator mentions that a lot of Japanese lived in Elk River at one time and, ~~was~~ working at the mill and other businesses.
- 619 Depression days in Elk River. The drugstore suffered because people didn't have any money to buy anything.
- 635 Narrator had a doctor for the births of her two children. Although she worked at the drugstore, she was near her children for some time because the family lived in back of the store. Her son became a druggist; is now retired. Her daughter taught school for many years; she and her husband live in Bovill, Idaho.
- 671 Recreation over the years and changes. Used to be a lot more fun and interesting than it is now. Used to be that everyone would go visiting, have dinners and picnics, club meetings and programs. Nowadays, people don't do that anymore and it's too bad.
- 714 When husband died (1946), it was a complete shock because he had never seemed unhealthy. Narrator feels that if he'd died when the children were still young, she could have ran the store to support the family.
- 740 During both world wars, narrator did a lot of work for the Red Cross.
- 747 Family did not suffer for food very much during the depression because narrator raised a garden. However, the drug store business suffered greatly.
- 756 Narrator feels it would be virtually impossible for a young woman nowadays to live as ~~well~~ as narrator did when she was a young woman. Young women nowadays can't cook, buy all their food already prepared. Narrator comments that she ~~is~~ always made all her own food.
- 763 Magazines: National Geographic, ARP, Arizona Highways, and Sunset. Favorite ~~TV~~ television programs: "The Waltons," "Lawrence Welk," and "As the World Turns." However, narrator notes that she is not enamored by any particular TV show.
- 775 Narrator still works in the drugstore nowadays.

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- 778 Decision making in the drugstore when husband was still living: they just worked together and did their own duties. At home, narrator always had someone who was paid to help with housework.
- 804 Expectations of marriage; narrator was very happy in her marriage; had a wonder husband. It was a terrible shock when he died -- narrator was vivisting back East ~~x~~ when she got a telegram with the news of his death. Adjusting to his death: she just kept working at the store and this helped. Narrator comments that many of her relationships changed after her husband died because most of her friends still had husbands. Also, about that time, the mill was closing and most of narrator's old friends moved away from Elk River. Many of those people now live in Moscow and Spokane. Narrator has no friends ~~left~~ left in Elk River who are her own age. Future plans: planning to vist her sisters.
- 888 End of interview.

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