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- 911 Interview begins with personal data. Name, Dawna Northrup, nee Nissen. Born 1942 in Orofino, Idaho. Family moved to Colville, Washington when she was a baby, then family moved back to Idaho when she was 11 years old. Narrator is an only child.
- 939 Mother's maiden name, Rasmussen. Occupations, mostly a housewife, but also has been a clerk in department store, bartender, and waitress. Mother born about 1925, probably in Colville, Washington.
- 955 Father. Narrator gives information on her stepfather. Name, Rex Nissen. Occupation, boilermaker. Born about 1922 in Bowles, Idaho. Bowles no longer a town, just a country along the Salmon River.
- 972 Narrator divorced from husband. His name, Russell Northrup. Occupation, manages a drugstore. Born about 1940 in Priest River, Idaho. She uses her husband's name for herself, but not for her children. Comments that if she marries again, she will use her maiden name and hyphenate it with future husband's name. Narrator married 1950 in Moscow -- they eloped.
- 1000 Three children: Bob, Lonny, Karron.
- 1016 Education. Narrator dropped out of high school and got married when she was 15 years old. Comments that at that time in her life, she wasn't interested in school at all; she was married and thought she was going to live happily ever after. After getting divorced, she went to secretarial school (while pregnant). Daughter born two weeks after graduating from that school. One month later, she went ~~to work~~ started a job.
- 1037 Other skills. Carpentry, has done some major work on her house. Is a good cook when she has time. Can sew but doesn't care for it anymore. Comments that she spends a lot of time and work with her house and yard. Organizations. Involved somewhat with women's center. Used to be involved with a social sorority.
- 1060 Narrator moved her from Idaho Falls after she was divorced. Moved to be closer to her family. Notes that she bought both her house and her car herself.
- 1075 Other activities. Yoga, bowling.
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- Tape 5  
Side one, 003 Also involved with C.R. groups. Comments that she spends a lot of time with her kids.
- 006 Occupations. Car hoppee in high school, clerked in a drug store until she married. After divorce, she worked for a water heater business, helping customers, making appointments, ~~fixing~~ answering telephone, keeping books, etc. Now, she is a secretary for school superintendent.



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- 014 Other interests and hobbies. Enjoys music and reading. Used to do charcoal sketches, sewing, embroidery, decoupage, handiwork, etc. Likes to work with furniture, rebuilding and refinishing. Narrator never entered any fairs.
- 028 Rural life. Narrator lives in a small town now. Feels she would adapt more easily to farmlife in the country than to big city life. Feels small towns less stressful, easier to meet and get to know people. People more congenial in small towns, although there are the typical suspicions.
- 052 Life of rural and urban woman compared. Rural women have more togetherness and more awareness of nature, they know things like how to raise a garden and how to can foods.
- 059 Family life now compared to narrator's childhood. Very different, now narrator is divorced and head of the household. As a child, she had traditional family arrangement with father as breadwinner and mother as housewife. Story of when family lived in a trailer house without an indoor bathroom or water heater. Had to haul water for dishes. For a while, father worked away, came home only every two weeks, and mother was working. Narrator had a lot of responsibilities then, all the ironing and much of the cooking.
- 075 Entertainment during childhood. Family went on lots of picnics. Easter Sunday always first picnic of the year, no matter what the weather -- weather always cold and ~~raining~~ wet. ~~Mom~~ Father crazy about rodeos, so she went to all the rodeos in surrounding towns. Stories about picking wild strawberries, playing in sand piles and in the woods. Sledding in the winter. ~~Funny~~ Story about how she and girlfriend would steal neighbor woman's chicken feed and chew it. Funny story about destroying the same neighbor woman's turkey wishbone collection.
- 102 Mother and father divorced when narrator was a young child. Later, mother married again. Narrator notes that both her mother and her aunt only had one child each. Narrator has had very little contact with her biological father.
- 112 Courtship and marriage. Married the first man she dated seriously. Met him in high school, knew him for one and a half years before marrying. Married because she was in love. Also because her parents were going to move away ~~to~~ for father's job and narrator didn't want to be apart from boyfriend for another summer. Lived with husband's parents for one year after marrying. Husband finished high school and two years of college.
- 126 Expectations of marriage. Didn't know what to expect. Was difficult the first year because they had little privacy at her in-laws's house. Second year they lived ~~at~~ in own home, but ~~still~~ ~~fr~~ that was frustrating because all her friends still involved in high school and she wasn't in school.
- 141 Used no birth control for a while, relied on luck. Had a miscarriage before birth of first child. Was a shattering experience because she was young and no one had talked ~~to~~ her about pregnancy. Doctor provided very little information and he also brought in a strange doctor to examine her. Embarrassing experience.



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- 179 Feelings about childbirth experiences in the hospital. Narrator feels that many hospital practices on women are terrible. Feels if there are no complications, probably better to have baby at home. Her mother-in-law had most of her children at home. Narrator notes that doctors used forceps on all of her own children and she does not know now whether or not that was necessary. Discussion about general practices of doctors. Doesn't like it when doctors talk down to patients or keep information from them. Story of one experience with a doctor who treated her like a child.
- 217 Reasons affecting the number of children narrator has. Combination of accident and planning. Narrator did not use any birth control before the birth of her first ~~child~~ two children, although after that, she did use birth control pills. For a while, was embarrassed to ask her doctor about birth control. Narrator feels it is very good when birth control information is made available, will give people a chance to ~~get~~ mature before they get married.
- 234 Children's future. Narrator wants her children to be independent and to be ~~in~~ their ~~own~~ own selves. ~~Wants~~ Wants them to choose the profession they are interested in, ~~not~~ not a job just for ~~money~~ money.
- 240 Recreation. Visiting friends, going out, being with people, likes to dance. Enjoys ~~a~~ outside -- takes her parents' camper out into the woods ~~by~~ ~~herself~~ ~~sometimes~~ sometimes. Recently, started river rafting with a woman friend. Loves to swim.
- 256 Daughter. Narrator's daughter is seven years old. ~~Loves~~ She loves outdoor activities. Story about daughter's daring ~~play~~ activity ~~on~~ playing on a bridge's guide wires. Narrator comments that she encourages her daughter somewhat to be independent. ~~Thinks~~ Thinks sometimes her daughter is more feminist than herself. Narrator  
Feels that independence in her daughter will benefit her as she gets older, sees independence as a very good thing. Narrator feels that one has to learn to live with oneself and then any relationships are "extra."  
Narrator notes that she is just now beginning to find herself, wonders what would have happened if she hadn't married so young. Comments that raising a family consumes one's attention so much that there isn't time for much self exploration.
- 292 End of interview
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- 293-294 erase.
- 294 next interview.