

Alpha Procnier interviewed by Joy Williams Jan. 30, 1976

JW: O.K., we're on again. ^{Now} The first thing I have here is a personal data record. First of all, if you don't want to answer any questions, please don't, you know, don't feel ^{like} ~~that~~, I don't want to pressure you at all.

AP: No, I don't mind.

JW: O.K., do you have any nicknames?

AP: No. I never have had.

JW: O.k. Is Alpha a family name of any kind?

AP: No. My mother picked that from the Bible.

JW: Oh.

AP: I was a first child, so she gave me

JW: How nice. The "A" name. ^{Is that -}

AP: Well, Alpha and ^{you know,} [REDACTED] the first and the last ones.

JW: Right. I think that's really nice. And your address is box 107?

AP: Mm hm. Troy.

JW: O.K. And your maiden name?

AP: Helm. H-E-L-M.

JW: Date of birth?

AP: January the fifteenth, 1904.

JW: Oh. You just had a birthday. And an anniversary, too. That's pretty good.

AP: I was just twenty years old ^{on} January the fifteenth, and I was married the thirtieth.

JW: WOW. That must've been exciting. Place of birth?

AP: Moscow.

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JW: Oh. That's where my daughter was born, and ~~that's~~ where our next child will be born. And your phone number; I have it written somewhere, but

AP: 835-2526.

JW: O.K. Local of first residence in Idaho.

AP: Uh, the house next door.

JW: O.K. Great.

AP: That's where they first brought me when I was a baby.

JW: ^{where were you} From, when you were a baby, oh you were born in Moscow, and they brought you right over here. Great. Um, approximate year?

AP: ^{then} When I was four, I don't know if you want this or not

JW: Sure.

AP: But when I was four, then, we moved over, the winter I was four we moved over to Driskell Ridge, and that's where I grew up. That's over on the other side, about four miles from here.

JW: O.K., um so your approximate year of arrival in Idaho was 1904.

AP: Yes, approximately, yes.

JW: I'm new at this. you'll be able to tell. And your mode of travel? How did you get from the hospital to here, or you weren't born in the hospital, were you?

AP: No. It was at my aunt's house

JW: Mm hm.

AP: But I think a sled, because, in the winter time, I s'pose it was a sled. Yeah, I'm sure it was. *Sled and horses.*

JW: O.K., and your companions on the trip? Your mom?

AP: My mom. And my father, my dad and mother, I suppose, because

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AP: I just don't see goin' it alone.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Well, he had to

JW: Right. Somebody had to take you back.

AP: Team out.

JW: Right. O.K, now I'm going to ask you something about your family. What was your mother's maiden name?

AP: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

JW: O.K. Great. What ^{were} ~~was~~ her occupation, or jobs, or?

AP: Just a housewife.

JW: OK.

AP: After that she was married. 'Course she was a school teacher before that.

JW: Oh.

AP: She stood on the steps of the University of Idaho when it opened.

JW: Really?

AP: In 1892, wasn't it? Isn't that when it was?

JW: Oh. That's really exciting.

AP: Mm hm.

JW: Were newcomers to the University and it's kinda

AP: She took that little, those days, you know, they didn't go to high school

JW: Mm hm

AP: They took a, just a course ^{out} ~~up~~ there at the University and, they could teach.

JW: Teach. Right.

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Get a certificate + teach.
 AP: Right. So she went out there, I think three years, and then
 or something like that.

JW: She must've been a really a good

AP: She taught for four years just in country schools around here.

JW: Around Moscow?

AP: No, in Troy. Around here.

JW: Oh. That's exciting. Um, where was she born?

AP: In Kansas.

JW: Kansas? That's around where I come from. Missouri. Um, when
 was she born? Do you know, her date of birth?

AP: January the uh June ---

JW: You're seeing a lot of Januaries.

AP: June , yeah, June thirteenth

JW: Uh huh.

AP: 1875.

JW: That's my wedding anniversary.

AP: Oh?

except it's
 JW: 1970. Um, date of death.

AP: Uh, let's see, ^{now} it was the March the sixteenth, 1962.

JW: And the year she was married?

AP: Well it was 1898.

JW: O.K.

AP: December the fifteenth, 1898.

JW: O.K. You have a good memory for dates. A lot of them here. O.K.
 now your father's. Your father's name?

AP: [REDACTED]

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JW: [REDACTED]. O.K., [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

AP: Yes.

JW: And his occupation, job, whatever?

AP: Well, farmer.

AP: He was a farmer. What kind of

AP: Most of his life. When they were first married, he was a
photographer. And, ^atravelling photographer, and they starved to
death off that, so

JW: Right. I can understand that.

AP: Then, he bought this farm over here then and went to farming.

JW: And when was he born?

AP: May twentieth, 1870.

JW: And where was he born?

AP: ^{Well} I think he was from Kansas, too. They were both from Kansas.

JW: Then they ^{commuted} ~~came later~~, out here

AP: Say, ^{by the way,} I believe my mother was born in Illinois.

JW: Oh, O.K.

AP: I think so. And then they

JW: Then they met somewhere

AP: Then she was married in Illinois. I think so, and then they went
to Kansas before no? No, I think my ma was born in
Kansas. Grandma and Grandpa were born, were from Illinois, but
I believe, I guess that was right. I guess she was born in
Kansas.

JW: Mm. ^{OK} One of those two. Somewhere in the Midwest, anyway.
That's generally it.

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AP: Yeah. I could go look it up by looking up her obituary because it says on it, I know, *but* -

JW: O.K. you might want to do that later.

AP: Yeah.

JW: Um, what about your father, when did he die?

AP: Oh, February the second, 1949.

JW: '49, O.K. Do you have ~~any~~ sisters and brothers?

AP: I have two brothers.

JW: Oh.

AP: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] he lives over on the home place.

JW: How do you spell that?

AP: [REDACTED]

JW: O.K. He lives on the home place?

AP: Uh huh.

JW: That's nice. And?

AP: [REDACTED]

JW: [REDACTED].

AP: [REDACTED].

JW: [REDACTED].

AP: Mm hm. His name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but we call him [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JW: O.K.

AP: And he lives *at* Portland.

JW: Portland?

AP: I guess. Now, of course, they've *been on* this *on* trip to Africa, they're the ones that

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JW: Right, they're the ones with the

AP: And they're back right now, I think they're in California, but their home is Portland, anyways.

JW: Mm hm. O.K. How old are they? Are they older than you? Younger than you?

AP: No, they're younger. [REDACTED] was born in 1918 and [REDACTED] in 1909.

JW: They're pretty many years apart.

AP: One was born in September, the other in December.

JW: Wow.

AP: I lost one little brother.

JW: How much older are you than the

AP: Well, Five years older than [REDACTED] ^{you see} but I lost a little brother, *in between.*

JW: Oh. That's too bad.

AP: Little boy that died when he was ten months old.

JW: Oh. That's real sad. O.K. ~~now~~ your good spouse. Who, [REDACTED]

AP: Yeah

JW: [REDACTED] And what does he do? He's a ^{farmer} ~~plumber~~?

AP: He was 'till he retired, 'course ^{now} he's retired.

JW: O.K. retired.

AP: This is our ^{fifty} second wedding anniversary we're celebrating today.

JW: Oh. That's very nice. I think that's lovely. Um, my parents had a thirty-fifth recently.

AP: Oh?

JW: And I was very excited that they had gotten to that point.

AP: Yes.

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JW: It's nice. When was he born; what's his birthday?

AP: September the seventeenth, 1902.

JW: O.K., and his place of birth?

AP: Melrose, Idaho.

JW: Where is that?

AP: Oh, it's over, you know, I never have been there, it really isn't much anymore, I think it's

JW: Hm.

AP: But it's south of here. It's on up from Gifford and over in that part of the country, if you know anything about where that is

JW: Hm.

AP: I suppose you don't know where Gifford is either, but

JW: No, I'm afraid, but I'm learning, though. I'm looking at maps and

AP: Well, like I say, Nez Perce and then —

JW: Right.

AP: It's part of the country over in neck of the woods, *someplace*.

JW: O.K. I haven't gone back there. Does he have relatives there still?

AP: No, huh uh. His folks moved to Canada when he was

JW: Oh wow.

AP: Two years, four years old, I *guess*, he went to Canada. And stayed there ^{un}till he was sixteen and then they moved back and bought a farm down here *someplace*

JW: Hm.

AP: And then, that's where I met him

JW: Oh, that's nice. O.K. you were married on the thirtieth?

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JW: And the place you were married, and oh, the date, too, the year?

AP: 1924.

JW: I should^{Probably} have figured that out, but, um the place you were married?

AP: My parents' home.

JW: Oh.

AP:

JW: Hm. I like the idea of being married at home. O.K., now, children. Do you have any children?

AP: We have two. A boy and a girl.

JW: Oh, that's nice.

AP: Do you want their names?

JW: Yes, please .

AP: Uh, do you want the girl's? The girl's the oldest.

JW: O.K.

AP: [REDACTED]

JW: O.K.

AP: [REDACTED]

JW: [REDACTED] her married name, or middle name?

AP: No, that's her married name, now.

JW: O.K. And, date and place of birth for her?

AP: Um, let's see now, that, her birthday's ¹⁵ August the seventh, 1925.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: So she was fifty.

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JW: Oh, wow. And where was she born?

AP: Uh, in Moscow.

JW: At Gritman?

AP: No, it was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A woman with the name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ran a nursing home there.

JW: Hm.

AP: Both my children were born at the same place. And then [REDACTED]

JW: Ge [REDACTED] OK.

AP: The boy.

JW: And what do they, oh and when's [REDACTED] birthday in?

AP: It's in November the fourteenth, 1926.

JW: Had them very close together.

AP: Yeah, they were fifteen months and one week apart.

JW: Oh wow. Sounds like you had your hands full for a couple of years.

AP: I did. I did.

JW: What are their occupations?

AP: Well, [REDACTED] just a housewife.

JW: O.K. and [REDACTED]

AP: But [REDACTED] works ^{for the, he's} a dairyman. He works at the Dairygold.

JW: Oh.

AP: Plant. In Spokane.

JW: O.K. Great.

AP: Oh, they both live in Spokane, I don't know if I told you that.

JW: Oh, they both do. No. Well, at least you get to see them, sometime.

AP: Oh, yes, Uh huh.

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JW: Haven't commuted way off. O.K., here's where we get to about you. Um, what education have you had?

AP: Just high school.

JW: O.K. Through High school? And what skills do you have. Think carefully. I bet you have more than you think.

Quilting

AP: Well

JW: Is one, I noticed.

AP: Yes, I make quilts. Africans. These things.

JW: That's beautiful. Did you make that?

AP: Here's one here that I'm making.

JW: Oh, wow.

AP: Uh, and all kinds of sewing.

JW: Knitting, sewing,

AP: I don't knit. Crochet.

JW: Crochet. Oh, that's crocheted.

AP: Mm hm.

JW: You see my ignorance. I'm sorry.

AP: Mm.

JW: I'm trying to learn to do things like that.

AP: I never learned to knit, but I do lots of crocheting.

JW: Quilting, quilt-making; you'll probably think of more as we go on, too.

AP: Well, then I've always been quite an outdoor woman.

JW: Oh.

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AP: I like to do anything outside, that is, I've always been quite a chicken raiser.

JW: Really?

AP: Lots of chickens and

JW: Do you do it for pleasure, do you like to do that?

AP: I just like to.

JW: Yeah. (Well, that's nice.)

AP: Garden.

JW: ~~You~~ have a lot of hobbies, then.

AP: I keep busy, that's for sure.

JW: Yeah. Um, have you had any jobs?

AP: No, I never have worked out

JW: ^{ok} Just in the home. Um, what about clubs or societies, or

AP: Oh, mercy, I

JW: some of the major ones

AP: Well, I, we belong to the Grange

JW: Uh huh.

AP: And Christian Ladies Aid.

JW: Mm hm. O.K.

AP: And the Bethel Club. That's our home, club around the neighborhood, here.

JW: Oh. That's nice.

AP: Bethel Club. And the Rebeccas.

JW: O.K. that's nice.

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AP: And Senior Citizens. And of course I'm the wife of my husband,
he belongs to the Latah County Fiddlers.

JW: Oh, he does? ^{oh,} I've heard him play.

AP: He's one of the Latah County Fiddlers.

JW: Oh. That's really neat.

AP: Yeah. So, I have to go to that, too.

JW: Do you go to all his performances?

AP: Yeah.

JW: Oh, that's nice. I think I have heard him. I wondered who

AP: Oh? You have?

JW: Didn't they play at the Junior Miss thing ^{a couple of years ago} in Moscow?

AP: Well, I wonder if it's the Latah, or the Idaho ~~one~~ that
you saw I bet it's the Idaho one that you saw.

JW: Oh. I'm disappointed. I'll look in the program and see. I
might still have it at home.

AP: Yeah. I think that was like the

JW: Have you ever gotten any ribbons, or honors, or awards?

AP: I don't think so.

JW: O.K. Great. This is really helpful. Now I can, ^{start,} you know,
ask you more interesting questions. Good. It's nice to get
that all, sort of, taken care of. Um, let's see, you're
married. Have you ever been divorced or widowed?

AP: No.

JW: Um

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AP: Fifty two years to the same man.

JW: You, that's nice. I think that's lovely. I hope I make it.

AP: I hope you do , too. *Many don't.*

JW: Oh. You were married at twenty, right?

AP: Mm hm.

JW: Do you think that was early to get married?

AP: Well, I guess it was, but in those days, I don't know. My parents didn't have too much money to send me on to school, and, 'course, I fell in love and wanted to get married.

JW: Right. That's the way it usually happens.

AP: I did.

JW: Do you think it's easier to be married than single in a rural area?

AP: Well, ^{yes,} I do because, you know, it would be pretty lonesome and hard to take care of yourself, I think.

JW: Did most of the people you went to high school with get married?

Almost every-
All the women?

AP: I s'pose so. I graduated from Moscow.

JW: Oh.

AP: High school in Moscow, so, Troy had a high school

JW: Mm hm.

AP: But, at those, at that time, there wasn't any buses, and we had to have our own transportation to get to school and in the wintertime that was pretty hard to do 'cause they didn't have the roads plowed out like they do nowadays; and then our

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AP: home isn't on a regular highway.

JW: Mm.

AP: And so, I had this aunt living in Moscow, and so my parents decided it would be better to put me there, and let me go to Moscow High School. I was scared to death.

JW: I bet.

AP: Because I'd never been out, just a little country school ^{you know,} all my life, and then put me in a school where there's lotsa children

JW: Yeah.

AP: And ones I didn't know, and, I got awful homesick the first year.

JW: Did you? How long did it take you to adjust; feel comfortable?

AP: Oh, I think after the first year.

JW: That's a long time, though.

AP: Yeah, but I was all that year, though, but I

JW: How often did you get home?

AP: Oh, every two or three weeks, or somethin' like that, if I could,

JW: Oh.

AP: But they had to come clear to Moscow with a team, you see

JW: Mm. hm.

AP: To get me, with horses, and it took over two hours to drive you. We can go to Spokane now, it's a lot, as quick as we used to go ^{just} to Moscow.

JW: Oh that's incredible. Your parents must've really missed you they must've made some really big sacrifices.

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AP: Oh, ^{yeah} they did.

JW: I admire that.

AP: And get me home when they could ^{of course},

JW: Wow. What do you think are the advantages of living in a rural area? ^{are} For you, personally?

AP: Well, I don't know. It just isn't crowded. either.

JW: Yeah.

AP: It's just, uh, I've just ^{always been} never been interested in towns.
More of the

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Bein' in the country where I could get outside and do things that I couldn't do if I was in town.

JW: Mm hm. When you went to school in Moscow, did you consider it a really big place? ^{A really big city?}

AP: Well, it seemed big to me then.

JW: Yeah; boy (laughs).

AP: Moscow was just, oh, it wasn't half as large as it is now, but it was just a little

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Really not too large. You know where Hayes street is or not, but

JW: Yeah, we used to live on it.

AP: Oh, that was the outside of town.

JW: Oh, really?

AP: Yeah, that was the edge of town.

JW: Yeah, it really has expanded since then.

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AP: Oh, it has. In all directions.

JW: Um, let's see, what else do I ask, there are so many things to ask that I don't know where to start. Um, how did the depression effect you?

AP: Well, we had kinda hard time. We had, ^{our} babies were small.

JW: Mm.

AP: And money was awful scarce. But, we managed, had our cows and sold cream, and eggs. We'd take those to town and trade 'em for groceries.

JW: Oh. Yeah.

AP: And of course we raised a lot of our own food. With the gardens and having the chickens and cows, we had our own milk and butter and all that.

JW: Do people still discuss the depression? Do you think it made an emotional effect on their lives?

AP: Oh, I think they've kinda forgot it, now, it's been so long ago, that is, for most of 'em, you know.

JW: Yeah. They don't talk about it at social gatherings, or

AP: Not very often, I don't think.

JW: Um, how do you think your life is different from other peoples' who haven't lived through a depression? Such as me. Um

AP: Well, the young people of today start out with so much more and expect so much more, I think,

JW: Mm.

AP: Than we did when we were married. We went to a second hand store and bought a lot of ^{our} furniture and stuff, and we sent to Montgomery

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AP: Ward's and got a range, and a bed, and a dresser, and a kitchen cupboard thing, and then we just have a little table we picked up ^{to get along} 'till we

JW: Yeah. You didn't expect to

AP: No.

JW: Have that much more than that.

AP: 'Course, in '24 that wasn't that long

JW: Mm hm. Yeah.

AP: Wasn't too much.

JW: Your kids were too small to really understand what was going on then, weren't they?

AP: Oh yeah. ^{They don't know,} They didn't realize that at all, I don't think.

JW: Are you thankful for that?

AP: Well, I don't know. I don't suppose it hurts anybody to have to economize and I think so much now of the young people, so many of 'em ^{then} just buy and go in debt, and buy things that ^{looks like} they could get along without and not get so much at once.

JW: I agree.

AP: Yeah?

JW: I feel a lot of pressure, so, people our age, to buy a lot more than we can all afford. It's frightening.

AP: Well, I think so. I think that they, 'course in Troy, now they, whenever a girl gets married, they have a what they call a community shower for them.

JW: Hm?

AP: And it's a, everybody's invited that wants to go.

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AP: Well, they start out with a whole housefull of things right to start with.

JW: Yeah.

AP: Something that I didn't have.

JW: Yeah. That's true, I know. That, you know, all the wedding showers I had, were making me sick at the end, it was just too much stuff.

AP: Yeah. You get so many things.

JW: Yeah. I hope that my daughter is a little more realistic about...

AP: Well, I think it's awfully nice, I think it's nice for a girl to have all that to start with. It saves a lot because ^{usually} things, they usually get things, if they don't get a lot of duplicates, of things that they're gonna have to buy anyway.

JW: That's true.

AP: So I think that it helps a lot. To have them like that.

JW: It's just when you get too much that it gets kinda scary.

AP: I know.

JW: It's nice to have community showers, I think it's a great idea.

AP: I had one neice, she had duplicates on everything she got, and boy, she had so many things.

JW: Oh.

AP: had to just this place.

JW: Yeah, Um, let's see, shall I go on to something else? What do you think has had more effect on your life, in terms of um, well, in terms of anything: the war, or the depression?

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AP: Oh, I think the war.

JW: Hm. In what way?

AP: 'Cause I had to send my son away.

JW: Oh.

AP: 'Course he didn't get very far, but then, he went. And I think that's probably the hardest thing I ever did.

JW: Hm. Yeah, that must've been terrible. How long was he gone?

AP: Well, he graduated from high school, and he was just eighteen

JW: Oh

AP: Graduated in '45, and they took him right away. And he graduated in May and he had to leave the next week, I think

JW: Hm.

AP: And he got back the following December, I believe, he was discharged.

'Cause the war ended, happened to end

JW: Yeah

AP: While he was, before he got very far. So, he got home before too long.

JW: Well, that's good.

AP: He didn't know that before he went in.

JW: HM mm. I bet that was really trying for you and your husband.

AP: Oh, it was. *It was.*

JW: What did you do? Did you write him a lot, and?

AP: Oh, yes. *wrote, he* He was pretty good to write to and ah

JW: That's good.

AP: Of course we tried to write just as often as we could.

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JW: Did you try to maintain a front, you know, a cheery

AP: We tried to, yes, but that was kinda hard to do.

JW: Yeah, I bet. Oh, um, what about your attitude toward work?

Um, how do you think working effects people? ^{in terms of} growing up and

AP: I think it's good

JW: I mean a job

AP: I think it's good for 'em. I think that's one thing that's wrong with a lot of the young people now is that they don't have anything to do

JW: Mm hm.

AP: And I think that's why there's so much trouble. The young people, ^{have to,} teenagers have to be busy. And if there isn't something ^{(work for them} to do,) they're gonna find somethin' to do.

JW: Right.

AP: The way I look at it.

JW: It's not always productive, is it?

AP: No, it isn't. ^{It's not.}

JW: How did you spend your free time yesterday? Did you have any free time yesterday?

AP: Went to Moscow...I don't know if you call it free time or not.

JW: Well, pleasure time.

AP: Oh, I've been ^{workin' on these,} doin' some embroidery work and things like that, I guess, most of the time.

JW: Do you think it's different from the way you spent your free time twenty years ago?

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JW: Project yourself into the past and

AP: Twenty years ago. Well, I don't know. I've usually always been busy with, whenever I had any free time not to do anything or wasn't going anyplace, ^{or something} I would be sewing or doing some kind of handwork.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: ~~Oh~~ I've always done that, so I don't think much difference.

JW: Do you ever watch T.V? I notice the T.V. there.

AP: Oh, yes. I have Soap Operas to watch, of course.

JW: You like the Soap Operas? I heard there's a new Soap Opera coming on.

AP: Oh?

JW: It's supposed to be a parody, a spoof on Soap Operas. I want to see that one.

AP: Oh, I don't watch very many of 'em.

JW: You don't watch them every day, or anything?

AP: Well, I try, if I'm home, and ~~if~~ nobody's around, or anything

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I usually watch, there are two or three I watch in the afternoon, but I never look at 'em in the morning.

JW: Yeah.

AP: I'm always busy in the kitchen and stuff.

JW: What else do you watch? ^{at night?} Do you have other favorite T.V. shows?

AP: Oh, we like "Little House on the Prairie", and "the Waltons"

JW: Oh, right.

AP: And stuff like (?)

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JW: Yeah, I bet you can relate to those, really well. Does your husband share your interest in the kind of T.V. shows you watch?

AP: Yes, he does, only his eyes have gotten kinda bad and he can't seem to watch television too much, so

JW: Hm.

AP: He listens, anyway.

JW: It's nice, ^{just} to be together, anyway, isn't it?

AP: Yeah, so

JW: Um, what would you do if you had more leisure time?

AP: I s'pose I'd just ~~sew~~ more.

JW: Good. What kinds of things would you sew? ^{same sorts of} Afghans and quilts, and?

AP: Oh, yes. Clothes. I just got through making a long dress.

JW: Oh, really? Where are you going to wear it?

AP: I already did.

JW: Oh, that was quick.

AP: I wore it up to Deary last Friday night when the Troy Grange visited the Deary Grange.

JW: Mm hm. Do they have, does your organization have a lot of social functions that you need to make clothes for?

AP: Well, not necessarily.

JW: To dress up for, or anything?

AP: Not necessarily.

JW: Just sometimes. Um, let's see, how is your family life now compared to the family life of your childhood? How are you different as a parent, in other words; from bringing up your

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JW: children from the way your parents were different?

AP: Well, I really don't know.

JW: Were there differences in finances, or free time, or?

AP: Well, I suppose that our children had more advantages than we had.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: In school, and other things, too. I don't know if I can think of anything particularly

JW: Do you think you had different expectations ~~for~~ your children than your parents had of you?

AP: I don't know if it was anything particularly different. I can't think of anything that was any, you know, too much different.

JW: O.K., if you think of anything later, you can tell me.

Um. Tell me about some other things you did with your brothers and sisters when you were a kid.

AP: My brothers?

JW: Yeah.

AP: Oh...what did we do?

JW: You didn't have sisters; you have a son and a daughter, ^{you didn't have any} sisters, O.K.

AP: Mm hm.

JW: I was confused.

AP: I had a Shetland pony. I got a Shetland pony when I was nine

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AP: years old, and I just loved that pony. And so we rode him:
and we had a buggy, and we drove him around, and you know,
and I
my brothers, of course, my youngest brother, you see, I was,
I think I was fifteen ^{or something like that} when he was born, so I was away to
high school most of the time then, so

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I wasn't around him so much. But the other one, of course, we
coasted together, and things like that.

JW: Did you have any conflicts?

AP: Oh yes. (Laughter) Oh yes. ^{I think} That happens among all children.

JW: Yeah.

AP: They say that, uh, if two children don't scrap a lot, that
there's something wrong with them, so...

JW: Right. Probably true. What, can you think of any kind of, any
certain scrap that you had that was ^{note-} worthy?

AP: No, I can't think of anything now that was anything.

JW: O.K.

AP: We didn't get that serious with it.

JW: Good. Did your parents want both you and your brothers to go
school.? Were they interested in education?

AP: Oh, yes.

JW: You went through high school. That was pretty good, wasn't it.

I mean, not everybody went through high school in those days.

AP: Not those days, no. It was a lot of them that didn't, but

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Oh, yes, they, my mother of course, you know, she was very

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AP: interested in school because ^{she had, you know,} she took this university course

JW: Right.

AP: And everything, and she was a school teacher, so she was real interested in me.

JW: She taught before she got married, so she

AP: Uh huh.

JW: Did she want you to be a teacher? Did she

AP: Oh

JW: Have any design for

AP: Oh, she might've thought about it. If I'd of wanted to, but they ~~wanted~~ ^{let} me to do pretty much what I wanted to, I guess.

JW: Were they happy when you said you were going to get married? Was that

AP: Oh, I guess so, ^{I think maybe} they were.

JW: Did they do anything interesting when you told them? Did you tell them? Did your husband ask for your hand?

AP: Yeah, he asked my father on that.

JW: Uh huh. Before he asked you, or afterwards?

AP: (laughs) No, afterwards. } I guess he was pretty, kind of embarrassed.

JW: That's good.

JW: How did your father react? Do you remember any stories, or?

AP: Oh, he just told him it would be alright if, he just wanted him to be good to me, and I guess.

JW: Oh, that's nice. Um, can you tell me any of those things about your courtship and what was interesting about it, or just anything about it, or your early marriage if you cant remember anything

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JW: about your courtship? How long was your courtship? Were you engaged a while?

AP: Ah, about a year.

JW: Mm hm. That's pretty long.

AP: And then, I was going, I graduated from high school, ^{that Spring} and I was married the next January.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: ^{so} It was about a year. Oh, I don't know. Oh I can tell you how I first met him.

JW: Oh, good. O.K.

AP: I had this Shetland pony.

JW: Mm hm. Same pony.

AP: Yeah

JW: You were talking about this pony.

AP: Yeah, and so our neighbor girl and I, this place here, this new barn, this big barn up on the hill here was built in 1919.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: And the [REDACTED] had just come back, moved from Canada that fall or summer down here. They bought this place down over the hill here. And so, um, ^{they} were ^{havin'} to have a barn dance up here, what they called it a barn dance, it was more than just playin' games and stuff, but anyway, this little friend and I come over here with my Shetland pony to my grandparents, ^{who} lived down here, and we were there waiting for night to come so we could go to this dance, and M [REDACTED] came to buy a

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AP: cow from my grandpa. When he came in the house to pay for the cow, why that's when I met him.

JW: That's great. Was it love at first sight?

AP: Oh no, no.

JW: What did you think of him when you first met him?

AP: Oh, I don't know. I didn't think too much about

JW: Did you notice him at all?

AP: Oh, not, yeah, of course, we went up here to this dance and that night, well they were strangers in the community, and ^{so} I felt kinda sorry for him and I know I'd go and ask him to come and play, ^{in the games} and stuff like that, but I felt kinda sorry 'cause he didn't know anybody.

JW: He probably appreciated that, too.

AP: He and his sister, I think, were both there.

JW: You didn't think of him as a romantic interest?

AP: No, not then, huh uh

JW: When did you start thinking of him as a romantic contender for your hand?

AP: Oh, I don't know. I really don't remember ^{how long it was.} It was quite a while after that, though. "Course that was in 1919, and we weren't engaged 'till 1923.

JW: Right. That is a while.

AP: ^{so,} Yeah. Quite a while before

JW: Did you see him a lot in those four years?

AP: Oh yes, he, off and on.

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JW: Because he was a member of the community?

AP: Yeah, he was in the community there, and so, we used to see him at church and stuff like that.

JW: Mm hm. Um, did you have him over to your house a lot? Were your parents treating him as a member of the family

AP: Did that, sure, start going together, and then, and his parents were just as good to me, ^{too} so

JW: Mm hm.

AP: And then, after we were married why we lived for, ³till, for a year right close to my folks.

JW: Right.

AP: A little house ^{right} close to my folks.

JW: Well that's nice. They could keep their eyes on you.

AP: Yeah.

JW: What were your expectations (about marriage), before you got married? [✓] What did you think it would be like?

AP: I don't really know. There would be anything in particular. I don't think you ever stopped to think about that.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I don't think most girls think about what ^{they} ~~to~~ expect. They just want to get married.

JW: Right.

AP: Have a home and stuff.

JW: DO you think the first year of marriage uh, was problematic in adjusting? Was it difficult?

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AP: Well, I think all are, to a certain extent, I think.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: You know, it's different.

JW: Right.

AP: You learn to give and take, and stuff like that.

JW: Right.

AP: And that's what so many of them don't do, ^{think} and that's where the trouble comes in.

JW: Are you sorry you hadn't thought about it beforehand, ^{more?} about what exactly you'd be expected to do, the kind of things you'd be expected to do and

AP: I don't think so.

JW: ^{you don't think it's necessary?} Um, let's talk about childbearing. I'm obviously very interested in that, myself.

AP: (Laughs) [] is pregnant at the time of this interview.]

JW: Um, what medical services were available to you? You said you had your children in Moscow at a nursing

AP: Yeah, that woman just took in maternity.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Well, I had a, I went to a doctor [] see, Dr. Gritman was the big doctor in Moscow then, ^{that's} at Gritman hospital, and then he wouldn't, if you went to the hospital, he'd take care of you but if you didn't, why, then these hospitals were expensive, and we were back there in the depression. We didn't have very much money, and so I had [] [] then. He was in with

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AP: Dr. Gritman, and he was s'posed to be the doctor for me.

Well, the day I went to the hospital to have, er, went in to have my daughter, why he was gone, so...

JW: Oh. Typical

AP: So there was another baby, was born at this place in the morning, just before mine, and they had this [REDACTED] (sp?)

I don't know whether you've seen [REDACTED] [REDACTED] *she's still around.*

JW: No.

AP: He's dead, the doctor. And so I didn't know what to do. I asked the nurse then, I says, "well what will I do?", and she said, well, she worked with DR. [REDACTED] so it would probably be alright. So I said O.K., and so then they got him, and he said O.K.

JW: Wow. Did you like him?

AP: Yes.

JW: Did he deliver your son, too?

AP: Mm hm. Then I went back to him, and of course he delivered my ^{other} son, ~~too~~

JW: That was nice. So that was lucky.

AP: Yes. Yeah, I guess so.

JW: It must have been kinda frightening for you.

AP: Well, it was. To be there and then not

JW: Be able to find your doctor.

AP: And not be able to find your doctor and not know why

JW: Was your husband there?

AP: Yeah, oh yes.

JW: So he was sort of concerned, too, about what was going on

AP: No, he was there with me, ^{both times} so

JW: Oh, that's nice. Um, what sort of anesthetic or pain relief was available?

AP: Well, I think they gave chloroform, I think

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I didn't have much of anything for the last one because I went in and (I hope this isn't all going ^{to have} to be...)

JW: No, you can, you know, go back and tell me what you don't want to record, or anything, but you certainly don't have to answer.

AP: I went in and he said I was dilated, and so I went in and they called the doctor why, I hadn't had any pain, you see

JW: Mm hm.

AP: So he gave me a shot, and he was over in the door. I can remember him sittin' in the door, talking to these people in the other room, and all at once the water broke and everything.

JW: OH.

AP: And there was the baby come and that's it, so to do this and give me the ether, er, chloroform, I guess it was, and I don't know, land, I wasn't even holdin' my breath even, so I figured I'd better take a breath so I'll get some

JW: Right. Yeah, boy.

AP: Don't waste the opportunity. So I really didn't get much out of that one.

JW: Oh, that's wild.

AP: But my labor was always real fast, it wasn't, you know, I didn't take a long time, but, like some of them are.

JW: ^{Oh that's good.} How long did you have to stay in the home, then?

AP: Oh, they kept us two weeks.

JW: Two weeks? ^{oh!} I bet you wanted to get back.

AP: I had stitches, and they thought that when you have stitches you're not supposed to get up for a week

JW: Oh.

AP: And nowadays they get you up the next day.

JW: Right. Immediately. Two hours after.

AP: After I was there, and they wouldn't even let me sit up, until about twelve days. And you know, when I stood on my feet, I felt like I was way up in the air. My feet was way down there.

JW: Oh.

AP: I felt terrible. I was so weak.

JW: Sounds awful. Yeah, it's really different now, isn't it.

AP: I don't know.

JW: I'm not sure it's that much better but at least it's different.

AP: Well, I don't know what's the idea then, or the idea of treatin' 'em so fast now, either but

JW: Right

AP: They don't get so weak, anyway.

JW: Well, did you want to have only two children? Was that

AP: Yes that was all we wanted because it was ^{you know} hard to try to get those two educated

JW: Right. I think that's a good decision, too.

AP: The girl just went through high school and then she wanted to go to work. So she went to work, and the boy, had to go up in the service so then when he got back, he had this G.I, you know.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: So then he took this dairying on that, so the dairy business so he's been in that all his life, you might say. Be ready to retire before too long. I think he got four or five years left, somehin' like that.

JW: Oh, that's nice, he can

AP: I don't know whether he's gonna get outa that, or unless he can find somethin' else, maybe he can do what he'll like. But he's doin' real good now.

JW: Oh, I'm glad. I'm glad he's pretty close to you, too. That's my parents are in Missouri still

AP: Oh *well that's* —

JW: So that's pretty hard to for them to see their grandchild and this next one, too.

AP: And you do enjoy 'em so much.

JW: Yeah. Do you have grandchildren?

AP: Yes, I have, we have five.

JW: Oh, that's nice.

AP: We have, uh, the boy and his wife are in that, up on the piano the middle one, the wedding picture

JW: Right.

AP: And then their daughter, is on that side. Now she's a medical secretary

JW: Oh

AP: At Deaconess Hospital in Spokane.

JW: Oh, she's pretty.

AP: And the boy, there you go, is workin at the

JW: Mm hm.

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AP: And then, they've got this little one, that's this picture over there

JW: Oh, yeah

AP: She's ten. And then the girl. This is their whole family this was taken ~~this~~ Christmas, so

JW: Oh, there, yeah. How old are they?

AP: Well, she's 25, she's a nurse in a hospital in Harvard (?) Montana.

JW: Oh, great.

AP: And he works for, his dad is a, he rebuilds motors, he's a machinist

JW: Mm hm.

AP: In Spokane, and the boy's workin' there with him, too.

JW: Well, you have a lot of good looking grandkids

AP: Oh, thank you.

JW: Nice looking. Um, how did you find out, how did you get knowledge about things like child-bearing, and birth control, and child raising, and ?

AP: Well, my mother, of course, told me things like that

AP: To start with

JW: That's good. Told you about birth control?

AP: Yes, mm hm. 'course we didn't have much of that those days, either, you know.

JW: What kinds of things were available?

AP: Well, wasn't too many things to use. You kinda had to hit or miss.

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JW: Right. Great. Well, you certainly did a good job, having only ^{your} two. We only want two, too. Um, what about child rearing?

Did you just know that from experience? from watching?

AP: Well, you just learn. From the first one you usually learn.

JW: Right. By the second... well you had yours so close together I, you probably learned both at once.

AP: Ah, yes, but then I learned before, I had her, I couldn't feed either one or 'em, breast feed 'em

JW: Oh.

AP: So, I had to, and in those days, you know, they had milk, you just give 'em regular cow's milk, ^{raw milk,} formulas

JW: Immediately?

AP: Yeah, well, ^{sure,} that's what they put 'em on.

JW: Oh.

AP: Well, I went, 'course to buy cows like my mother had done ^{with hers} and so, well, it didn't work too good with her and I finally had to go to the doctor and he'd give me a regular formula, then, to fix, so, we got her straightened out then, but, it didn't work too good with her.

JW: Yeah, it must have been scary. Were you very disappointed that you couldn't breast feed?

AP: Well, I kinda wanted to, but then, I wasn't any ^{Jersey} and that was fer sure.

JW: (Laughter) Right.

AP: I couldn't get any out at all.

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JW: Oh. Do you think that children's roles have changed since you had children? Do you think people expect different things from their children now?

AP: Well, I think that

JW: What about the roles? You expect your children to do certain things. Do you think that people are different now?

AP: Well, it seems like there are so many more things for children to do.

JW: Right.

AP: Now, than there used to be.

JW: What about in terms of behavior? Do you think ~~that~~ people have, expect their children to behave more, in a different way now than they used to? Oh, what did you do as a family when the children were living at home, for recreation and relaxation?

AP: Well, let's see. ^{now} We used to play games, you know, card games and stuff with 'em and then, take them places and things like that. I don't know if there was anything in particular, they

JW: What sort of places did they like to go?

AP: Well, the parties that we had, and 'round like that, and go to town; 'course in those days, goin' to town was something too, you know.

JW: Right.

AP: What with a horse and buggy and, it took quite a while to go we didn't go every day.

JW: Right.

AP: And then in the winter-time, it was worse than that. 'Course the snow would come and people would take their cars, those that had

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AP: cars

JW: Mm hm.

AP: And put 'em up on blocks. Because the roads weren't opened up at all. We've been snowed in 'till there wouldn't be any snow, you know, we couldn't get through for weeks.

JW: Right.

AP: Or just the team, and then we'd go up and down like this on the sled.

JW: That sounds adventurous, but was it a little depressing, too not being able to?

AP: Well, we didn't know anything different, so it really wasn't

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Because we, we had to get out and get our produce to town so we'd just get in the sled and go bump, like this

JW: Right.

AP: Well, drifts, you know, dressed the drifts. I know one year that, when they, I don't know, of course this was before your time, they had these C.C.C.s, I suppose you've heard of them? They were an organization that back, well, they took 'em and trained 'em for military, I guess, more the military training; but then they'd go out and do things like that and they came and shoveled our road out

JW: Mm hm.

AP: Through here. There wasn't any other way

JW: Oh, wow.

AP: to get it opened up, and they shoveled to let us out and get us out.

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AP: So, They stayed, the kids stayed at home and did most of their playin' by themselves and

JW: Did the kids have chores around the house to do?

AP: Oh yes, they always had ^{their} chores to do . That's our daughter and son in law

JW: And their children? I like all the pictures in this room.

AP: It's a regular photograph gallery

JW: ^{Right,} Um, what are some of the things you've done to help support your family? What are the contributions that you've made?

AP: Well, I don't know, you mean ^{like} sewing for 'em, I made their own clothes?

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I even had to make the little pants for the little boy when, in those depression days.

JW: Right.

AP: Get ~~old~~ pants from some ^{body} and make him a little suit of pants and, I sewed ~~su~~ all our clothes and made lots of our own bedding, quilts, and ~~thing~~ like that.

JW: How much work did you do on the farm?

AP: Well, I went out in times of year when they'd be planting beans, I'd ^{would} ~~be~~ ride on the back of the drill and see that the beans were all goin' ^{out} where they were s'posed to.

JW: Oh.

AP: And, then, I've drivin, in cutting the beans, why I, ^{me} used to cut and I'd drive the rake, with the horses and I've drivin it with the tractor, too. But hay in the barn, I've helped pull hay up in the barn with a hay mount, and up in the hay mount of the tractor

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AP: and horses, too.

JW: Were you trained to do that at home, before you were married?

AP: Yes, I used to do things like that at home before I was married, too .

JW: That must've helped.

AP: Oh yes. I guess it did, but uh

JW: Um, have you ever thought what you would do if something happened to your husband?

AP: Well, yes, you always think of that, you know, what would, what you would do, why now, we're getting so up in years I don't know what, well, what I would do.

JW: What about say about twenty or thirty years ago, what would you have done?

AP: Well, it's kinda hard to say because I really wasn't equipped with any education to do anything, I didn't, you know, just a high school education, you don't, I s'pose I could've worked in a store, or something like that, ^{maybe} but really never, just really never thought too much about it. Just thought I'd wait and see if the time came up to think about it.

JW: Well, it's not a very pleasant thing to think about.

AP: No, it's something you should think about; look forward to.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: 'Course then, my husband, you know, took out insurance and everything like that, so, we've always tried to have something like that.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: That'll take care of things and, so

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JW: So you have some, you would've had some options

AP: Mm hm.

JW: And you still do. Um, do you have any suggestions for a young woman who wants to become involved with farm life? What are some *good* pieces of advice? Or even life in a small town, not necessarily ^a on a farm.

AP: Well, I think that to be able to do your own housework, is one thing.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: You know, there's lots of 'em that don't even do that. They get somebody else to do that

JW: Right.

AP: 'Course I don't say that I didn't do such a heck of a good job, but then

JW: Looks good to me

AP: But uh, and then be interested in community affairs. I think that helps a whole lot.

JW: Mm hm. Right.

AP: You know, so, we have neighbors and people that you know, that seem to not be interested in anything like that, well they're not, I don't think they get as much outa life as the ones of us that go to all these things.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: 'Course you get tired of going too, but, things kinda slip at home, but

JW: Do you ever get tired of seeing the same People so much of the time?

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AP: No. Not, I don't think so.

JW: That's nice. Have you ever displayed anything in a county fair?
You have so many nice needle work things around here.

AP: Well, no. I have sent an afghan, I entered in the grange one
time, but it didn't get very far. No I'm not too, I'm not that
perfect in my stuff.

JW: Did you make those?

AP: You mean these things? No, I made that one, but I didn't have
the right kinda thing to make it with. I think my sister in law
made that and sent it to [REDACTED] mother and then

JW: Yeah. She made that (to photographer). Isn't that beautiful?
And she's making a gorgeous patchwork quilt.

AP: I'll show you all this junk when I get through.

JW: Yeah. Good. I want to see it. What magazines and newspapers
do you read? Do you like magazines?

AP: Yes. We take, I think we ^{have} ~~take~~ the Farm Journal and I just
sent for the "Good Housekeeping."

JW: Mm hm.

AP: No, "Better Homes and Gardens," I guess it was.

JW: I like that one.

AP: But neither one of us've got very good eyes when it comes to
reading too much.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I don't know why I don't, why my eyes are actin' up like they are

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AP: but, I can't read too much. I do and they don't seem to hurt too much, but if I sit down to read the newspaper, why then they kinda bothers, so I don't try to, we don't, neither one of us do too much reading any more.

JW: What are the things you and your husband discuss most?

AP: I sure forget. Oh, there are different places that we want to go and things like that.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: We flew to Phoenix a year ago last

JW: Oh?

AP: To see ^{his} brother, down there, and that ^{was real nice} was the first time we've ever been there.

JW: Oh that must've been nice.

AP: So we really enjoyed it.

JW: So you talk about future plans and,

AP: Mm hm. Well, we like to camp and fish. But it was so cold all last summer we never camped out once.

JW: Yeah, that's too bad.

AP: But we did go fishin' several times.

JW: Where do you camp? When you go?

AP: Oh, up around Elk River, and I d'you know where Elk River is?

JW: Yeah, I've been there.

AP: That's where we go usually. That's where we like to fish. Up in there.

JW: What kinds of things that you do on your own is your husband most interested in?

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AP: I don't know. I don't know if it makes any difference, I don't, just go to, we go to so many different things we go to, I guess.

JW: Mm hm. Does he take an active interest in your needle projects, and

AP: No, he isn't very interested *in that*.

JW: Have you ever made him anything, I mean, have you made him clothes too?

AP: Well, not too many. I haven't sewed too much for him. He's too particular.

JW: Oh, right, you'd better not do that. What kind of things that you do ~~that~~ does he take pride in?

AP: I wonder.

JW: Why don't you ask him?

AP: Ask him?

JW: Does that worry you, that he doesn't take pride in the things you do, or

AP: Oh not particularly. After all these years...

JW: O.K. Good self image. Um

AP: I was just surprised this morning when I told him I wanted to go out to dinner this evening, that he was interested in going.

Every three years.

JW: five years . Right. What do you think ^{about} the women's movement? Woman's liberation?

AP: Oh goodness, that's somethin' else I don't pay much attention to. I think they're take it to extremes, both ways, far as that's concerned. I think it's perfectly foolish for women ^{really} to want to put themselves in the, in some ways, I think as far as wages

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AP: is concerned, I think a woman that's working should have just as good a wages as a man if she's doing the, equal work, that is you know.

JW: Mm.

AP: But as far as wanting to be the head of everything, I don't particularly believe in that. I think that, and another thing that I think that there's too many women that are working. I think that they should stay home and take care of their children.

JW: Do you and your friends discuss that at all? Do you discuss the woman's movement?

AP: Mm uh. The ones I, you know, We just don't, we're not inter- I don't think you're too interested in and things like that.

JW: Um, can you tell me some of the factors that led you to continue life on a farm in a small town?

AP: Well, that's the only thing my husband knew how to do. He's always been disappointed because he said when he was a small child growing up, he always wanted to be an engineer on the railroad, oh and he was so crazy about that, well, his folks didn't have the means to send him to school and for him to go on to school and learn anything like that, so farming was the best thing for him to get into and he never has been to happy with it, but then we come all this time through, I guess we'll stick with it now.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: So

JW: Well, you seem pretty happy.

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AP: Well, we like to farm. Uh, we don't know hardly know what to do know, he has arthritis ^{awfully} bad, and he hasn't been able to get out and do too much, and of course we're both gettin' up in years so that it's uh, we don't know whether to sell the farm and move to town, or what to do. It's kind of a problem.

JW: Do you think you'd be happy in town?

AP: I just wonder.

JW: Yeah.

AP: I just wonder.

JW: From what you've told me today, it doesn't sound like you'd be...to leave this gorgeous place.

AP: I told her, that, this is somethin' else you don't need to have on the tape, ^{again but} the old homestead, my grandparent's homestead It's just across the road right down here and this was part of it.

JW: I think it's nice to have, you know, such deep roots and

AP: Well when they, when the grandparents got this, they came out here in a covered wagon, from Kansas in 1882 and they, when they got here, my grandfather was so dis-- maybe you don't want ^{all} this on your tape

JW: Sure

AP: My grandfather was so disappointed in, because he came here from Kansas where it was level country, and he got out here and all these hills; he wasn't going to stay, he was gonna go right back, well he didn't have ^{any} money to go back on.

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AP: And they only had a hundred dollars when they started out

JW: Mm.

AP: And they had trouble on the road, they had to buy things, stuff on the road, so they were broke when they got here. So they went down ^{on} to the railroad, down by Pasco, and helped put the railroad through; and worked on the railroad for a year. And when that was completed and they came back here again well then they decided they wanted to stay. By that time, a lot of the land was taken, so he had to take this here, he had to take quite a bit of canyon land, ^{with his 160 acres of} so that's how they happened to get settled here. And

JW: That's really interesting.

AP: Then this place here, her parents, grandma's parents came out here, and they didn't have any place to live so he built this little house which is this room here and the kitchen.

JW: Oh.

AP: With the two main rooms that they had, and put the parents up here, until she passed away, and then they sold this ^{forty (?)} then, off to a young man that was, that came out here and wanted to, and so this young man had gone, he had some from here, and some from the other places ^{was} around here so it made more land here. So we bought, 'cours we bought from this Mr. Cummings (?) ^{But} ~~in~~, when my parents, when my mother died, why then I got my share of this place down here.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: So, it's quite a long story there; the grandparents and their

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AP: troubles. I mean, she was really a pioneer woman.

JW: Mm hm. Did you know your grandparents?

AP: Oh yes, Uh huh. You know, grandmother was still living when we moved over here. Well we lived with her for eight years down here, but, at this place, and then moved up here.

JW: Did you have a good relationship with your grandparents?

AP: Oh yeah.

JW: That's really nice.

AP: Yeah. She was a real busy little pioneer woman. Started out here from Kansas with an eighteen month old baby and then my mother was seven on the road out here.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: I don't know how they did it in a covered wagon, with what few things they had ^{they put all their possessions} you know, and all, ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ that covered wagon & started out...

JW: Incredible.

AP: Now if you get a hold of that book and read that diary

JW: I will.

AP: And find out, I said that she was a fiery little old lady, and she'd get so disgusted with some of the other women on the train would get homesick and they'd be cryin' around so then she'd sing.

JW: That's a good idea. What's the name of that ^{little} book? I can't remember.

AP: "They Came to a Ridge".

JW: O.K. [REDACTED]

AP: It's [REDACTED]

JW: [REDACTED] O.K. This gets in the way of writing it down.

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AP: Oh, I see.

JW: Um, is there anything else you want to tell me about yourself, your experiences, being a rural woman? Anything you want to say, I'd be interested in.

AP: Well, I should've been thinking about things and writin' them down. I didn't really know what you wanted, you know.

JW: Yeah, I could interview you again, but this is so delightful *there's some* really nice things to think about here.

AP: I can't think of I s'pose. I know we had, we first lived in this little square house for a year, over on next to *my folks*, and then we moved down over in the draw, down here, between here and Troy, I don't know, It's down in the canyon there, where there's a new house, two houses together

JW: Right.

AP: And then a trailer house, back

JW: I saw that.

AP: And, well, there's just a little house there, and we lived there for just a year, and then we came over here to my grandmother's, so we moved over *to* another place *over* on the hill, back on the other ridge again. We moved around quite a bit when we

JW: Hm.

AP: And it was those steep little hills, so we got a Ford car as our first car, and we were comin' home with our babies at night, and we got stuck in the mud. 'Course the road wasn't graveled or anything.

JW: Ugh.

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AP: And we got out, we had to walk home and carry those kids.

JW: Oh, no.

AP: Oh, well, so there was quite a lot of experiences that way,
with these old cars and things, and

JW: Did you ever want to be anybody else?

AP: No, I don't think so, I think I was pretty well satisfied
with myself.

JW: That's really nice.

AP: 'Course, I s'pose when I was younger, ^{why} I would have liked to been,
had more money and things to, you know, ~~come out a little bit~~
had more ways to do things, but, we made out. I sometimes
think maybe you're happier for it than you are if you have too
much.

JW: Mm hm.

AP: We had, I killed several rattle snakes, if that interests you.

JW: That is interesting. Where?

AP: Here. Uh huh.

JW: I didn't know there were any

AP: Yeah, they come up out of this canyon, ^{here} I guess. And my husband's
killed them down in there, too, and I've killed them down
around our house, and I killed one here. I was, I went out
one morning (I was changing the beds) and I took the mattress
pad out, and I was shaking it over the edge of the, that's
before we built on this, this room here, there was a big porch
there. And I was shaking it over the edge of the porch and I
heard noises. We put up a new antenna for the television,

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AP: and I thought that made kind of a funny noise, and I thought that's not an antenna makin' that noise, and I ^{shook again + I} looked down and there was that rattle snake goin' across

JW: Oh.

AP: Right off the edge of the porch. Boy, I dropped my cloth and went and hunted the hoe real fast and first chop I made, I missed 'im, of course, and hit the porch. But, I finally got him. *Jw: Great.*

JW: Boy that's really, I would've run. I don't know what I

AP: I will kill 'em if I can ever git to 'em though. But we're *keepin'* Our fingers crossed that since they put the highway through, we haven't seen any here.

JW: Good.

AP: I don't know what

JW: I bet they get killed on the highway.

AP: I don't know, they've gotten up as far as ^{this place} next door here, but, I don't know

JW: Maybe somebody's watching over you.

AP: Maybe so.

JW: That would be nice.

AP: Maybe so, well, I hope so.

JW: Yeah. Anything else?

AP: No, I can't think of anything in particular.

JW: Well, it certainly has been really fascinating talking to you I hope I didn't miss too much of the child-bearing session.

The End.