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WHEN WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY? March 23, 1898, I'm 91 years old. FIRST WE WILL TALK ABOUT YOUR FATHER. My parents came, but I don't remember if he came first when we came to Sealy, it was a company place, below Hazelton called Sealy, it was a town there. BECAUSE THAT WAS THE RAILROAD? Before the railroad went through, they were building the railroad and my father was out there to check the cargos from the river boats. SO WHAT YEAR WOULD THAT BE THAT THEY ARRIVED? 1911, that was the time of the steamboats and the riverboats on the river. YOUR FATHER YOU SAY WAS A CONTRACTOR? No, he was not a contractor he had a position with Folly, Welsh and Stewart, the sub-contractors for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad and that's why he was in Sealy, before that we were in Rupert. We arrived in Rupert in 1910, by father was there before we were. WHAT WAS HIS OCCUPATION LIKE? They were sent for, this friend he knew years ago in Scotland and he were asked to come up for these positions and he was the first purser on a riverboat first. DID THE RIVERBOATS GO ALL THE WAY TO HAZELTON? No no the one he was on, but he was on one of those riverboats that went as far as Kitselas, but most of them went on up to Hazelton. Then we moved to this place Sealy after that. THAT IS THE BIG CONSTRUCTION PLACE FOR THE RAILROAD? Well, it wasn't big it was just a company town but there was a town there by the name of Sealy. But this was another kind of a place for the company's homes, warehouses and offices and all that stuff where the boats landed. There were five company boats, Folly, Welsh & Stewart, one independent, the Inlander and two Hudson Bay boats, the "Port Simpson and the "Hazelton", those are the two I have the photograph, I lent to a friend their going to have a copy of it. So that was eight boats coming up the river. AND THEY USED TO STOP THERE? Well all the company boats didn't stop there only if they had cargo or anything to go, but the other boats all did. SO THE COMPANY BOATS WOULD HAVE ALL KINDS OF EQUIPMENT AND ALL KINDS OF STUFF? Well they had the cargos that were taken off the boat there and put on these big transport things, horses it was in those days SO IN OTHER WORDS THAT WAS SORT OF THE DOCKING PLACE? Well it was for the company and then they would take that on up to the camp cause they were building the railroad then. My father was in charge of the unloading at the big place there. SO YOUR FATHER MUST OF HAD SOME STORIES ABOUT THE CREWS? Well I could of been there I could tell you some they were awfully nice, there were no young people around there or anything These river boat people they were probably the captains and

they sometimes would have their wives and they took me up, served me and treated me just wonderfully well, mind you I missed school that time, but I had an experience you never have again I don't care what school or when you went I had that. They all knew me, I knew some of these captains that Doctor Wiggs wrote about in his book. So that was really a great experience for me. DID YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THAT? Of course the riverboats were only on from May to September. We were only there one year, father had other things to do after that. You see when the railroad ran through these places weren't needed, the riverboats or anything. I don't think he went ahead of us but anyway Sargent had a big store and he was in charge of the men's department, cause he knew all that from Scotland and different places that he had been. But I think we all came together though in July 1912, that was my mother and father, myself and my sister Helen, she was quite young, but my older sister didn't come up to Hazelton she went back to Rupert and eventually to Vancouver to Pitman College so she didn't come to Hazelton till some time later. BUT YOU REALLY LIKED THE ADVENTUOUS LIFE? Sure, and I had a ball in Hazelton, because I was a teenager by that time, you see, and my mother used to look after the neighbour's baby and they'd take me to these dances, they were just a young couple too, and I knew a little bit about dancing and children's parties and things before we left Portland and I could skate, and my sister missGB all that the first winter that I was there. They had big dances and everything, I had a wonderful time, so I never regretted living in a small town. I came right from Portland Oregon up to Ru~pert. But my sister is a little bit older uyou see and I don't think all that sort of life suited her too much, but when she came to Hazelton, this Wiggs O'Neill the woman he married, Marion Steel, she came up to work in the Union Bank, by that time my sister finished her course and she came up to Hazelton to work in the Forestry Department so she and Marian Steel , we all had a really wonderful; time horse back riding and skating, we had carnivals. Hazelton is always a wonderful place for entertainment. They had a good hockey team, baseball team and wonderufl dances, you've seen all that? AT THE CAMP, WHAT KIND OF SCHOOLING DID YOU HAVE? Don't mention my education: I missed that when I went to Sealy, when I went to Hazelton there wasn't too much, but anyway I'd just as soon not mention it. I worked in a bank, so I had that much education that I could do that. SO YOU WORKED IN A BANK? Yes, I worked in a bank for almost eight years all together. YOU WERE MORE DR LESS SELF TAUGHT? Well, that's what I meant to say. YOU ALREADY KNEW YOUR ELEMENTARY STUFF ANYWAY? They took me in as junior but they

generally only had men, I was the first girl junior, cause the 1914 war was on and I went into the bank in 1915. So I had a little more education than that but I didn't have the advanced you see. My folks were well educated and they certainly would let me hav the experience. WELL YOU HAD A DIFFERENT TYPE OF EDUCATION. Well, I had experience. SO YOU MUST OF SEEN Hazelton during it's war years? Yes, first of August 1914, and I started in the bank September 1915, and I was there two years before I came up here to Smithers and I was here six years in the bank so I couldn't have done that if I didn't have a little grey matter. I was the first girl teller here. SO DO YOU RECALL HAZELTON AT ALL DURING THE WAR YEARS? They had Red Cross, Patr~tic Fund and Soldiers Aid and they all did well, they all raised moneyu did wondrfull things all kinds of entertainment that't when I could help out you know I wasn't that talented. And they sent, every month, I think parcels overseas they raised money for the Red Cross and they raised money for the Patriotic Fund, and everyone of them had wonderful success di4 all sort of things sleigh ride partiesor concerts and all kinds of things. DURING THE WAR? Yes, all those things they did .. OF COURSE YOU RECALL THE SOLDIERS GOING AWAY AND COMING BACK? Oh yes, but I was up here when that was over, you see, I was here in 1917 or 1918, but I used to hear from alot of them. SO DURING THE WAR THERE WERE SLEIGH RIDES, PARTIES AND SKATING I SUPPOSE? Oh I don't know there were so many thing, they sent parcels over to the soldiers every month, I can't remember everything they did. The manager of the bank was treasurer when the Red Cross was organized and everybody got a card, that was your membership card. And so he gave me the job of writing out these cards and I had to mail them. So, that was my first introduction to Red Cross in 1915. SO WHAT WAS THE BIG BANK MANAGERS NAME? H.H. Little, he's got a granddaughter right here in the country here, she is a teacher. SO YOU RECALL ANYTHING ABOUT THE INDIAN PEOPLE HERE? They all had special schools we never mixed at all, just so much land. YEAH, IT WAS JUST THE LOWER PART? Yeah it was town side and the Indians they had their part, they had their own hall and their own school, I think they went to church but I don't think they mixed at all, I know we never did like they do now, we never mixed at all. I UNDERSTAND IN THE THEATER THEY SAT ON ONE SIDE AND WHITES SAT ON THE OTHER? Oh really, we didn't have much of a theater, everything was put on, they had lots of plays, concerts and everything, but was only white people. BECAUSE SOMEBODY SAID IN THEHOSPITAL, OF COURSE THE HOSPITAL WASN'T ON YET WHEN YOU WERE THERE? Oh yes, that started before we were there,

they even had girls in training when we went there in 1912. BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE INDIANS USED TO COME IN THE BACK DOOR OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. Well, I think they did have a certain place in the hospital, they had certain places for all of them, but they were all treated they weren't mistreated or anything. HELEN CAMPBELL WAS SAYING THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THEY USED THE BACK DOOR THERE WAS AN AWFUL LOT OF T.B. Well they had skin diseases it was all new to me. YEAH ALL THIS IMPATIGO AND EVERYTHING, SO THEN OF COURSE THAT'S WHY THE~ WERE SENT TO THE BACK DOOR. They went to the stores and everything and another but otherwise we never mixed at all. They had a nice band and they'd come down to the arena and we'd skate to it. They put on a wonderful concert for the Red Cross and they harl<a wonderful concert. SO YOU'D SKATE TO THEIR BAND, THAT'S THE KISPLOX BAND? No that was Hazelton.

OH HAZELTON HAD A BAND? Sure! I UNDERSTAND THAT KISPLOX HAD A WONDERFUL BAND TOO. Well they had orchestras too that played, haven't danced to a lot of their music, but I don't remember the names of them or anything. Up here in Smithers they had bands, I mean dance music orchestras from down that country somewhere. BUT APPARENTLY THERE WAS A VERY GOOD BAND IN KISPLOX? And in Glenvowell they had a family they were all very musical, we in Hazelton we young people were invited out there for the evening.

THIS WAS THE INDIANS? No, they were white they were the missionary people, who ever was in charge I don't know what church it was perhaps Salvation Army, but anyway they were the church people. They were white people. BUT THE BAND IN HAZELTON WAS AN INDIAN BAND? Oh, that was an Indian band. AND THE ONE IN KISPLOX WAS AN INDIAN BAND? Some, but one of them was the orchestra I danced to their music lots of times that's since I came up here, I just don't know where, but I think it was Kisplox, but I'm not sure, they are very musical aren't they? But we had lots of fun when they came to play at the rink, and men would come up and say may "I have this band" and then we used to get a really big: kick and then we'd go off skating. They were very good. We were skating when they were playing. Then of course one time I had a ride on the dog team. I don't think it was very often, but I did have a husky ride. WELL OF COURSE IN THE WINTER THAT'S WHAT THEY USED FOR THE MAIL? Oh that's where we got our mail for a long time not when we went to Hazelton, I think by that time the train was getting close somewhere. They sent a stage or something "The

End of Steel" they called it, but when we first went there we got our mail by dog team. Some people said why didn't you have correspondance Education from Victoria? Well, I couldn't do that we'd never get it there in the winter, I had books at home and my folks are very good about giving lessons, but you know I'm not very proud about saying I haven't had any kind of higher education. OH WELL YOU HAD A DIFFERENT TYPE OF EDUCATION? Well I sure did and I had what nobody else ever had around here anyway. You know with skating and ball, and we had hockey and I think they had other sports there too but my memory remembers we had really good teams. AND THEY WERE ALL WHITE TEAMS THOUGH? Oh yeah, and they use to get people up there to play in their teams, get them to give them work. HOW DO YOU MEAN GIVE THEM WORK? Well, so they could play on the hockey or they could play on the baseball. OH SO THEY GIVE THEM WORK LIKE SAY IN THE STORE SOMEWHERE? Well they got work for the summer or the hockey season, we had quite a few really good players there. We had quite a few really good players there, we had three fellows from Seattle, Washiaggconright in Hazelton in business. I wonder if you ever heard the name of an Nola Rock Store, that was a gent store. That Rocky, one of his brothers came up and he had billiard hall, and theother brother worked in the bank, and they were all more or less professional ball players, and they were awfully good, but we had several right in Hazelton. You see, the telegraph office had several in it, it was the had of Yukon Telegraph, and there is always someone there~that played ball, hockey or something, and all the stores had young men, they had very few ladies working that many years ago. So we had a really good ball team and a really good hockey team. And lovely dances. SO WHERE DID THEY SKATE? Oh, they had an outdoor rinks, we had lovely masquerades out in the rink. ON THE RINK? Oh sure, masquerade skating, and that was wonderful.

I don't think my sister got her prize one time, there was this Japanese lady dressed her all up. Oh yes, I did get a prize when I went to Hazelton, they had a masquerade, and my sister was home that time, and my mother and sister Agnes made her a lovely what they call winter suit, it was all new stuff and everything. Me, I wore a Japanese cooley suit that my mother made years ago in **bhe** States, I guess it was a missionary society thing or something,

but it was from an original copy from an original cooley, and of course I wasn't too big for it, my sister I forget at what age. I had to go parade and I won the prize, but ~: knew the Chinese and took and I skate. OF COURSE THERE WERE ALOT OF CHINESE AND JAPANESE OR IS IT JUST CHINESE PEOPLE? No, but this was in the states my mother made the cooley suit but we had and Jean was going to wear it to the carnival, well my sister was getting this brand new thing when winter was really swish you know, and me I couldn't get a mask a Chinese mask, it had the pig tail and all. There was an Anglican minister there was a Mr. Field, I don't klnow whatever he was doing, but anyway he was an Anglican minister. And you know people always mix, and he used to come to our house, and he said I'll make her a mask, and he made me a Chinese face with a mask. And anyway I knew enough about Chinese I took you know these little, anyway I won a prize. At the masquerade, and I won a prize race from skating I won first. Like we didn't have a roller rink we learned just roller rink in Portland too, but when we went there to Ruper, my sister and I both knew how to roller skate we never let far part. It was new in Rupert you know, 1910 and 1911. So anyway coming up the river in the riverboats was something nobody had after that. Polly Sargeant said that the river boats were last in 1913. Well, I thought when we came up there in 1912 that it was the end. But then I read another thing not very long ago that the river boats were off in 14, but I think somebody is wrong. I think I'm right. THEY WERE FINISHED IN 1913 THEN? I said 1912 because I thought they never came after but, Polly a. Sargeant she's the one that goes into all this you know. She said, I heard her on the radio that it was 1913, but she could be right, and then I saw it somewhere else they were talking about riverboats' or something and the Skeena it was 1914 it was through here up at Fort Frazer, it was the Golden Spike in 1914 when they passed Hazelton before that. NO THE RAILROAD WAS DEFINITELY IN BY 1914. Why sure the spike was up here way up here in Fort Frazer in 14 that's where the golden spike was.

IS THAT WHERE THEY JOINED? That's where they joined Eas and the West. IN FORT FRAZER? Yeah, well I'm not sure it's Fort Frazer, Frazer Lake I heard it lots of times I got it somewhere written down. SO THAT"S WHERE THEY JOINED? The Eas and the West,

you might see some of those •. things in the museum you know, I know people here have had them or not but they gave them to museums, I edo't know, I haven't got any myself, cause I came it was 1917, but your know have you ever read Mr. Burgon's book, the one she wrote not really all together by herself, it was called, I haven't got one to show you I never got it back. She came here in 1914, and she went to Talc Algemier that was the place years ago, and all her stocies I think if she was a peoneer in year 1914 coming on the railroad I was a peoneer in 1914 coming on the riverboats in 1911 and up to Hazelton in 1912, say we had to come to Hazelton on our riverboat. SO YOU REMEMBER YOUR TRIP ON THE RIVERBOAT I GUESS? Oh heavens yes I got one snap with me on the riverboat. SO HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO COM FROM RUPERT? Well, ¥~u see at that time I left Rupert on one riverboat and that riverboat was going up to Hazelton, no, it was going to Sealy that's where we were going, when it got to Kitsalas the river was so high they couldn't get throught the canyon, so we were there for a couple of days waiting for the boat to come down. FROM THE OTHER PLACE?

Well what ever direction it is. so you would be transferred to the place/ Yes and we had a transfer genter so we were there for two days and then we waited for that boat and you could either alk on this path from Kitsalas over to where the boats landed or you could go over to this cable thing where they unloaded all the cargo and the bags and everything but my mother and we just walked, you know it was a ndce walk so then went on this other riverboat up to Sealy, and we left Sealy it was on another riverboat so I was on three different ones. So, I knew all the crews. Yes, because that's I was a tomboy maybe. BUT OF COURSE YOU STAYED AT SEALY FOR AWHILE? One Year. GNE YEAR, AND THEN YOU WENT BY RIVERBOAT? Yes from Sealy. SEALY TO HAZELTON? Well I guess you could of gone by horses or wagon or something. Oh the riverboats were still on you see, that was 1912 by that time. SO HOW DID YOUR MOTHER LIKE THE WHOLE BUSINESS? Well of course we came from a city one thing or another and of course we lived in the states for quiee awhile. They were married in Oregon after she came from Scotland, and of course you didn't have all the things we had in the city, and we didn't bring all our furniture or anything all the way with us you see in the winter in Hazelton, it was awfully cold there and Sealy too.

But mind you the house was a company house, and it was built well, and we had lots of wood and we had lots of food so we never went without food or anything. SO WHAT WAS YOUR MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME? Jean Angus. ~HxSHXxWASxAx&XANxAN~MS2xxX2X~xxk2xixThat man from Kispiox Angus, is he an Angus? YES HE IS. He is president of the B.C. Conference, cause it's in the paper, but my mother wasn't Indian, but that was her maiden name Jean Angus. YES, THAT IS A SCOTTISH NAME. I thought I'd recognized that, being my own mother's name, but I thought he must of been an Indian. YES, THERE WERE TWO FAMILIES ANGUS I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY GET ALL THEIR NAMES. Well, is he educated well enough to take on being president of the conference .. HE BELONGED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ON THE TERRACE SCHOOL BOARD FOR A LONG TIME. I saw in the paper, I guess I haven't seen the Terrace paper and the lady that was a delegate from here hasn't given her report yet, but then I haven't been going to church. But anyway, they said he made a wonderful speech at theis B.C. thing it wasn't just district you know it was all B.C. Conference. Well not maybe the first ballot but said all he has to do know he has to make speeches and do this, well he must be well educated. WELL A LOT OF THE INDIANS ARE VERY WELL SPOKEN. Oh, yes he is. THEY ARE WELL EDUCATED SPEAKING IN THEIR TRIBE AND THEIR BANDS. WELL, THEY MUST HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED. Well, sure I'm not prejudice or anything like that, they just make me awfully mad when they want everything, if they want my home there not going to get it. But anyway Smithers used to be muskeg, and if I ever gone to any of those meeting I would of said well why didn't you have a railroad and why didn't you have a paved road and why the ski hill, they even want to own that, and I said I know this town was muskeg whose done all the strain and everything who did, they midn't. You know that sort of thing makes me so mad. WELL THAT IS ALL POLITICS. And that Ryan man, was the head and he's got a lovley wife they used to live here. SHEILA RYAN? Sheila Ryan, she taught school at Kispiox and Moricetown, her family used to live. here, now they moved to Oliver or something. SO(SHE IS WHITE THEN I GUESS? Oh yes, very pretty redhead girl.

VERY PRETTY. X~MX~XMXMRXHXRXXNXSXX~XXMX~HXXXEXS You came up here was it in the 40'sJ (1963) So, you wouldn't even know the man that taught school here years ago at four mile, did you ever hear of a man named Kennedy that taught school there? NO BUT TELL ME ABOUT IT, KENNEDY, WHAT'S HIS FIRST NAME, DO YOU REMEMBER?

Well, he taught, he knows all the Kispiox people I met him since, and then when the war broke out the last great war, he must of been enlisted and then he went and took a refresher courses, and the first school he got was New Hazelton. I guess the 1940's. THIS IS AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR? Second world war, well he was in Kispiox I guess he must of enlisted from there, I didn't know him by then cause I was up here then you see. But their neighbours and my son and his wife in Port Alberny and that's how I met himr.and I've been sending alot of these things from the paper you know, and there is a lot of Kispiox news and Hazelton, I think about that beautiful High School they're going to get in Hazelton, they already have a nice one. Well, he didn't teach in Hazelton, but he's been up there once a few years ago. THEY HAD A BIG REUNION WE NEED TO DO ANOTHER HOME-COMING. Oh, I could do two of them I've got the prize another man and I we came in Twelve and0they-.chm. in Thirteen, the Goddard's they came to the Hospital, he's part Indian too he's gone up to Ottawa. OH, NEIL STERRIT? Neil Sterrit he was master of ceromonies and we had to go up and I still got quite a few of the snaps they gave us, Jessie Gould was telling her daughter she has one of me and I said oh I'd love to see it and I'd love to have one. When I was down to get my eye done she was away visiting relatives and Jessie. But I knew her as a baby in Rupert the family my mother knew the mother and the family although she knew the mothers family in Scotland, so that's how long I've known Jes\$ie. So, when they came to New Hazelton with the same company, but my father didn't come to Hazelton, the companies were allover, and then they moved I guess, but they lived in New Hazelton for years, but she lives at the hospital and her husband was there for years. I have seen her~ but I have been to the two home-comings, one was called School thing and one was called a home thing, I've been to both of them anyway so if they have another one I'll have to go that one. CAUSE THE LAST ONE WAS IN 1979, AND I THOUGHT GEE, THERE SHOULD OF BEEN ONE THIS YEAR, BUT WE DID'NT GET ORGANIZED. It is funny because we had a lot of visitors up there, for what kind of fish? STEELHEAD. Steelhead, what I was looking for, I don't really get the sports magazine, but I got it somewhere, I was looking at it, and here the man that won the biggest steelhead in Kispiox was from where I was born in Oregon, LaGrand Oregon. I don't

know how many years ago that was. YOU MEAN MOUSER CARL OR ARE YOU THINKING OF CHUCH HENDERSON? I don;t remember his name just the article and the man and the town I was born, well the biggest steelhead in Kispiox where they had that big whatever. OH, I SEE THIS WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO? Well, I don't know if you been there or not, I don't remember his name that's been many years ago. FROM PORTLAND? No, from LaGrand Oregon. LAG RAND , OREGON?

No, I didn't know he name for awhile, but I don't remember him in particular. But I got quite a surprise when I saw a man from Oregon, in Kispiox winning the biggest steelhead. I'm not sure what year that was. SO YOU KNEW JESSIE, WELL THE BANK YOU WERE WORKING AT I GUESS WAS IN NEW TOWN? No, in Hazelton. OLD TOWN? Old Town, oh yes, I havn't been there for umpteen years. OH WO WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE BANK? Union. OH UNION BANK? That was up here until 1925, and they had one in Telkwa. BUT THERE WAS ALSO A BANK IN NEW HAZELTON AFTERWARDS. Oh yes, that's where that big robbery was, oh yes, they had one in both places after.

WAS THERE BOTH UNION BANK. Oh yes there were both Union Banks. And now I think one goes to New Hazelton. Don't they go over from Hazelton? NO THEY JUST GO TO OLD TOWN. Yes in Hazelton, they have a nice new bank there. I don't know when I use to work in there it was a rooming house and they turned it into a bank, and the boys and it was quite a big staff there one time before the war, and then we had three banks in Hazelton. THREE BANKS IN HAZELTON? When I went there in 1912. SO THAT WOULD BE OLD TOWN, NEW HAZELTON AND WHERE ELSE? No, just Hazelton that is. THREE BANDKS IN OLD TOWN? Don't call is Old Townpeople don't like it called Old Town, it's Hazelton. WELL OF COURSE NEW HAZELTON IS GETTING SO BIG, THAT GETS TO BE CALLED OLD TOWN. Oh sure, I'm just kidding, so they told me that one time when I called it Old Town, they said no it's Hazelton. SO, THREE BANKS IN HAZELTON? Union, Royal and Bank of Vancouver. ~nd I guess of course the workmen I guess they couldn't get, that's why I had a chance as junior of the Union, cause there were no young fellows around, I was available, I was going to wait for business cours cause both my sister had business courses. My younger one she had a really good after, because I didn't get here because they asked my parents if I would start in the bank, you know you really get paid to learn it's really that kind of thing I don't suppose i've

could of done if I wasn't at home anyway it was experience and I was getting paid to learn like a junior and I could work up to teller accountant rQght here in Smithers. IT WAS STILL CALLED UNION? And they did right up to 1925. They amalgamated the Union and the Royal. So I never really worked for the Royal cause I was married in 1923 and they did them all till 1925 the Royal and the Union. But they had one in Telkwa during construction days a Union Bank. IN TELKWA? In Telkwa, and it closed when the one here opened in 1913. And then the Heatherington boy's father was the first manager here. IN TOWN HERE? In here. AND THAT WAS ALSO THE UNION?' That was Union, because that was before the war and everything, and then Telkwa had a Union Bank, before that and after years a Royal opened in Telkwa but wasn't Royal here until 1925. This union was all the way up the line, Rupert, Hazelton and they had one at one time in Vanderhoff and I don't know where they went after that, but of course it's all Royal anyway. So any time that had anything about the Royal they had me participate, I've been on floats twice, and anything they had special going on at the bank they callon me to be there, and I really never worked for them, but there was Union. Bill said he saw one day on something that he was looking at, but he was standing where he could see it anyway. THAT"S YOUR HUSBAND? They had me down there as the first teller at the Royal, and the bank it was Union, but anyway the Royal still claimed me, on to their staff, I guess. So I don't know the new manager up here I never even seen him, but I've known all the managers and everything ever since. But I have no reason how I deal there, but somebody else does my banking. SO 1915 is when you got married, no 1923 on April 28, 1923 to Norman Kilpatrick. WAS HE A POSTMAN THEN No, he didn't get home from the war till 1919, he was a lieutenant in air forces. But his father was superintendent here. SO THIS IS HERE AND YOU WERE ALREADY IN SMITHERS? Oh yes, I came in 1917. OH, YOU CAME HERE IN 1917? I've been here 72 years the other day, they should have painted the town red. THAT"S WHEN I WAS BORN, 1917. WERE YOU? That's the day I came here. SO DID YOU COME HERE ON YOUR OWN? Oh they transferred me here from the bank. So I had no say in the matter, if I wanted to still work in the bank I had to come to where I was sent, and that's why I been h.~~

here ever since, oh I suppose I could of been transferred, but I worked here six years and I worked two years in Hazelton, so that was eight years all together. And after you get married you are out of the bank and other firms as well, I remember years ago, but I did relief both here and Hazelton after I was married, but you couldn't have a permanent position. Not just me but any girl. SO THEN YOU RAISED YOUR FAMILY OF COURSE, FOUR?

Four children. Norman was a post master, he worked for they went out testing soil and things for the farmers that were coming over here from overseas, you know from the old country from different places .. SORT OF LIKE SILVACULTURE OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT? No, he had gone to agriculture college, but he hadn't finished when he was enlisted. TESTING SOILFOR FARMERS? There is a name for it because it was quite popular they had an office and everything around. SO THAT"S THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE? Yeah, there was a land settlement board, that's what it was called. OH YES, EVERYBODY IS COMING HOME. Well, They were looking for farms for other people after tje war you see, and you worked here in the summer and Victoria for the winter and then he worked for the C.N. that was C.T.P. in those days. and different jobs there not running staff the office and one thing and another and different ones asked this post office was up for to get a new post master and they wanted a return man and somebody asked Norman, and we were to call Washington when he got word that he was the new post master in Smithers. So that was 1928 and he was 35 years he retired in 1963. 1963 HE RETIRED? Isn't that 35 years? YES IT IS 35 YEARS. iI got a little thing to show for it a medal. They were after him for a part time job, and he was in charge of the golf course in the summer *you* know for awhile, he died after five years, so he was only 72. So my family were all born in Smithers, our oldest boy died of a heart attack in 1980, and had been in India during the second great war, he was a lieutenant, and he was married and all. So, I think all that was a strain of war must of given him heart trouble. But I don't know nobody has ever told me that or anything. SO WHAT WAS HIS NAME? Norman. OH HE WAS CALLED NORMAN TOO? Norman Grant. Born November 7, 1924, died in Vancouver Sept. 8, 1980. OF COURSE HIS FAMILY MUST BE ALL OVER THE PLACE?

You see these little boys up here, that's his daughter's grandchildren, and the boy isn't married yet, so they had two, but the wife died

a few months after, so they both died in their 50's, here is the mother and the mother-in-law the mighty one and still. THEY WERE BOTH IN THEIR 50's? Yes, it was too bad because they didn't have any grandchildren they had the daughter that was married but she didn't have any family then. She graduated from UBC. AND SO THEN THAT WAS YOUR SON AND THEN YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER HERE? Yes the second boy he was in the peace time airforce as a navigator, and after 29 years he was retired as lieutenant colonial, and now they live in Port Alberni, and he's a regional administrator in Port Alberny, but they have a home in Comox and they have a home in Port Alberny. I think they intend to retire in Comox, because his wife is a teacher and she used to teach in Victoria, Comox & Courtenay. but she was born in Cumberland, her folks lived in Cumberland but she is really an island gal. WHAT'S YOUR SECOND SON'S NAME? Allen, he was named after his grandfather, do you need his second name? Allen Erle, and Bill is here, we all call him Bill, but his name is William George. They were all born here, and Jean Rachelle Kilpatrick and is now a Maskewich and they been married 30 years and they have three sons. AND BILL OF COURSE LIVES HERE AT THE Hill Top. They call him the manager I guess he owns part of it. He is married and has four children. AND JEAN IS THE YOUNGEST? Yes. OH, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO HAVE A LITTLE GIRL FINALLY, THREE BOYS AND ONE GIRL, AND THEY WERE ALL BORN IN SMITHERS? Yes, in Smithers, different hospitals, two were born in the first hospital downtown here. Somebody is going to come see me about hospitals too cause they haven't arrived yet. And the other two were born in the first new Hospitals on the hill. They were all born in Smithers, but Norman died in Vancouver. They were home for my birthday, he's coming up for my grandsons wedding and he'll be married the oldest boy, he works at McKenzie Travel Agency, and he's marrying a girl. THAT'S BILL? No, the oldest boy my daughters boy the Maskewich. They went to get me something, they did my shopping. YOU MEAN TODAY? They come right in they have my key, I didn't lock my door. The oldest boy is getting married to a local girl, but she's been taking this dentist course, there's a name for it. DENTAL HYGIENIST? Yes, I think so. INTERVIEW ENDS.