

David and Mary Dodding .

David Dodding born August 13th 1929 .

Mary Dodding born February 17th 1933 .

You weren't born here ?

Mary ,no I was born in Alberta .

You were born in Alberta ?

David .no in B.C. in Merit .

When did you move to Hazelton ?

David ,I moved in the spring of 49 and I got a job at the Silver Standard mine on 16th of May in 49 .

You were married then ?

David , no no .

Mary , I came to Hazelton in 52 I was working , I was helping out in the missions with the church , came in as a mission for the Pentecostal church .

How many members in your family ?

Mary ,we have five children .

Their all grown up ?

Mary , yes their all grown up ,they all live in Hazelton the majority of them .

What was Hazelton like when you first came ? "You've seen it grow and change .

David , well the old hospital was there and the building Sargents old store , the old telegraph which is now the band affairs office is now I don't know when that was torn down it was am .

Mary : Sargents store was down by the bank little ways there , just about the old police station that was down there and the old police station and Sargents store was in the corner was pretty well right there , off to the side .

David ,no Sargents was pretty well right where it is now in the same area but they .

Mary, telegraph office was in the corner .

David , telegraph office was over by the band .

Mary , where the band was ,ya .

David , oh there was quite a change alright this here was
ah just open just bush land .My mother investigated it
found out it was still available .She loaded me the money
to purchase it .And my grandfather came through ,I don't
know when it was he said it was 60 years ago

Mary , 38 or some thing like that he came through here in
38s

David , must be, cause he came by here on packhorse eh he
just about washed out crossing the Bear river the Suskwa
Mary , Mr Manning , John Manning .

David , John Manning and he had just about lost everythi
ng there crossing the Suskwa cause it was in flood he got
down to Hazelton , and he sold his pack horses and he got
paid off in gold nuggets and my oldest son , he gave one
all his grandchildren , great grandchildren gold nuggets .
Now the Kendalls should have one eh we Terry Dodding has
one .Then he went down to Rupert by Steam boat .

Steam boats were still coming up in 38 .

Mary , ya Mr Manning John Manning did .

May be you could start out with where did you first move
to when you first came to Hazelton ?

David , well we lived in the house that Bensons that
Gloria Benson is living in now .

And what was Two mile like then ?

David , well there wasn't very many houses , there was on
ly a few down in the bottem area a ah the house were Lou
York is it was Malard there were Andy Senits trailer is
he tore it down a few years ago a the one right next to
it just up front he the fourth one building fourth dwell
ing up from the road was a house there and Maleings lived
there.

Mary , MacCreedy live now .

David where that triler was now its pulled out and there
Mary , store that store sitting on the corner now nut it
all remade all over was a little 2 mile store little pos
toffice in there .An old log house it was just burnt dow
resently was pulled up there where the Forsyths live was
where there was a log house was sitting there .I guess

was about as far as the houses went to .

David , there was the Browns .

Mary , oh ya the Browns across the .

David , or the Blackstocks was it the Blackstocks first I guess eh their house . After we lived there for one winter in Bensons and then we moved to . There's a log house do you know the Lorrings . Right across there a big high fence there but not around the house but around the barn the house is the a log house and I do'nt when that was built pretty old log building was'nt dove tailed then there was a little shack there was two shacks

Mary , right across road from it was a little log house now made into a one where Allen Berg lives in now but that was just a tiny little log house just a very small then , smaller then this room here Halbert Ha...

David , the Hewey Macmillon lived another place all built with big poulare logs that's were Bruce Parker finally bought that property and got rid of the old building was a hang for fire trap . Benson made some cabins there small buildings they rented out to some of the miners , in time they built them bigger and bigger bigger all the little houses are all added to and add on to we bought the place mother bought the place from David Goodrich . He had a Chevrin gas station in New Town at one time , one of those have you seen one of those old , one of those old hand pumps , pump it with a great big glass bowl on top .

Mary , Triangel motors it was called Tri angel motors or was called Tri angel ESSO .

David , Chevron .

Mary , ESSO , Chevron then turned ESSO later on did it ya that's

David , Tri angles Down Town , no that was in New Town in New Hazelton David had his pumps over there .

Mary , oh ya David had his pumps over there

That was when you first moved here ?

David ,yes

Mary ,49

Where did you move to when you came here ?

Mary ,I moved to Al Benson then my husband was already in this other log house .Al Benson had small ,I lived in the Benson property now there was I was staying with the pastor now Jeffrey Veal started the Pentecostal church in Hazelton I was with them for while ,Al Benson had a cabin made a small cabin and lived in it

David , A 8' by 16' cabin was a cabin they used in the bush those days .

Mary and I stayed that cabin till we were married .an we were married end of 52 ,I arrived in begining of 52 and we were married in the end of 52 .I moved back to Alberta for almost a year to Medine Hat .Then we came back for a year then we went down ,went back to Alberta for almost 3 years went to bible college then .So then after about 54,56 55 ,56 .we moved back again we,ve been here since Through the years you must of seen how much its grown ?

Mary ,oh ya its tremendes ,there was nothing where we are living right now .There was no homes what so ever . there was nothing in the lower part of Two Mile as you go on befor you come across .

David,this has been all built up here since 77 .

Mary , ya just in 72 this upper part has been built up here in Two Mile we were the first residence up in here we had a fire in our home so we sold propretly cause we owned a majority of this around here this lots up in here We had a fire we moved up here we sold property and this where the building came from two mile started building . Your children all grew up here ?

Mary .yes they all grew up here our oldest son has the ESSO garage station our second oldest drives dump trucks and 2 other 3 well oldest girls live over in New Town .

They all live in Hazelton .

What sort of job did you do ?

Mary ,my self I have being a house wife worked a little bit just little things I've never well I worked as a cook for a little while .My husband started here at the Silver Standard mine for a good 9 years 8 years dad .

David , I started working for the Silver standard in am in spring 49 and then down and then back and then back worked for them untill they folded up in 58 .

Mary , was about 8 8½ years then am ,folded up he started working did you work ya no Rim use to be what did old am South Town use to be it was,nt Rim then was it nor West star it was oh it had another name for it for qiut a few times .

David , oh that first one I worked for a little logging little out fit in New Towna.

Mary oh you worked for Bev Hobbes .

David ,from that mining I've worked in saw mills mostly and the bush mostly .

Mary , cause he worked the Rim saw mill .

David ,Hazelton sawmills .

Mary ,oh ya Hazelton sawmills for qiute a few years for a couple you drove a school bus for 1 or 2 years ,for a couple you drove school bus then you quit school bus and went back to Hazelton sawmills he went back to Stege for all most 14 years going on 15 years so hes been steady with Steges for all this time .

David , not hard to when a clamity hits you its not hard to remember and that was in 72 .I was hoping kinda to get a retirement job or job I could retire on was,nt so pushing and so I got to driving school bus and I was hoping to get janitors job .The janitors lob did,nt come up ,we lost our house in fire so I had to go back to the bush agian so logging .

So after you became a house wife in 50 you did,nt conitu

in missionary work ?

Mary , well I kept on working there after I was married I kept on working in church and things like that to to make full time of it no ,I taught Sunday school an we did different little things like that ,but I do still teach SS Sunday school .I did,nt go into it full time I was wanting to go and branch out from here I was going to branch out but I married in stead so never did I was hoping to branch out but I did,nt .

What was New Hazelton like ?

Mary ,what was New Hazelton like it was very small it just had ,it had a store were Suzies Deli is was the store in New Town .

David ,cafe .

Mary ,was a cafe no it was a store .

David ,the store the store was down there on the old road came into town I do,nt know what they call that street it was down below eh you know were the hall is the old road came down on the other side of the hall and it come up on to street in New Town and Willens had the store in New Hazelton and it was down there where Juhaze is a ah .

Mary ,his apartments there .

David ,he got his apartment he renovated it and put in apartments .

Mary ,New Town was the smallest place really South Town was a matter of a little just station with very few homes well its tremendously built up New Town particurly built up .

David , hotel and garage there across from it .

Mary ,ya those two were there when you first came

David , the hotel was really renovated then what it use to be really quite a difference .The New Hazelton and the one .New Hazelton is,nt too much different looking then what it was when we first moved here ,the one in South Hazelton they really renovated it and made it look .

Mary ,it really been built up ,Arts garage use to be Art garage .

David , Art Warren Kevin Warrens dad use to own it .

Mary , that was only thing then I guess the were or righ beside the garage over futher were those ,a little tiny building sitting were a whats his name still living ther but he put a trialer there that little tiny shopto oh th house right next to the garage use to be a little restur ant but its a house now I remember that where we first a came Johnny Genarl was there that old on .

David ,Sargents were the ,they lived in New Town but they had a store in South Hazelton .

Mary , ya that was Sargents that has,nt changed ,thats about the same old building a face lift that was about the only thing there just very few houses just bush same thing with New Hazelton was mostly bush and things like that .

David ,well the mine when it started up made everybody start living in Hazelton New Hazelton ah from then on it just kept on growing .The Red Rose I guess started up du ring the war an anythey were looking for Tungsten a bit of gold but they did,nt amount to realy very much .

Silver Standard was what realy took off cause they hired a hundred and some odd men at one time .

Mary ,when we up moved up here David was the Mohawk mine going .

David ,no

Mary ,just a look out eh .

David , bring lotsa prospecting around but nothing to , nothing to amount to any thing Silver Standard was they struck it ,got lucky they came were am after whats his name McBain old fella discovered the mine way back in the 30s an then petered out they came to a fault and it petered out ,and if you know what a fault is ,its two layers of rock shifed like that eh ,the seam came to end here . Silver Standard figured there was something there ,they

started dimond drilling down way down found another good
vain and kept them going for till 58 from 47 to 58 somet
hing like that 47 takes awhile to develope and build a
mine .

Did you know people in New Town ?

Mary . Sargents old Sargents , Willens .

David , the Willen boys were truckers for New Hazelton ,
Marshell brother were truckers for Old Hazelton and also
the Hilbachs .

Mary , Carl Christianson he was the one owned the hotel
Hap Leary their still around .

David , I do,nt know just when they came around Gordon L
Leary had a saw mill over by Silver Standard mine .

Mary , in two mile I guess were the only ones left in
since 49 , all most of the older people have all pasted
away .

David , Gloria Benson seach up few more

Mary , who else would there be Kendalls, grama Senden, Rol
lie Senden .

David , they had the Senden had a dariy farm you know we
were that was .

Mary , right across from Rollie Sendens welding shop .

David , just past it you see a bunch of burnt stuff and h
he turned his barn and dariy into a restarant and pool h
hall in behind it , Just qiute a few years ago it burt do
wn , time, goes by and you do,nt realize it eh

Mary , that a since you know 72 was when we moved here
was 72 already its 87 so its way over way over 10 years
ago .

what about old Hazelton ?

Mary , lets see Sargents house is about the only one , the
police station , Sargents house our church .

David , Marshells building trucking garage all the cafes

Mary , ya that an all the cafes , that has just coming in

from the school ,actually only things have but the bank that being renovated the band office been renovated .

David , being built the old telegraph office was torn do down ,went vacant for quite a while .

Mary , the old telephone office mainly Margents old building pulled down and new one put up there was,nt nearly that much progress .

David ,there was quite a few houses in .

Mary .ya the new ones coming out into Ksan part that was never there ,there has,nt really been . The new house other wise theres not that muchan there .

David , were May Simpson lives old chinese fella had a resturant there we use to go there quite a bit an Joe Har

Mary , Mat Miras place that now turned inti the ,all fixed all fixed up now the unemployment insurance .Ya pretty well the only street that sitting there is house at the corner ,and Tri angle are about the two older places there .Theres a little change a little face lifts in Old Hazelton

David , Marie Panter I imagen its as it was .

Mary ,Marie Panter its fixed up shes face lifted it a bit

David , old building right across from May use to be the Indian Department ah house .

Mary ,the one that use to be the unemployment insurance now they moved across .

David , right across from that just kitty corner to that you know when you come down that hill there when you walk down this well its the two story ,unemployment was,nt in there .

Mary , ya it was it was in there now its in Mat Miras place ,was then ya .

David , it was oh .

Mary , where the pool hall ,Liquer store is now it use to be ah a .

David , drug store .

Mary , drug store ,drug store in there something else
ware house sort of .

David ,what did they call it ,what do they call the shop
were they moved in there on the corner .

Mary , use specialty shop

David , specialty ya that corner in that corner were the
liquore store is was specialty shop .

Mary , specailty shop is still were the video is in .

David ,they changed it took the name from there put it
over there .But it use to belong to Booth ,mr Booth .

Mary ,alot of people quite a few people have come and go
ne in there still quite a few of the old people in there

I guess Hazelton has still in there people that were the
re ,they have the origianl down there ,these the Smiths

David , Marie Panters husband was the postmaster for
sometime it was in the old Miras building .Quite a few
changes down in there if you went over it and just looked
it over you 'll see the diffrence .

Where did your children go to school ?

Mary , Two mile the majority went to Two mile till grade
seven except the youngest one .

David ,Terry went to Old Town till

Mary , Terry went to till grade ten then he went to
Terrace and graduated there ,the other kids went ,started
from Two Mile then they went to Old Town .Brenda went
there till grade nine then she went to Terrace .She moved
went to Alberta just about completed her grade there she
did,nt graduate .Bart went there to old Town school,till
grade nine then he went for year to Terrace .Then Miles
went to school till grade 10 then he qiut

What was the school like a one room school house ?

Mary , no it was like it is it was pretty well like Two
Mile one was one room school house .

David ,was,nt it a two rooms.

Mary , two rooms tes from 1 to 7 then they moved .

David ,up the Silver Standard road its still there is at still being used .

Mary , they taught from 1 to 7 then they went to Old Town And Old Town is oretty much the same ?

Mary oh no thats been added on to all diffrent size they ,ve added very ,alot more school class's put on to that David , ya thats another maze a jungel add on to and add ed on to eh .Thats something on the agenda build a new school claim its fire trap down there.

Were you envolved in any school boards or chamber of Commerc

Mary ,no

David ,no

Did you have any family reunions

Mary ,no never realy

David ,not here but we went to a ,we went to one where I come from but not here .

When you came you said you were involved with church were was that

Mary , the church is down in Old Town Pentacostal church down in Old Town .

Was that there when you came ?

Mary ,oh yes ah .

David , it was United Church befor I do,nt know what it wasbefor United church .Then it was used for school .We were still using it for school while they were using it for church ,then the church took it over .That was when the population was expanding qiucker than the school was so they had use diffrent buildings around town as class,s .

Mary ,the teachers went from room to room .

Do you have any stories of from when you lived here ?

Mary , there no I do,nt think there any excitment around Hazelton that I can .Not that I can recall .

David ,I wish that + had a picture ,some of my mothers pictures .But the +wo Mile grave yard was started by few

old gentelmen in Two Mile and they started clearing land in one little corner .My grandfather though he is'nt buried there .We had a picture of him with an axe choping bush,s down .The community Hazelton community grave yard ,hazelton to Kispiox vally .

Mary , grampa "anning he settled down in here he came back and lived in a little cabin in Two Mile here .He wa was the gardener down in the hospital ,he planted trees and looked after the garden ,supplied alot of the fresh vegtabls and that to the hospital .

David ,he was up in his seventys then when he did that . Mary , and when he left here he was gone 5years 6,7 year he was almost a hundred years old when he left Hazelton David ,when he died . .

Mary , when he died I should say .

David , when he left Hazelton he was in his ninties Mary , he died 2 months short of a hundred ,he mosed back down with his children down in Summerland so but he did a beautiful job on his garden .

What sort of entrtainment did you do ?

Mary , no we do,nt do .

David , were not much ,much not ofemuch any sports we .

Mary ,we did,nt do to much entertaining no we are strict ubstainsh from everything we do,nt go to .

David , we like picniès and stuff like that where we do a little bit of sports .

Mary , but to do any thing else no .

David ,to go wild over a ball game or a hockey game no we do,nt do that .

Mary , No none of the kids did either some of the kids well a couple were fast runners won a few gold medalsbut thats about it but they realy did,nt get into sports .

David ,Miles went on a bike a thon that started in Prince George and went down to Kamloops across up to .

Mary , took the whole loop the loop .

David , Kamloops to Revelstock , Bamfff ,Jasper and back to Prince George .

Mary , took one big loop ya that was a church group together from Terrace, they enjoyed themselves . They called him the wipe out king cause his bike was pretty old , cause he was always wiping out for something his tires broke or something , had to rescue himself with his tire , it was fun . The year just before the fire , we had a fire our oldest son was on a runathon from Terrace they ran in relays all the way down to Vancouver and he had medals from people down there , talk to people he had road runner suit , called themselves beep beep road runners or something like that , and when we had the fire he lost everything , nothing to show for it , but those were just some of the feats the kids did .

Where were you living before you had your fire ?

Mary , where we were living down ah right just over here in Two Mile over here .

David , where am Mathew Vickers lives there .

Mary , ya well right there our home was in there .

How long did you live there ?

David , oh from 56 or something like that .

Mary , 57 , Brenda was born in 58 and we were in there about a year so was about 57 we had our home there .

David , 57 to 72 .

Then you moved up to this place ?

Mary , ya we had a trailer , up moved trailer on top of this place and then we moved the trailer off then we built this section on .

Do you remember any flood or bad winter ?

Mary , oh ya that same year we had that fire our house was burnt we moved Down Town in a small 8' by 12' little trailer with an addition to it that year the flood came .

David , 8' by 20' it was .

Mary , 8' by 20' to me it felt smaller but anyway it was . We were there and it flooded to Old Town flooded out , we could hear the water slapping right on the door step of that little trailer , against the trailer like that .

The children and ,we had to get out we had just come from fire moving away from a fire and all of a sudden ,all of this flood water .We were sure was going to to come in and wash us away , but did,nt cause it receded .But we were there moved away from there ,then moved back after a while we moved to some friends in New Town ,But that was the year there was quite a flood down there in Old Town .Naturally it woulded reached us way here but that year there was a flood that was in 72 .

That was quite close to the river ?

Mary , that was it was sitting right next to the river boat .

David , right where the memorial is now where the memorial river boats down there ,but the memorial out by the little park use to be an oh that was another place use to be a old garage there , you get to thinking long enough you remember lots of things .

Mary , thats why I say fire a lot of quietions you,ll remember things .

Did you do any commercial fishing or farming ?

Mary , we did have a farm if you want to call it that we had a cow and some chickens and horse and a ,I was a avid gardener ,I did enjoy gardening ,I still enjoy gardening we had quite a bit of garden ,still love my garden I still keep it going ,we did enjoy a bit of a farm a oh chicken a few goats .

Was that here ?

Mary , that was down ,place over here ,burnt .

David , the one that burnt out .

Mary , Davids mother in law lives in log house she had , they had farm animals ,so they we had a few animals I like that call it a little hobby farm .

Did your whole family move up here ?

Mary no I was the only one my'n never did ,his mother and brother and sister ,his family moved up here .

David , my grandfather was here my older brother .I got hurt in Merit saw mill ,he said well opportunity for a better job up here where it woulded be quite so hard on

my back thats why I moved up then my mother and sister moved up in the fall .

Could you name those people your brother ?

David , ya Lloyd Dodding my mother was Rose Dodding she married again to old gentalmen named Johanson and then my sister mrs Kendall mrs Anne Kendall John Manning my grandfather .

Mary , he,s the man we talked about died 2 months bafor a hundred years .

So thats about 4 members of your family lived in Hazelton .Then your family followed you up ?

Mary ,no my'n are all in Alberta .

David ,they like to come for a visit but they like to stay in Alberta .

What was that highway like between here and Terrace and here and Smithers ?

David , you can imagen ,what take hour and hour half from here to Terrace ,and when we first moved here it to took us a least about four hours to get to Terrace.

Mary , oh it took more five hours maybe .

David , took you a good four hours or more eh to get to Terrace ,and to get to Smithers ,it would take you about two hours now you can make in about in .

Mary , cause that was just a cow trail or what ever you call it you'd have to stop little like little byways to let other cars go by in the canyon .There well me being David ,marvolous improvement .

Mary , my coming from Alberta held my breath all the way through going through the canyon cause it was just wide open spaces in Alberta ,coming here and trees now that river was below me .I just sat there bitting my nails and just about pulling my hair out I'd say use to scare me so hard .My poor mother just coulded stand it she came out from Alberta .She just about had a heart attack just

going across there .

What was the Kispiox vally like do you recall ?

Mary ,oh thats changed use to be just a trail and you drive along there that new ,thats beautiful all fixed up now you can get there in 10 15 minutes ,befor you use to crawl along .

David , alot of the old people have passed on there was the Loves was there ,Marty Allen ,Jack Lee of course they all married the Love girls eh .

Mary ,of course thats all changed thats realy changed David , and the old gentamen in the hospital ah Teb Cam bell .

Mary , that has realy improved out that way that was just bush ,now ots farms and farms ,different people you do'nt even know there was one there you know I was driving along there was one you know all hidden away .Just like driving out to South Town drove along there the other day n not being over there ,that way out just taking mt leasur ly drive or something and I came out ,I for got the road that I wanted ,I was surprized driving down there and ho house ,places where there use to be trees theres a house there . When I first came here we did'nt go out a as mis sions we did ,nt go out to villages we did what we did w was reach Hagwilget ,we went into Hagwilget and we meet some of the older gentamen there and then later when Mr Veal left Jack Williams came in as the pastor and then h he started reaching out to the diffrent villages Kispiox Kitwancool ,Skeena Crossing .So I went out qiute few tim es ,and we got to know the people out there the church .People and visit with them and got to know them and enj oied them and became apart of some of them so that ,that is where it progressed alot in there ,that is were our church grew out from just a hand full from just reaching out .Jack Williams evrybody knows him now cause he,s been here over 30 years ya I guess he was the man ,he lives in

two mile yes he's been here 30 years or more .

there use to be log runs on the river at one time Bill
Vissermen was telling me .

David , ya just the other side of Vissermens there use to
to be a log shoot were they'd shoot the poles into the
river ,another place where they'd shoot the poles into
the river ,another place where they'd dump there poles
its probably all grown up now what they call smoke house
cabine up on fishery road ,was a place there they'd dump
poles ,dump right off and into the river .

Mary ,were's fisheries road '

David ,well you go up not quite up to four mile bridge
then you take off go up by the Salmon river road .

Mary , they use to have river boats come down we missed
those days though I guess Willie Reid put a big boat on
the river I do,nt know how that got along I guess he got
so far and he had to take it off ,never paned out he nev
er went down on it again to go river boating again .

David , wel he got almost under the Hagwelget bridge
pretty gough going in there .The only trouble they had w
was there intake for the jet would get out of the water
eh so rough a water .

Mary , so that was pulle' out river boat ,

David , no that was just a jet boat that was 20' boat 18
or 16' foot boat some thing like that with jet in it .

Mary .: do,nt think to many people have tried boating on
that river when they do always seem to end up in an acci
dent or something .Well you got to know what yourr doing
just like that young docter ,this was a young docter by f
four mile bridge and he come along ,he went in and a cur
rent of some discription came along and took him under yo
ung docter just graduated from medschool he was drowed
so you can never clear river not with those rivers .

David , so much trubulance and whirrllpools and you got t
to know ,you got to be an expert I do,nt know if there

if thereto many people come down that from the bridge .
You did,nt do trapping or thing like that ?

David , no

What was the hos^hital like when you first came here ?

Marv ,oh it qiute

David , a three story building I guess .

Mary , ya a three story building ,three story building y
ya it was not bad but but it wa crowed type of hosp^hital
4to 6 sometimes 9 people to a room .Not to bad but was
pretty run down type of hosp^hital was always pretty good
nurses back those days , docters were docter Whiting ,do
cter Paulmer few other docters ,docter Paulmer kinda mis
sed him cause he was good .

Did you go out in the bush besides saw mills.

David ,ya I done ,when I first come here they were horse
logging .

Did you do any of that ?

David , no I have,nt anything here ,I did befor I came b
here .All of the pole most of the pole men ,all of the
polemen whenI came here were skidding with horses .Then
Harry Simpson was first one to have a cat skidding logs
there,s been a vast change .Really the first amount of
logging was done ,I guess by a ah Harry Simpson .That is
logging there was lotsa poles being taken out but the ac
tual logging and skidding to saw mills was done by Harry
Simpson and a ,a Leary Gordon Leary .They had to my reco
llection had first saw mill that did very much then after
oh + do,nt know when Hazelton saw mill came in then it
really opened up eh .

Your grandfather he never told you stories of what Haze
lton was like when he first came through did he ?

David ,oh he probibly did but we've forgot about the only
story I related to you about the one of him coming throu
gh ,the old trail use to come through about where this r
oad is now main road .

Mary , Babine trail he called it thats the one he travel ed on .

He menchen any thing about the old telegraph line ?

David ,no but I logged and got telegraph wire caught up in in my cats tracks way up the Kispiox .Some thing I wo would like to see is the old telegraph line restored , bridges pit back in where there are canyon they crossed You remember what Hazelton was like in genaral ,you,ve been here qiute a few years ,diffrent familys in Tw o mi le :

David , Parkers they moved in after 58 when Silver Stand ard shut down ,Silver Standard shut down few people then one of the old fulleas ,one off the old fellas that the Parkers in , well the original house that the Parkers in they just tore down and rebuilt around the chimmeny

Mary , the old fire place .

David , cause its got silver lead and zinc imbèded in the fire place .

Mary ,and thats still there .

David , fellas working at the mine got that and put it into the fire place .

Mary , and thats still there .

David ,so Parkers about ah the oldest of the new families moved in here Forsyths .

Mary , Forsyths ,Sherman ,Jack and Erma .

David ,those houses down on the road there where Jack "illiams lives well it was built about 50 52

Mary , ya 52 the year I first came moved here in 52 .

David , an ah all those houses along there were built in very short time of that there are three houses in a row there othere side of the road you turn as you go down here here you turn to go to "ew Town do you know where Jack W Williams lives .

Mary , those two houses were built by Jeffry Veal ,pastor an he built it one other in between Sevel they moved they

sold it .The next ones to Sevel were Kornelsons .Also
Veal girl but Art Kornelson built it .

David ,Kornelsons they were another .

Mary , They have just moved back a little bit more ya th
they have been in here as long as we have .O^ud focks bet
ween New Town and South Town ,John and Edith ,John could
tell you qiute a bit .

How did you travel in to this area '

David ,bycar .

Mary ,ya we came by car .

It must of being a rough ride ?

Mary , it was took you a good long time you go slow .

David , I think it was good 24 hours from here to Jasper
By car ?

David ,by train .

Mary ,ya by train it still takes that long,you go slow .

David ,whenI first came in here it took useabout 12 hour
from Prince George now you can make in about 5½ hours .

Mary , I would,nt drive a car I would,nt get my drivers
licence but they improved the highway so much .

David , spring time there,d be froxy biols ,fall in any
you,d just fall out of sight .

Mary ,as I said nothing to spectauarl happened here .

David ,cause we do,nt join much in social area of the
community

Mary , we,re devote christians we do,nt go to socials
and drinking parties things like that we just do,nt go
to things like that ,so half the time were home people
we do,nt go out to alot of the things that may happen
around ,but we just do,nt get out were home peoples

David , even the logging feastivals I never bother going
there even though I'am a cat skinner and loader man .

Mary , he,s all of those things in sawmill he runs he
runs the planner green chain ,edger .

David resawthey do more than that these days now things
are running are all push button .

Mary , well you did that when they were,nt push button
you were running them you did that ,how do you put it you
were jack of all trades.

David , jackof all trades and master of nothing .

Was that bridge from South Hazelton to Ksan here when you
were here

David ,no

Mary ,no it was washed out

David , a year or two befor I got here .

It all started it was a hotel I was working for Bruce
Parker ,were he,s got his shop now ,I was working for
Bruce ,I was cleaning up around back and we found a cash
well there was qiute a few of those old cashs in Two Mile
a evidently there at one time was 2000 people between
here and Old Hazelton ,all prospecters an all over the p
place ,where my mother was living we found copper tubing
some one was using for a still and the pit holes in the
ground where they dumped there bottles ,garbage and stuff
.But right behind Bruces across the greek there from whe
re the hotel was ,I found an rooting around these bottles
and here everybody in the country was coming here and ta
taking these old bottles .Bruce wanted to save some of t
these ,youkknow ones with holes in bottem deep recessed
holes ,That was a hotel that Gunanoot case started from
Marv, ya its qiute exciting that Skeena destiny is anoth
er.one if you ever want read about Hazelton thats realy
funny

Bill Vissermen stayed in Two Mile .

Mary , oh he came into Two Mile lived in Blackstocks pl
place its burnt down .He had a cow then that was when I
was expecting my first son they had come across and the
girls would bring me milk all the time ,The girls well
Christian must of being about 12 tears old .I always had
to drink milk ,docter said I had to pour myself a bowlis
of milk so thats what I did .And Bill came there and tha
ta how we got to knpw them the Vissermens .After that

they moved out the farm from Two Mile

Where did they stay ?

Mary , just below the hill going that way on the right side there was a big tall building it burnt down Bobby Blackstock owned it .

David , where you go down in stead of turning where you get to the grave yard turn that ,instead go staight just there a little bit down the hill and at the bottem of the hill you'll see ah these barn and some shed there , theres a white house then theres a trialer with a joey shack on it is old Rollien over the spot where the old house was .

Mary ,Ken Rollien thats where Vissermens lived when they moved to Two Mile ,We got to know them ,thats what they did thats how we got to know them thats how we got know Mr Vissermen .Thats ah thats when they brought the milk then they moved out to the farm .

David , we left at nine o clock at night and we got to the fire at twelve oclock after running into cliffs and stuff we had to get around them .After we put out the fire a couple of days later we ah we went up above timber line to get some grub so the bears would,nt get it and brought it down to camp ,that was my first fire I've ever being on .My second fire on an either Hope orPope fire Mountian I spent four weeks on and I let my beard grow I did,nt shave it off till January then I shaved it off. That was a pretty bad fire ,I do,nt know how many acras ,but some of the guys just about got eaught whenthe fire turned on them about one was a Ron West was forman of th at crew they just bearly got out .

Mary tell him about thebear .

David ,oh oh there was a bunch of guys I was straw boss an crew ah we were putting a fire ,fire along a trail and I come along a trail ,and I come along up the trail I see see hoses shooting up in the air and theres no fulleas a around so I went looking for them .Here they were on the

and a bulldozer had come along had come down pushed the trail pushed all the trees down to the lower side and here they were amongst the trees sleepen so I crawled in underneathe ,below them and I got up with in fifty feet of them and I started shaking a tree and growling and making an awful noise like a grizzly and they just got up there and took off up trail as hard as they could go ,I had ,I could,nt control my laughter so they did,nt go to far they were sure scard boys .Well I just grabed this tree and was shacking it for all I was worth eh they did ,nt see they just took off they diid,nt wast any time I guess that was thr only interesting thing about that fire some of it pretty risky some one could of being hurt or lost ther lives .

The bears would come down lotsa people seen the bears come down the hill side it qiute bear ,and they go down the ridge through the grave yard and go through our property on the other side we had a garden Miles was going out to ,we had a cow barn on this trail wa about 75 to 100 feet from our house and he was walking along the trail with his head down ,all of a sudden he saw something in front of him he looks up and heres mr bear and the bear looks up about the same time and a they both tured around and high tailed each way

Mary ,skid marks each way .

David , and I went out to investagate sure enough there were bear tracks were he turned around and had taken .

I think the bear and the boy were both scard