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DNR: Your hometown was?

Brooklyn.

Ok.

DNR: How old were you when you enrolled?

I was 20; I went in, in 1935.

OK.

I went in January 1, 1935.

DNR: What were you doing before you enrolled in the CCC Camp?

I was working part time at the grocery store. OK. So I got a chance to go in there because my mother was a widow. So then I thought it was a pretty good opportunity so I went in.

DNR: What CCC camps were you assigned to?

Oskaloosa.

DNR: Were you ever transferred? Did you ever go to another camp?

No, I spent the entire time. I was only in for six months or so.

DNR: Why was that?

I got a job driving truck, so I got out. My brother and I started with an 85 horsepower Ford truck, pulling a 20-foot trailer and we hauled about 18,000 lbs of dressed poultry from Omaha to Boston.

DNR: Wow, that would have been an adventure.

That 85-horse power truck and I think the speed limit then for a semi was 35 mph. And it took up about four days and four nights to get to Boston.

DNR: And what did you haul back, anything?

Yah, we went up to Gloucester, Massachusetts and got a load of fish.

Was it refrigerated?

Yes, it was refrigerated,

Ice?

Dry ice.

We are getting off the subject, but it was interesting.

We went to Kansas City. We came through Brooklyn on Route 6 and stopped down here at the gas station and fueled up. They told people in the station where we were going. We went out to drive and someone out there said that surely we would never make it. Then about ten days later we would pull back in, and they would say. Did you ever make it? And we said oh yah, we made it and now we have a load now of dressed poultry and we are going to New York City. So we went to New York City.

DNR: What did you do in the camp?

I had done two jobs. First when I got in there I worked the rock quarry and we quarried rock for the bathhouse I think and the custodian's home.

DNR: At Lake Keomah?

Yes, at Lake Keomah. The quarry was out there about half way near the Skunk River.

DNR: Was it on the river?

Rock quarry was close anyway. My guess it was limestone rock. And we quarried that until about April and then I went to work in the Nursery. And the dam was in when I got there and it was filling. It would always trick me that they would mark where the shoreline was suppose to be and when that rascal was full, I don't think they were off a foot anyplace. It was right on. They had it right. The road didn't go around to the nursery where they had all the young trees planted and we would take a rowboat and our tools and our dinner over with us, of course. And when the weather warmed up we started swimming over there about a hundred yards. One guy in our crew couldn't swim so he rowed the boat and the rest of us swam. And by the time I got out camp why, I was a pretty good swimmer. It was a hundred yards over there. I enjoyed that part.

DNR: Do you remember exactly where the nursery was?

It was right there at Lake Keomah. Ok, I don't know where it laid but I know we had to take a boat to get over there. At that time the road didn't go around so I didn't know they we crossed.

DNR: Where did you leave from, the beach house area?

Well, somewhere close there, they didn't have a beaches up because the lake was about half way full when I was there. It filled later on, I didn't know if it was another year or so before it filled. I visited it a couple years ago and you wouldn't know it was the same place. The trees have all grew up. The beach house is there and the custodian's house is there that we put the rocks on. They look pretty nice. And there are a lot of homes out there. They have really utilized that lake fairly well. I guess going into CCC and seeing what Roosevelt had done, it made a Democrat out of me.

DNR: Really,

Yes, he got the economy moving again, with the WPA and stabilizing the banks. I was working part time there in grocery store, I remember they had a bank holiday and we couldn't get enough change. That made it a little inconvenient for a while. But he got the economy going again. There is no mistake of that.

DNR: Can you tell me about your first days at camp? Or maybe the induction process?

Oh yah, us new guys come in and they had to initiate us, of course they ran us through the spanking line. They pulled some pretty good shenanigans, it was a good time. I remember one time. They had a couple Italian guys who were suppose to get in to a fight you know, it was all staged of course. And someway they spilled ketchup on them to make them look like they were bleeding. And we didn't know what was happening. It was pretty comical you got go through it. It was just a joke. Camp life was good.

DNR: Did you go to Fort Des Moines for an induction physical or did you just go right to the camp at Oskaloosa?

Right there.

DNR: Clothing?

The Army furnished it. Many people around here, when they saw us thought we were taking military training, they would say, 'Do you have a gun?' We would say no we don't have a gun, and they would say are you sure you don't have a gun? No.... we don't have guns nowhere. We just lived with the military way and the way it worked it was the part of the Conservation Department work and the Army housed us and feed us. We had a few lieutenants and we had a few officers and that was it. And of course later I went into the military service, that was in 1943. I was drafted in 43. It was an enjoyable CCC camp. We would start at 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning and come back in at 3 or something like that. I am not sure if we worked a 8 hours day or maybe it was only 7. Then we would carry our dinner out and that was always at night. Built a fire and toasted our sandwiches, heat us something to eat, that was always nice. It was always a good program in my judgment. I don't know, Vance he use to work in Brooklyn and he worked for the Parks Commission in Washington D.C. He got into the archives and had a lot of the names and he passed away a few years ago so I am not sure whatever becomes of them.

DNR: What kind of equipment were you issued at the camp?

Well, nothing but tools we used at the quarry, chisels and sledge hammers and stuff like that and of course when I worked in the nursery well we had hoes and rakes.

DNR: Any personal equipment items that you might have had, like a footlocker?

Yes, yes we did have a footlocker.

DNR: What was that like?

Oh, just like any plain GI issue footlocker. I had it for a good number of years. I am not sure where that went too. That is what we stored our stuff in.

DNR: What about toiletries, were they issued to you or, soap, towels?

I know towels were, I am not sure about the soap. I forgot about some of them but I can imagine they were. They had a PX where you could go buy stuff in the camp at a reduced price. It seems to me I can remember that.

DNR: What personal items did you have when you went to Oskaloosa?

Not much, not much. The depression was going on about then and we didn't have much. I lived up the street about two or three blocks, my mother did and she came to town in 1925 with four kids. My father died and we come to town, I was eleven years old and my brother was fourteen and I had a sister that was five years younger than me and another sister that was eight years younger than me. My mother had quite a hard time. We lived a ...pretty meager, I tell you. So that is why I went into the CCC camp. I think there was Kenny Bobitka his brother and he got in because there were eight in his family and that is the way he got in. The program was needed. I tell you.

DNR: Was there any items that you brought, it that you weren't allowed to keep?
None that I can remember.

DNR: Where you stayed the dormitories or barracks?
Barracks, they were very plain barracks. Just hollow building with no heat at all on the inside. In the wintertime they had four potbellied stove and they kept them going all of the time. They had night guards they kept the stoves going all night and we kept warm, but they had to push those stoves pretty hard cause I was there in January and February and it was pretty cold.

DNR: So they were framed buildings with no interior wall?
No interior walls at all, absolutely. Just regular old studding, you could see it. They had stoves and we all stood around. At night you would wake up and the stoves would be red hot and it was warm in there.

DNR: What did they fire the stoves with?
I think, Iowa coal.

It was fairly close down there.
Yes, it was close to the mines.

DNR: Your bedding, can you describe it?
Just regular GI issue. We had double decked bunks. One slept one way and the other sleep the other way. Head to foot. Just like we did when I got on later in the service. And I don't how many was in that barracks. In the army their use to be about sixty or something like that. And I would say about the same thing there. It was out there on the Oskaloosa fair ground where the camp was. There were about eight buildings about four on each side. I don't know how long they stayed there. But I know they are gone now.

DNR: What type of bedding did they have?
A mattress and I think we had sheets and wool blankets. We had to make beds just like we did in the Army, had to tuck them in.. We had regular inspections and we had to do physicals every month. Especially short arm. That was always pretty humorous.

DNR: The short arm, I am not familiar with that.
That was your private parts. Ok. Ok. They were checking on venereal disease. That was always kind of comical with nothing on, but your raincoat. *Laughter*

DNR: Do you remember any of your roommates?

Yes, one of mine was Merle Williams he moved to Marshalltown, and I visited with him years back but I looked in the new telephone directory and his name isn't listed. I wouldn't be surprised if he passed on or is in a rest home. The last time I talked to him he wasn't in very good health. So I could say it has been quite a while. Most of the guys are gone.

DNR: How did everybody in camp get along?

We had no problems. I would say excellent. I don't know if they had a ball team or not. I didn't participate in any of them. I am not sure of that, if they had any athletic programs or not. Probably could have, but I did not participate. Cause about every week-end I came home, hitch hiked or any which way. Back then, we wore our uniforms and we had no trouble picking up a ride. I came home a lot.

DNR: You said there were some Italians in your group?

Yes, and I can't remember his name, Verlaskie or something like that. He had a black mustache and he got in a fight with the other guy and he put on quite a show.

DNR: Do you remember where he came from?

No I don't.

DNR: Was there any other ethnic groups there, blacks?

No blacks.

DNR: How about the food in the mess hall?

The food was good. It was good food.

We ate breakfast and supper, for dinner we carried our meal out. We ate out on the job. That was good too. It was sandwiches or something else, the food was good.

DNR: Who did the cooking?

They had regular Army cooks. I suppose they were in the regular Army. We were under the care of the military. So I think they had there own cooks and there own guards. We also had medical officers to look after us and we had sick calls. And I think one of those building might have been an infirmary or a place to take care any of the sick people. I don't think I was on sick call any of the time I was there, but I am sure they had it. Of course the toilets were kind of pit type toilets that the water flowed under you. Showers of course, they were adequate, nothing fancy but they were adequate.

DNR: Where did the wastewater go?

I think it went down the sewer, they had a sewer hookup. Instead of being a individual toilets they was just a fence with seats on it. The water was running down all of the time. They were nothing fancy but they were adequate. It was better than what we had at home, we had an outdoor toilet.

DNR: Did you have any holiday meals there?

I suppose we did. I don't recall. We had Memorial Day there. We didn't work terribly hard. They were fairly lenient with us.

DNR: So you did you have a lot of weekends off?

Yes, I think about every week. Every week I came home. Every weekend I came home.

DNR: You probably came home for Easter.

I wouldn't be surprised. I probably did. I had a girlfriend up here and saw her. That was a good attraction.

DNR: When was payday?

Once a month and I got five dollars and my mother got twenty-five dollars. That is why we got short arm inspection. If you came down with venereal disease I suppose you would get docked. So we had to get a physical before we could get paid.

DNR: Ok, was that at the first of the month?

No, I think that was at the end of the month.

DNR: What did you do with your five dollars then?

Like all young people I blew it. Come see my girlfriend.

DNR: Do you remember spending any Sundays there and go to church on the Sabbath?

No I don't because I did not spend one Sunday down there.

DNR: Sports activities?

Well again, they might have had but I did not participate.

DNR: Did you have any personal conflicts with others at the camp?

No, it was pretty enjoyable. I made friends that I never thought. I ran a barber shop in Brooklyn for thirty years and there was a man that came in from Holiday Lake. I thought when he came in I recognized him. About the third time he came in he showed me his card from an upholstery business he was in and I recognized his name. I said to him, I have known you for a long time. Well he said you have cut my hair for a couple of years. I said I have known you a lot longer than that. I said you were in the CCC camp in 1935. I sure was he said, I said Barrack # 4. He said yes. Well I told him I was in there with you. He didn't remember me, but I remembered him. I made friend that I didn't forget. I was enjoyable, I had no complaints.

DNR: Do you remember any conflicts that might have occurred between other people and how they were resolved.

No, I don't think so.

DNR: Any discipline that was used to break rule breakers?

Not to my knowledge.

DNR: We know there were some educational trade opportunities; did you take advantage of any of these?

Yes, I took some typing and also took some dance lessons. I was only in seven months so I really didn't get through any of them. There were all kinds of courses offered cause I went up to the high school and took the typing. My friend went up there and got a good education. He said he looks back now and really enjoyed that two and half years he was at the CCC camp. They lined him up an education that he would not have got otherwise.

DNR: Do you remember any of the teachers?

No I don't

DNR: Do you remember where the typing classes were held?

The typing class was held in the High School at Oskaloosa. The dancing class was held in a recreational building and they hired a lady and she gave us dancing lessons. Of course we had army shoes and it was kind of hard to dance in them. I don't think we did a very good job. But then I did take some lessons because I enjoyed to dance.

DNR: Did the taking of dance lessons help you in later years, no Fred Astaire?

No, I never danced just for my own pleasure. Typing, I never did get through with that. Well I think I worked pretty hard in the rock quarry and my hands were pretty stiff to do any typing.

DNR: We already talked about how you worked in the quarry in the wintertime.

Until spring opened up then I went into the nursery.

DNR: What exactly did you do at the quarry?

Quarried rock for the bath house at Keomah and the custodian's house too. I am not sure if it was just for the fire place rock use or was just used.

DNR: So you were involved charge of getting the rough rock out? Were you involved in any of the shaping or sizing?

Yes, quartered chunks into different sizes.

So you cut it to size after it was taken out of the ground?

Yes, we squared it up like they wanted it with chisels and hammers. We squared them up as well as we could get them. I know of no other process. If they did any more sawing I didn't know about it.

It was some other place.

DNR: So I don't know anything about that process you just told about or how it works that you described.

Just chiseled and hammers, just squared them up.

DRN: One person?

No, there were several of us. We rode down in a truck. I suppose there was eight or ten of us in a bunch.

DNR: Did you work with a partner then when you were working?

Yes, we worked together with a least two or three. One was hammering, one was chiseling.

DNR: Everyone have there own chisel and hammer?

Well, we had a foreman and he told us what to do. And stuff like that.

DNR: Did one person hold the chisel and the other us the hammer on it?

Yes.

You would have to be pretty trusting.

Oh, I think they had a device to hold the chisel. You wouldn't even have to have a direct hand on it.

Ok

I don't remember quite what it was, but I don't remember anyone getting hurt anyway. They played it pretty safe.

DNR: Did the people that were making the building send out a list of sizes that they need or what?

Yes, I think they did, Yes and I suppose smaller sizes were fit into the construction somewhere and were hauled away that we quarried it and hauled it off the banks. I know it was cold.

DNR: How did they haul it away?

By a truck, they had a regular dump truck that they hauled away. There were guy in the camp that just drove truck. Do you know how much they weighed? No they were just single axle truck, just four or five ton. I don't know. They weren't very big trucks.

DNR: And you worked in the tree nursery area?

Yes, they had young trees and I don't remember if we did much trimming, mostly just cultivation.

DNR: How big were the trees?

Oh they were about a foot and foot and a half high. Just seedlings. Yes, seedlings that is a good word.

DNR:

Do you remember what variety they were?

No, I don't remember what variety they were. It was pretty enjoyable work. I enjoyed doing it.

DNR: Do you remember the limbs, any local men that would have trained you in the quarry?

No, I don't remember anyone except the foreman.

Who was the foreman, was he an army person?

No, I think he was CCC not Army.

They just called them limbs, local experienced men and sometimes they hired them locally and they weren't actually Conservation Corp men but they weren't in the Army either. They would hire carpenters locally and train people.

Seems to me like that the man that was head of us at the Quarry was a corporal he might have been an Army person. But we had a man in charge, but in what capacity I am just not sure of.

DNR: Do you remember any of your leaders names?

No I don't

DNR: How did you get along with the men and the Army people that were in charge of the camp, captains, and sergeants?

Alright. I guess I was always use to taking orders, in the CCC camp or in the Army.

Did you take orders from Mom?

Yes, she was the officer in charge at our house. It never hurt me to take orders.

I can identify with that.

DNR: You got to your work assignments by truck most every day from Oskaloosa out to Keomah or to the quarry?

Yes.

Was the truck covered?

No, most of the time it was open. We dressed warm. Most of the time it wasn't.

DNR: Was it a truck that was specifically for transporting men?

They used them for transporting and for hauling rock.

Ok, for the rock?

I believe that had seat that would fold down and you could sit on the side racks.

DNR: Sound like what I had when I was in the Army. Wooden seat that folded down from the sides or on the floor if you weren't lucky.

You were in the Army?

DNR: Yes.

Where did you serve?

I was at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, Fort Watchutca, Arizona, Fort Leonard Wood and then Ahn & Khe Viet Nam.

Did you get to go across?

I want to R and K Vietnam, is that across?

Yes, that is across.

DNR: When my Dad says across that means across the water, the Atlantic.

I went to North Africa then I crossed the Mediterranean and southern France and went all through the war. Then I was in Munich when the war ended. Then I stayed about 6 month in the occupation force. I stayed in about two years and seven or eight months.

DNR: What type of tools did you use in the quarry chisels and hammers, anything else?

A lot of hammers. We never did use any dynamite though, just chisels.

DNR: How did they get the rock out?

Ply bars and chisels. Get it out the best we could.

DNR: Any you had hoes and rakes tools for the nursery?

Yes, hoes and rakes for the nursery.

DNR: How was that equipment issued to you?

Well, they had a supply room and every day we went out we took the equipment out with us.

DNR: Did you have to sign out for it?

I think our foreman signed out for it. I didn't but I believe he did. I think we had to bring it back every night and check in. It was a regular military set up in a way.

DNR: Some of your fellow workers, do you remember any of those people that you worked with?

I can say that Livingston him and I was great friends. But I looked in the telephone directory and I can't find him anymore. I figured his health wasn't good lately so I figured he is either gone or in a rest home by now.

DNR: Did you have any big city kids in your group?

Not that I can recall. I think there was some kid from Oskaloosa that was in.

DNR: I am thinking that you were a farm kid.

Well, there was another boy from out north of town here in Brooklyn. He was a farm kid. I think his parents were in a hardship case that is why they let him go in.

DNR: How did the farm kids and the city kids get along?

Fine, this is pretty much farm country out here. We are all close. There were no problems.

DNR: Do you think they had any big city kids in the camp?

I don't think there was any.

DNR: Probably more so in the big city camps in the southeast part of the United States.

DNR: Tell me about the specific skills you learned in camp?

I don't think I learned many. I was only in for seven months but this friend of mine got a good education. I suppose if I stayed in I might have got to learned to type.

DNR: Any work skills from the quarry?

No, no.

DNR: Any people that got injured that you knew?

Not that I can remember. Nothing serious anyway. In the spring of the year we got some sick colds but nothing other than that. No one got injured.

Any specific disease in camp?

No, I know we got vaccinations when we went in there. I believe the general health was pretty good all of the time.

DNR: Did you get a chance to work outside of the camp on volunteer projects, maybe something for the community?

Not to my knowledge.

DNR: Do you remember any contacts that you had with people the outside community or people from Oskaloosa?

No, I think we didn't go into town to many times. I must have spent a few Sundays there, because I remember going to Sunday school there. I belong to the Baptist Church down here so I went to Sunday school down here.

Was there any type of fraternal fellowship organizations such as the Masons or the Elks or the Odd fellows?

Not to my knowledge.

DNR: Would you tell me about any contact with any females during your stay at camp?

Laughter

Well, I was going with a girl here from Brooklyn. It wasn't her. (Wife in other room?).

Laughter. DNR: Wasn't her, huh?

No.

DNR: Was there any problems with the local people in the community?

Not to my knowledge.

DNR: How did you think the fellow people of the community felt about the CCC? Were they glad they wished they were not there?

I don't know if they had any hard feelings. They knew they were there to work and accepted them. I know of one guy that met a girl when he was in the CCC camp. There both dead now, but they lived here quite a while. I think they were pretty well accepted. Maybe some of the Army boys got a little rough once in a while, they drank a little bit. But they were pretty well thought of; I had no problems what so ever. OK

DNR: What was your most memorable experience in the Conservation Camp?

Oh, I don't know just, the Army conditioning and how well we were taking care of. Didn't have a fancy place to live but it was adequate. The Army experience and the fellowship with the other gang. That is about the size of it.

DNR: What was your oddest experience in camp?

I don't really know, I guess the initiation.

That was odd to you?

When they ran us through the spanking line and spanked us. And I can say the stint they put on in the mess hall with the guys getting into the fight using ketchup and it looked bloody. We were all pretty scared for a while and we thought it really was a fight.

DNR: Was that your first day?

No, we weren't there very long when they did that. We just had to be initiated and I guess that was an experience.

DNR: Was the spanking line your first day?

No, we had been there a while. They whacked us pretty hard.

DNR: Did you run through naked?

No, no we had our clothes on but they spanked us pretty hard.

DNR: What was your biggest accomplishment at camp?

Getting a paid job. Wasn't big pay but it was pay. I got five dollars a month. And my mother got twenty.

DNR: That was a lot for those days.

Yes, you bet. That was one of the things that President Roosevelt done. He just got the economy going.

DNR: How do you think going into the CCC camp changed your life?

By getting people back to work.

I mean your life.

That is hard to say. I got a job and my brother and I got a job driving a truck. I didn't get to drive one while I was in the CCC camp so I didn't really learn too much at the CCC camp other than it was a paid job. That was about all.

DNR: How did that make you feel when you got a paid job, how personally did that make you feel?

Pretty important, cause I had been out of school six or seven months and I was only working part time. Jobs were pretty scarce. It was an economic boost and it just helped us.

DNR: I think it is kind of interesting that you took off driving a truck because making a long haul trip in those days that you would had have to be pretty confident in yourself.

Well, my brother was older. And we just felt our way around and we got along pretty good. We drove a truck back east for about a year and we started running to Chicago and the funny thing of it that it was all that eastern driving, he had a girlfriend. He went to see her and had an automobile accident out in the country and broke his back and wasn't able to drive again.

DNR: After you left the CCC camp you went and drove truck for about a year?

Well I drove a truck up till about 42'. And then I went to work for a poultry company in Webster City. And I drove truck for them for quite a few years. Then they parked the trucks in order to make a contribution to the war effort. They parked the trucks and went by rail into Chicago.

DNR: Processed Poultry, do you remember the company's name?

Selby Poultry Company and I went to work in the Potomac Shop and I worked there until I got drafted. Then I went into the service and went on to school. First I went to tank school. But then when I went over to North Africa I got to working in the wheel vehicle, mechanic pool. And I stayed with that the entire time I was in and I got out as a Staff Sergeant. So I did pretty well. We were near the Army Office headquarters and we stayed back just far enough to work. I could hear them up ahead fighting and see the airplanes come over us, but I never got shot at or shot my Tommy gun. I carried a Thompson repeat gun. And I never used it.

DNR: I didn't use mine either. Thank you very much.

What branch were you in?

DNR: I was in the combat engineers in Ahn Khe, Vietnam when I was overseas.

You weren't right up front were you?

No, we were building airstrips and roads.

I was in 3 campaigns, South France, Oriya and Germany.

DNR: When you came back from the war you did?

I went back in to mechanic work. I was married see before I went in the service. I was married in 1939 and my first draft notice was a 4 A. I was married before the draft, then they got digging deeper in the barrel then they put me in the 1A. And the Selby Poultry would have given me a deferment, but you have to remember back then patriotism was running high. A friend of mine took a deferment and he was ridiculed pretty badly. They were going to paint his house yellow and everything else, because he wouldn't fight for his country. So I wouldn't take a deferment. But I wanted to get in the Air Corp as a mechanic, but they put me in tanks, because the told me they had air craft engines in them. There was not very many of the tanks that had aircraft engines in them. But I took tank training until I went over to North Africa and like I said I got a wheel vehicle motor pool and I did mechanic work over there. And I stayed with that the rest of the way. I was lucky enough to get into the ordinance head quarters and serve directly under seven thrum (*difficulty understanding*.) 54 Troop, we called it Group 54 Headquarters. It was a small company about thirty-five people or personal. They called us the Zebra Company. I believe

we had privates and we had a couple of PFC listed personal. I believe we had fourteen officers working with us. We had a full Colonel. A lot of time Darrell Patch would stay in our area. He would go out in our area with his command car, he had a machine gun mounted on the front and one behind him and of course the general flag flying on the command car. He stayed in our area a lot. That was back far enough that it was safe.

DNR: You came back and you were a mechanic around here for a while?

Yes, I was up to Webster City and my first wife and I couldn't we make a go of it when I got back. Got to be an alcoholic and I couldn't seemed to straighten her out and we divorced then I went to driving truck again. Because I had a liking to driving truck and when I would come home I would live with my brother up the street here. Then I ran into the neighbor girl that I went to high school with.

DNR: Oh really, isn't that special.

Yes and she was teaching school and we got together again and we were married in 1950. We were pretty fortunate, I was 36 and she was 34 when we married and I didn't suppose we would ever get to my golden wedding anniversary and we celebrated that two years ago. I was pretty fortunate. We had two daughters and we have three grandsons and one granddaughter.

DNR: How did you go from being a mechanic from driving a truck to you said you cutting hair for a number of years?

Well, after I decided to get married I decided to not drive truck and I wanted to stay home and when her and I got married, I went out to Sioux City and went to barber school and I came back here and another guy and I started up a barber shop in 1951 and I retired in 1980. I cut hair for twenty-nine years. Barbering was a good living for me. I was home all of the time, watch the family grow up, just a comfortable living. I tell you a good job in beneficial to have a family. I have seen families that were pretty bad off and then maybe they would come across a good job, and then the family came together an really made a contribution to the community.

DNR: Well that takes care of my list of questions. Is there anything that you would like to say? **I believe we have covered about everything.**

DNR: There is one more thing; I would like to take your picture, if I could.
Well I guess you sure can.

Thank you.