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PAULINE BRAYMEN: This is Pauline Braymen; I'm interviewing Pauline Henderson at her home in Burns. We're all set. Well you said you came here in about 1917.

PAULINE HENDERSON: That's right.

PAULINE B.: Was this as a girl with your parents, or ---

PAULINE H.: We moved from Boston to Burns.

PAULINE B.: What were your parent's names?

PAULINE H.: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. DesIlets. Let's see, my father didn't care so much for his first name, it was Joseph, so they used to call him Jay or Jim even, because of J. M.

PAULINE B.: DesIlets?

PAULINE H.: Yes, D E S I L E T S, as you can see it's a French name.

PAULINE B.: Is that, was that relatives of Frank DesIlets?

PAULINE H.: Right, he's my brother.

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PAULINE B.: He is? Well I didn't know that.

PAULINE H.: Yes, lots of people didn't know that. I've had people --- and I tell them, they say well I didn't know Frank was your brother.

PAULINE B.: No, I never knew that.

PAULINE H.: Yes.

PAULINE B.: That's interesting. Gee, I've know Sharon for so long too, that I, you know, that's really interesting. Well now where did you move to, what part of Harney County?

PAULINE H.: Well just here to Burns.

PAULINE B.: Just to Burns.

PAULINE H.: We've always lived in Burns.

PAULINE B.: What did your father do?

PAULINE H.: Well first he was, he worked in a grocery store, and then finally in a bank, in the --- the bank wasn't called at that time ---

PAULINE B.: Was it Harney County?

PAULINE H.: It might have been, I guess it was quite a while ago. See that was in 1917.

PAULINE B.: How old were you when you moved here?

PAULINE H.: Well, I'll tell you my age, but don't put it on the air, or on the radio, or in the paper. I just as soon, I wouldn't mind telling you, but I'd just as soon everyone didn't know, because lots of people think I'm younger than I am. But I was thirteen; see, because I was born in 1904. So now I'm 69...

PAULINE B.: Do you remember what Burns looked like when you first came?

PAULINE H.: Oh my goodness! All dirt roads, you know, and then of course horses and buggies, and people riding horseback. And you could cross the street, Main Street any place you wanted,

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because you'd never get run over. There were very few cars then in 1917, not very many people had cars then. Because I can remember the horses and buggies, my father taking us for drives on Sunday after-noon lots of times, with a horse. He'd rent the horses and buggy, of course there would be two horses, and the buggy, yeah, that's what we did --- for drives.

PAULINE B.: I suppose you went to high school then ---

PAULINE H.: Well I had two years here, and two years in Portland, because my aunt was a violin teacher here, Mrs. Mary Dodge. And I'll tell you some more about her pretty soon. And so she wanted me to come to Portland to study the violin further, you see. So that's why, but I actually graduated here because I was doing so much there, I was trying to help my aunt, which I was glad to do, help her keep house, and then her boy was small then. And I was helping him practice his lessons, his music lessons, and one thing and another. And my mother didn't figure that I was getting enough out of the high school, and she wanted me here to come and graduate. So I had my last year --- The last year, well let's see, yes, I did, I had the last year here. I was trying to think; I was thinking I had two years. Well I was just, have been one year there. But I was actually there two years with my aunt. How does that work out --- No I really had three years high school here, would be, wouldn't it, and one year in Portland High School.

PAULINE B.: What was it like going to high school in Burns in those days?

PAULINE H.: Well, let's see. Of course I can't remember how many, there were much, many fewer pupils, you know, students in the high school than there are now. It was quite a bit different all right. But it seems like, I can remember better though, being a telephone operator way back there. Because it was so interesting, there was only one telephone board, and no dial system of course, at all. And so about noon and about 5 o'clock, the men would call in and want me to ring their wives, you know, ring their homes, because they'd have to find out if their wives needed

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anything for dinner or for supper, you know. And that was kind of interesting. So those times would be my busiest times, you know. But it was so interesting, you know, if anybody wanted to call anybody else, why they would just call the operator.

PAULINE B.: Operator, and you would ---

PAULINE H.: Yes. And then I'd plug them in to whoever they wanted. I worked at that for twelve and a half years. Two years before I got married, and then after I came back to Burns. I was gone for twenty years, and then when I came back to Burns it wasn't too long before I got a relief operator job, and then worked the rest of the time there. I really liked that work so well.

PAULINE B.: How long, when you first started working for the telephone company, it must have been very new. They didn't have it --- wouldn't have had it in here very long.

PAULINE H.: Well probably not. I was trying to --- see some of these things --- I should have probably written a lot of things down. So I can't remember just exactly when the telephones did go in up here. I guess it was here when we first came, I'm not sure. Of course then, when we first came, of course I was only 13. And so I really don't remember just when the, but I suppose it was before we came in 1917.

PAULINE B.: Well I am sure it is in the --- I could find some record of it.

PAULINE H.: Yes, you probably could. I don't know for sure. When you get ready, I'd like to tell you about my aunt, because that's really interesting.

PAULINE B.: Well why don't you ---

PAULINE H.: Tell you about her now?

PAULINE B.: Yeah, I'd like to know.

PAULINE H.: Yes, Mrs. Mary Dodge was very successful as a violin teacher. And then she also taught other --- not just the violin, she taught piano, and she taught, in fact she could teach all the

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various instruments, so she could get together an orchestra, see. And she had a wonderful orchestra of little children. I don't know up to what age, because they toured the State of Oregon with their mothers generally --- well I suppose sometimes their fathers went along, I'm not sure about that. Anyways, with their mothers we'll say. And, let me see now. But see we came out in 1917, and I think, I'm not sure, but this is what I can't remember for sure whether that was a year or two before we came out, or not, I can't remember that date. Because we weren't out here when they toured the state, but they did tour the state and they were very well received. Everybody was real thrilled with the orchestra.

PAULINE B.: This is, they called this the Sagebrush Orchestra?

PAULINE H.: Yes, you probably know about it already, maybe. Yeah, she was very successful. She was really a very good teacher.

PAULINE B.: As I understand it, then she went on to Portland and started the Portland Junior Symphony.

PAULINE H.: Yes, right.

PAULINE B.: Actually an outgrowth of this Sagebrush Orchestra.

PAULINE H.: Yes, it was. She really did well with this. She was really talented.

PAULINE B.: Did you play in her orchestra?

PAULINE H.: Yes, I did play in her orchestra, after --- but not to tour the state as I told you, because that was before I got out here. But after I'd studied violin for a while, I played in the orchestra too.

She taught me piano at first, but I don't think I had much talent for the piano. I never cared much about it. But she thought because I had such long fingers, it would be nice if I could accompany my sisters on the violin. She taught both of them the violin too. But my heart was set

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on the violin. So I kept begging her, and finally she started teaching me the violin. And she said I made such rapid progress in a month, that she was sorry she hadn't taught me from the first. Because that was really more where my talent was than in the piano.

PAULINE B.: Do you still play?

PAULINE H.: No, I haven't for a long time, and in fact my daughter, my violin is an antique, and my daughter who lives in Wilmet, Illinois has it there with her. No, I don't know, I should have, but I kind of lost interest in it. I don't know exactly why. I guess I shouldn't have, maybe that's where my age is showing. I've always been shy though about playing it, that's one thing that has held me back. Even singing in the choir, the many years I've been singing in the First Baptist Church choir, it still bothers me to face the people. I just can't get completely over it, though it is not as bad as it was.

PAULINE B.: Well this is --- I know just what you mean, it's not an easy thing to do. I always, you know, made terrible mistakes that you wouldn't have made.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, you get so frightened.

PAULINE B.: You get shook about it.

PAULINE H.: I know. That's what I've done when I played, like in my aunt's recitals, I'd be so petrified with fright, I'd make mistakes, though I know the piece perfectly, you know, because I'd practice it oh so hard. But I'd just get frightened to death. It's terrible.

PAULINE B.: I have some of that same problem too, in playing. I gave up playing. I'd tell people I'd play for them if they won't listen, you know, background music type thing. But just to get up and announce that I'm going to play something and have everybody be quiet and sit and watch --- no way.

PAULINE H.: Doesn't that bother you? What do you play?

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PAULINE B.: I play the piano.

PAULINE H.: Oh yes, and that bothers you. I guess lots of people feel that way.

PAULINE B.: Yeah, and some people it never bothers them a bit. In fact they play better if they have an audience, they love it.

PAULINE H.: I was shy as that.

PAULINE B.: How did you come out in 1917, by train?

PAULINE H.: By train, uh huh, yes we did. Yes, we came across the country, it was very interesting. Except that I was kind of sick, I wasn't feeling very well. I had what they called "the grippe", and they call it influenza or flu now. And I really wasn't feeling very strong, so I didn't enjoy the trip as much as the others did.

PAULINE B.: It must have taken several days.

PAULINE H.: Yes, it did. But I can't remember just how long it did take us, but I know it was several days. Because they didn't have the speedy trains that they have now, of course.

PAULINE B.: Well did you come right on in to Burns, or did you come as far as Ontario?

PAULINE H.: I think it was Ontario, because the train, in fact I'm pretty sure it was Ontario because the train didn't come into Burns, no it came to Ontario.

PAULINE B.: Then the stage on into Burns?

PAULINE H.: Yes, it would have to be a stage on into Burns, that's right.

PAULINE B.: Well why, I mean, did you ever hear your dad tell why he decided to come out here?

Was there something ---

PAULINE H.: Oh, I know why he --- oh my goodness, my aunt, oh she was determined we were going to come out here so my sisters and I could study the violin. She kept writing letters, letters, letters. That didn't do any good, she started sending telegrams. She wouldn't give up, and I'm glad.

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But my mother never did like it so well, because she was so used to Boston. Oh they are so extremely polite, you know, they are just overly polite, you know. And she couldn't get used to the Western ways. She thought people were so rude. But it was just that she, you know, it's just that Bostonian politeness.

PAULINE B.: I've always heard, you know, that everything must be very, very proper.

PAULINE H.: Yes, that's right.

PAULINE B.: Very proper. And I can imagine that it was a little different.

PAULINE H.: Yes, it was. She just never did like it. But my father always liked it. And of course my sisters and I did, and my brother was pretty small then. But, I'm not talking about Frank, he was born out here, I'm talking about John, my brother John who was killed in a high diving accident, yes. But anyways, how old was he? Well he wasn't very old. I guess he was just --- I think he was just a baby. He was pretty small anyway when we came here. See I have two sisters, and then the two brothers, the youngest.

PAULINE B.: Your one sister is in Illinois?

PAULINE H.: No, my daughter.

PAULINE B.: Your daughter is in Illinois.

PAULINE H.: My sister is in Portland, that's where I'm going to go for Easter and visit her, sister Louise, yes. And then my sister Beatrice lives in California with the family.

PAULINE B.: That's one of the most interesting reasons for coming to Harney County, and one of the most different reasons I've heard.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, isn't it though. Yeah, that's right. Oh, she would not give up.

PAULINE B.: Do you know how she happened to come here?

PAULINE H.: Let me see now, how was it? Seems like she had some friends that had moved out

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here from the east. I don't remember that too well.

PAULINE B.: Did she have a husband, a family, or was she a ---

PAULINE H.: No, well she was married out here, see, yes. Oh, I know, I think ...

PAULINE B.: Her husband was a civil engineer.

PAULINE H.: A civil engineer, Mott Dodge, and her name was Mary, and his name was Mott, M

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PAULINE B.: M O T T.

PAULINE H.: Yes, Mott Dodge. Of course they're both dead now, I guess you know that. And her and her husband are dead, yes.

PAULINE B.: Well I've always heard, I don't think I've heard his name mentioned, you know. They talk about the Sagebrush Orchestra, and Mary Dodge.

PAULINE H.: Mary Dodge, yes.

PAULINE B.: What was her maiden name, was she a Desllets too?

PAULINE H.: No, she was Thompson, Thompson, yes.

PAULINE B.: Thompson.

PAULINE H.: You see she was my mother's sister, yes.

PAULINE B.: Can you remember, had you ridden in a car before you came to Harney County, or --

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PAULINE H.: I don't think we had.

PAULINE B.: Can you remember the first car you ever rode in?

PAULINE H.: Well let's see, I should be able to remember that, because that's really, you know, something different, you know, new in your life. Let's see now, I don't think I did when I was in the east, because I just remember those drives on Sunday afternoon in the east where my dad, you

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know, would hire as I told you, the horses and the buggy, and we'd go for a Sunday afternoon drive.

I think it must have been out in Burns, you know. But I can remember my father liked Chevrolet cars the best. He always said Chevrolet cars, he always got Chevrolet cars. So I guess that must have --- I'm pretty sure it was out here that we had the first car, yeah it was here.

PAULINE B.: Do you remember what it was like to go from Burns to Portland across the desert?

PAULINE H.: Yes, I remember so well because I'd get so carsick. I still get car sick, but the roads aren't so bad now, and it doesn't bother me as much. But oh dear, I had quite a time. Yes, and we'd have these touring cars, they'd call, the stage would be, like a touring car. And they'd have these isinglass windows, and you'd have to take blankets or you'd be cold. You'd really have to bundle up and wear your warmest coat and all your warm clothes, you know.

PAULINE B.: Yeah, it took several days to go from between Bend and Burns.

PAULINE H.: Yes, it did. Yeah, that's right, between Bend and Burns, and Bend and Portland, when we'd go to Portland. But I can't remember how many days, but I know it did take us a long time to get there, the roads were terrible. That's why I'd get so sick, because of the roads. Because even today I can't --- if they don't drive too fast, it's not too bad. But now going from Burns to Eugene, it's always from Burns to Bend, but generally the bus drivers, generally maybe the younger men, as I've noticed, and on the trip from Bend to Eugene, I get kind of car sick and I have to lay my head back, shut my eyes, and put the seat back. Because they go so fast on those curves. If they would slow down, you know, sometimes there has been a driver that didn't go so fast, well that was fine. But when they go so fast, that really does bother me.

PAULINE B.: Were you married here in Burns, or ---

PAULINE H.: Yes I was, I was married here in Burns, to Mason Henderson. We were married for fifteen years, and then it didn't go so good. Finally ended it, on the rocks, it's one of those things,

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you know, another woman come into the picture. But we hadn't been getting along so good, you know. So I guess it wasn't too surprising.

PAULINE B.: And then you worked for the telephone company for ---

PAULINE H.: For twelve and a half years all told. Yes, two years before I was married, and then the rest of the time after I came back to Burns.

PAULINE B.: The old switchboard, back when you first started, that interests me. You said the men would all call in at 5 o'clock.

PAULINE H.: Yes, or at noon.

PAULINE B.: And at noon. What are some of the other things that happened in those early days?

PAULINE H.: It was kind of interesting. We had to handle everything, we handled telegrams, of course, and long distance calls, and just everything, just one operator. But let me see, I think there were 100 phones there at the first, if I remember right, around a 100. It seems to me about that, is what it was, so one operator could handle it, you see. Some days you'd be busier than other days, you know, especially if there were a lot of telegrams, or long distance calls, trying to handle everything. But I found it very fascinating, I really enjoyed it.

PAULINE B.: Did you, did people use you to give messages if they couldn't find the person that they wanted. Or if they were trying to reach someone, did you tell them that well no, Mrs. Brown is out of town this week, or this type of thing?

PAULINE H.: No, I can't remember that so much, I don't think so. I don't think we would have had time. I don't think an operator would have quite the time to do that, to take down messages. Now I imagine if it was something in the way of an emergency, we would have. But other wise I ---

PAULINE B.: Was the fire bell connected with the phone company at that time?

PAULINE H.: Let's see now. Isn't that funny, I don't remember that. I imagine it must have been,

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had to be though, don't you. I've kind of forgotten. I bet you could find that out through the telephone company. I should remember that, but I don't quite remember that. Seems like though if we had attended to fires that I would remember that, doesn't it. Because we'd been doing that for so many years, you know.

PAULINE B.: Well I just wondered, you know.

PAULINE H.: I know.

PAULINE B.: I was in Portland visiting with a fellow that was on the Burns volunteer fire department, and the only thing he ever said was, he said that someone hit the fire bell, and that made me wonder ---

PAULINE H.: Oh.

PAULINE B.: --- whether or not it was connected to the phone then, or whether somebody had to go and ring it. I didn't think to ask him that, but I was thinking of it later.

PAULINE H.: I just don't remember that. I remember all those things, other things, like telegrams and long distance, and things like that. And of course they'd have to pay for, the operator for long distance calls if they'd come into the office, you know, and use one of the booths to call. And they'd have to come to the, you know, the counter and pay us. I remember things like that. But I just don't remember that about the fire. And it seems like I would remember that if I did it. Naturally when I came back in 1948, why naturally I --- and I got on pretty soon after I came back. First as a relief operator, and of course then the operator was attending to that, fires. But I can't remember that from when I got out of high school.

PAULINE B.: Well I remember when Sharon started school. I don't know why, it was, it is so vivid in my memory. But I remember when she came. Maybe it was because it was in the middle of the school year.

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PAULINE H.: Well let's see, I guess it was. Yeah, because I think we came here, yes because I moved into this, Sharon and I moved into this house in April. So that must have been it, it would have been in the middle of the school year. See we were in California first, you know. And then we came to Burns, and then my father helped us locate a place to live. And we moved in here then in April, so that must have been it. You say you're a year behind her?

PAULINE B.: I'm a year ahead of her.

PAULINE H.: You're a year ahead of her. Oh, I see. Yeah, that's how it is.

PAULINE B.: No, I remember when she started school.

PAULINE H.: Yes.

PAULINE B.: Well let's see what else ---

PAULINE H.: Let's see if I think of anything else. Oh, I'll just tell you this, I don't know whether you want this. It's all right if it goes on that, I'm sure. But anyways, you might be interested to know that Sharon has been going to college, and she is going to graduate June 10th.

PAULINE B.: Oh that is ---

PAULINE H.: Isn't that interesting though. Yeah. And later on she is going to teach anthropology, and probably --- she is interested, very interested in languages. She has done real well with the German. And she is taking French --- well of course she finishes up with French. And then later on she will go ahead for her --- what's that next degree they try for when they're through college, there is something else.

PAULINE B.: Masters.

PAULINE H.: Masters degree, go on like that.

PAULINE B.: Well where she is in Eugene there, where she is --- what does her husband do?

PAULINE H.: Well he is a teacher in the junior high school. Yes, he is one of these dedicated

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teachers. He has had a chance to teach in college, but it's more of a challenge to him to teach the junior high school age, and so he stays with that.

Oh, this is kind of interesting. Well whether they'll do this or not, I'm not sure, but they're trying. First they wrote to Athens, Greece to see about getting him a school teaching job over there. But they got word back that they wouldn't take him. The only trouble is, the salary isn't high enough. Sharon said she and Arnold could live on, but with four children there wouldn't be enough to live on. So now they're trying for Scotland. And so when I was down there, they're still waiting to hear from Scotland.

PAULINE B.: Well that would be fun.

PAULINE H.: Wouldn't that be interesting. Yeah. They want to go for a year, but the school authorities would prefer they would be there for two years, so that's what they ---

PAULINE B.: Yeah. You know it takes awhile to get acclimated.

PAULINE H.: Yes, that's right.

PAULINE B.: And orientated.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, so I think that's really wonderful. It would be very educational for the children too. Yeah, they're thrilled about it. And they of course, Scotland school authorities have written to the John Kennedy Junior High School in Eugene where Arnold has been teaching, and so they will find out all about him. In fact this is interesting, when the school authorities in Eugene found out that Arnold was considering, you know, going like that to Scotland or some other place, why they said well your job will always be waiting for you.

PAULINE B.: So that is a good recommendation that he is a good teacher.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, that's a good --- isn't it, right there. Yes. So I kind of think that they might get that job in Scotland, and the wages are better, they can make a go of it. So I'm anxious to hear from

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Sharon. Any day I might hear from her telling me, you know, that they have that job in Scotland.

PAULINE B.: You said that you were a member of the Baptist Church. Were you a member in your childhood days, or ---

PAULINE H.: No, I'm a convert of Catholicism.

PAULINE B.: I thought perhaps you ---

PAULINE H.: I've always been a Baptist.

PAULINE B.: Well I thought maybe you knew something about the early church here, the Baptist Church here in the early days here.

PAULINE H.: Well the trouble is, I wouldn't know too much about that. Let's see now, I have to stop and think. I accepted Christ and became a Christian and entered the Baptist Church. See Sharon was just a baby, and that was 34 years ago. See her birthday was in February, she was 34. And so that is when it happened, so I wouldn't know too much about the --- And then of course I was gone for 20 years when I was married, so I wouldn't know too much about this history here. But I think they, I'm pretty sure they have, that you could get that probably through the minister, you know, one of the people that have been in the church for a many years.

PAULINE B.: For a long time.

PAULINE H.: Yeah. But I just don't know too much about that. I just know that they have had disastrous fires, and lost one church building, like that. But I won't say they lost more than one.

PAULINE B.: Now I didn't realize that, I didn't know they did.

PAULINE H.: Yes, I guess it was the first church, the first Baptist Church that burned down, the way I understand it. I'm trying to remember that right. I think I'm right on that. But anyways, it would be though --- because they have all the church records. Or maybe through Dixie Runnels, do you know Dixie Runnels?

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PAULINE B.: Yeah.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, I bet you could through --- she's been the church clerk for so many years. So I bet you could get all this information from her.

PAULINE B.: Yeah, that would be, I'll contact her. I think that's kind of interesting.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, I think so too.

PAULINE B.: I got a letter from a woman who was the daughter of the first minister of the Presbyterian Church here. And I was so excited about that, I'm going to write to her and ask her to write more about her --- she was just a girl then. But still she could remember quite a bit, I'm sure. She had a sister that she said she would write to and ask her to write too. And really this early church history is really fascinating.

PAULINE H.: Yes, it would be interesting. What's this lady's name that you're talking about, see if I know them.

PAULINE B.: Well I can't remember, I think her name is Lane. But she lives in Portland, and ---

PAULINE H.: Oh, I was thinking about, did you say she was a relative of that Presbyterian minister way back? Is that what you said?

PAULINE B.: Yeah, Reverend Templeton.

PAULINE H.: Oh, I guess I don't know his name. I remember Reverend Swanson so well.

PAULINE B.: Yeah. But he was, well he was the one that was here before Reverend Swanson.

PAULINE H.: Oh, was he?

PAULINE B.: Yeah, Reverend Templeton.

PAULINE H.: Oh, I see.

PAULINE B.: Right around the early 1900's.

PAULINE H.: Oh, I see. Well I guess I wouldn't ---

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PAULINE B.: I think Reverend Swanson would have been here by the time you came, or came shortly thereafter.

PAULINE H.: Yes, I guess that's right. See because I remember his name so well from --- well say from 1917 he was here. Because he was here a long time.

PAULINE B.: Oh he was here a long time. He was the only minister I knew until he left. He was the minister all the time I ---

PAULINE H.: Yes. Well what church do you attend?

PAULINE B.: Presbyterian.

PAULINE H.: Oh yeah, I guess you told me, I've forgot. Yes. They've had some ministers up there, wonderful ministers, I mean in the Presbyterian Church. I liked this Reverend --- oh he just died not too long ago. I ---

PAULINE B.: Reverend Henry.

PAULINE H.: Yes, wasn't he a wonderful man.

PAULINE B.: Yes he was. He really was.

PAULINE H.: I know, and he was so good to go and visit people in the hospital. He was wonderful. And then some of the others too, if I could think of their names. But they've had some very fine ministers.

PAULINE B.: We have been really fortunate.

PAULINE H.: Yes you have.

PAULINE B.: We really have. Of course we have an unusual thing now, and it is really working. There is, you know, pros and cons about it, but it is really working I think really well with sharing Reverend Crimm between the two churches. And there is a lot less difference, come than you think. Some of the things that cause problems are things that you would never think of, you know.

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So it's really funny.

PAULINE H.: Yes.

PAULINE B.: But it has been a really interesting experience for both churches.

PAULINE H.: Yes, I bet so. I enjoy, whenever he talks on morning devotion on the radio.

PAULINE B.: He is a good speaker. He gives --- his sermons are very, very good.

PAULINE H.: Yes, I've heard other say they thought he was great. Very good minister, and very spiritual type, you know, minister.

PAULINE B.: Well can you think about anything else about your early days in Harney County?

PAULINE H.: Well let's see what I might tell --- anything that stands out. I should be able to think of something. We always had a very happy home life together, I know that. My sisters and my parents, and of course my brothers. We did quite a few things together, you know. And of course, I remember how much we enjoy our fireplace, you know. When it was cold in the wintertime we'd sit there and watch the fire.

PAULINE B.: Did your father go to the woods in the fall to gather wood, or did he just buy from someone who brought it in?

PAULINE H.: Yeah, I think he just bought from someone who brought it in. I do remember though talking about ... I remember having a wonderful garden, and how careful he was with the corn so it wouldn't freeze on real cold nights. And tomatoes, and things, and digging potatoes, you know. Well he would dig, and my sisters and brothers and I --- I guess Frank was too little at the time. Well anyways, I'm not sure about that. But anyways, we'd go behind him and pick up the potatoes. He raised quite a few potatoes, and really quite a nice garden, with all the vegetables. I remember things like that.

PAULINE B.: Did you have a windmill in your backyard?

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PAULINE H.: No, I don't think so, but I guess some of them did though. We lived down on Riverside Drive, quite a ways down, on Riverside Drive. We didn't have one, but I think some of them did though. Of course when we first came out, before my father had a chance to get the house all, you know, built onto, it was just a shack and he had to build onto it and have it painted. ... The carpenter was interesting, was the father of Carol Jordan, our successful businessman up there. Yes, uh huh. His father's name was Dan Jordan, he was a very good carpenter.

PAULINE B.: I haven't talked to Mr. Jordan yet. I have him on my list, but I haven't ---

PAULINE H.: But yes, he can probably tell you lots of interesting things. See they were our next-door neighbors for years. They lived in a big house down there on Riverside Drive, let's see, well where Riverside Drive makes the turn. I can't think of the

PAULINE B.: That's where Hinshaws live now.

PAULINE H.: Yeah, I think it is where Hinshaws live now.

PAULINE B.: That's a beautiful house.

PAULINE H.: Yes, isn't that.

PAULINE B.: I bet Dan Jordan built that.

PAULINE H.: Yes, he did, he built that home. And our house as I said was just a small, just a shack when we came out, unpainted shack, and so he is the one that finished our home.

PAULINE B.: Was the Jordan house finished at that time, or did they build the house that's there now later?

PAULINE H.: Let's see, no I think it was. It's probably been renovated some. But they had a pretty good-sized house, I can remember that. Because you see Carol has two sisters, Marjorie and Kathleen. See Kathleen is the oldest, yeah then Carol, and then Marjorie. Yes, they had a pretty

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big house. I can remember it was always a very nice house. So of course those Sitz then, naturally things have been done, I'm sure, and painting. They had a nice house. Let's see if I can think of anything else to tell you. I wish I had a better memory for things like that. Some things I can remember real well, but other things kind of slip my mind.

PAULINE B.: Oh, I think that's the way with everyone. Things that --- sometimes it's not always, you know, the most logical thing that sticks in your memory.

PAULINE H.: Yes, that's right, yeah I think you're right that way too. I can remember though my folks were quite homebodies. And I guess that's where I get it; I'm quite a homebody. They never went an awful lot. Well I'll tell what, if my mother had been in better health they might have. Well when she was only six years old she had diphtheria and it left her with a leakage of the heart, and she never was very strong. And the doctor ordered her to, and she did too, lie down every afternoon for a couple of hours to take care of her health. So that was it. So I think that's why they didn't entertain, you know, much or go much of any place. We just did things together.

But I can remember though, we used, my sisters and I and brother, we used to enjoy going swimming. We'd just go across the street to the Silvie's River and go in swimming. I remember that so well, how much we enjoyed that. And then we'd skate in the wintertime. It would get a lot colder than it does nowadays. But, you know, it has even got as cold as 45 degrees below zero, you probably heard about that. And the ice would be real nice and thick, and we could skate. We did lots of things like that, that we enjoyed.

Oh, I can remember my father fixed a tennis court for us. I didn't do so well in it, because I'm awfully near-sighted, you know. And I don't think it's too safe to wear glasses if you're playing tennis, you know, they say it isn't because the ball might come and hit you in the glasses and cut your eyes. So I kind of gave it up. But my sisters, I can remember how they enjoyed playing tennis.

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Let's see, I'm trying to think if we did anything else.

PAULINE B.: Did you have special celebrations on the Fourth of July or anything?

PAULINE H.: Oh, well yes, we did celebrate holidays, I can remember that. Let's see, what did we do for the Fourth of July? Let's see now, I guess we've gone on picnics; I guess that was the main thing we did on the Fourth of July was go on picnics. And of course we always celebrated Thanksgiving, and Christmas naturally.

PAULINE B.: Have you ever been back to Boston?

PAULINE H.: No, I never have. I've often thought I might, kind of like, that I would like to go back there, but I never have. Because I have cousins back there, you see. Because my aunts and uncles, of course, are all gone now. But I do have cousins back there, and I would kind of like to go back. Maybe I will someday. Oh yes, my daughter and her husband have that --- that's the daughter that lives in Wilmet, Illinois, because he has relatives back there, and so they have been back there to visit them. They enjoyed it very much, I guess. I've really kind of lost track of my relatives. I guess my folks just didn't --- some people keep in touch with relatives, my folks didn't much. I really wouldn't know --- I know that they lived in Boston, in and around Boston, you know. But of course I could find --- you know try and locate some of them, and they could help you find others. Well let's see, I guess that's about all I can think of.

PAULINE B.: Well that was interesting about the telephone. Glad to get the information about your aunt too, because I've heard so much about her. And I didn't realize that, you know, that DesIlets had anything to do with this, so that's real interesting.

One thing I'm asking people, you know, is how they happened to come.

PAULINE H.: Yes, I know it.

PAULINE B.: And I'm getting some very interesting answers.

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PAULINE H.: I imagine you do get, kind of interest --- Like the answer I gave you.

PAULINE B.: Yes, well and this is different, you know. And a lot of people came because --- well a relative had come and they wrote back and said come out, you know, come on out. Or a father would come and then something would happen, he might get sick or die, or something, and the relatives would come out and settle the estate and just stay.

PAULINE H.: Oh yeah, and just stay that way. Well that's interesting, isn't it.

PAULINE B.: They were coming through, going on to California, and just got this far and decided to stay.

PAULINE H.: To stay, they liked it, well they decided to stay.

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