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EDWARD GRAY: This is Edward Gray with Neva Schroder Warner in Silver Lake, Oregon on 6-22-1992. Who was your father, Neva, Gus?

NEVA WARNER: Gus Schroder was my father.

EDWARD: Brother was Jim?

NEVA: I had a brother Jim, and one Burt.

EDWARD: Burt, yeah.

NEVA: I had three brothers. Burt and Hollie lived in Burns. Burt is gone now, but Hollie still lives in Burns.

EDWARD: You were born when, Neva?

NEVA: September the 13th, 1899. So I'll be 93 this coming September.

EDWARD: In Silver Lake?

NEVA: Born out on my grandfather's ranch out here.

EDWARD: And your grandfather was who?

NEVA: His name was Jim Martin, James Martin.

EDWARD: James Martin. 1899.

NEVA: Uh huh.

EDWARD: You've seen a few changes, haven't you?

NEVA: Indeed I have. Not only in the town, but in the weather and everything.

EDWARD: Well while you said weather, do you remember the '30's in this area?

NEVA: Oh, indeed.

EDWARD: Was it as bad?

NEVA: Lots of snow, and cold.

EDWARD: Cold? Was the summers, was it as dry?

NEVA: Oh no, it never has been dry in this country. We always had lots of snow. It wasn't anything for us to have three and four feet of snow. We had to plow our way around, and we didn't have paved streets in those days, you know. And there was snow that lasted, and things grew. But I've got a vacant lot out here that I haven't had a kid to mow it, last year and this year. ... year before, and this year there is nothing on it, it's that dry. Oh, it's awful dry around. The whole of Oregon is dry.

EDWARD: Wagontire is bad.

NEVA: I bet it is.

EDWARD: Bad. Did your brother Jim Schroder; he worked for Bill Brown. He was a buckaroo, wasn't he?

NEVA: Yeah, but I don't think he worked for Bill Brown.

EDWARD: You don't think he did? Did he ever mention it to you?

NEVA: Well he has been gone ever since the 1950's, so how do you expect me to remember? Oh, not '50, he died in '56. He was 50 years old when he died, he had cancer. Well he used to ride on the desert, he and Rube Long. You've heard of Rube Long?

EDWARD: Yeah.

NEVA: Did you know Rube Long?

EDWARD: No.

NEVA: He and Rube Long used to chase wild horses. But I don't think Jim --- I'll ask Hollie when I see him, but I don't think he worked for Bill Brown.

EDWARD: Yeah. Have you ever heard of Bill Brown?

NEVA: Oh yeah, I've heard people talk about him. But didn't he kill some of those guys out there?

EDWARD: Yeah.

NEVA: Well who was it he killed?

EDWARD: He shot John A. Overstreet, from Texas, a sheepherder on the east side of Wagontire Mountain in 1886. April 9th, 1886.

NEVA: I knew he killed, well I think he was instrumental in some of those other murders out there too, wasn't he?

EDWARD: No.

NEVA: He wasn't?

EDWARD: No. Did you know Frank, or William and Jane Dobkins?

NEVA: Yes. That was Frank's parents.

EDWARD: Right. Did Jane go by the name of Elizabeth?

NEVA: Well we always called her Mrs. Dobkins, so I don't really know.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NEVA: They lived in Paisley.

EDWARD: Right.

NEVA: They had a ranch in Paisley, and they sold their ranch and then moved to town. I don't, I think they're buried in Bend ---

EDWARD: Paisley.

NEVA: In Burns. Of course when Frank died, they went and they buried him then. We went from here to his funeral.

EDWARD: You went to Frank Dobkins funeral.

NEVA: I sure did. He was married to my mother's sister.

EDWARD: Myrtle or Florence?

NEVA: Florence, Florence. Years ago, and they separated. And then she owned the ranch over here by the Lane Ranch. And she sold her ranch to the Lanes, to Bill Lane, and they separated. And he took his cattle and he moved to the desert. Now that might have been at about, about '35, I think. Now I'm just guessing, I don't know for sure, but about that anyway.

EDWARD: What --- let's back up a little, Neva, because this is real important. Frank Dobkins was married to Florence ---

NEVA: Payne.

EDWARD: Lane?

NEVA: Payne.

EDWARD: Payne.

NEVA: P A Y N E, Payne.

EDWARD: P A Y N E.

NEVA: Frank, Payne, and they lived in Lakeview. And he was, what was he, county clerk I think. They separated, divorced.

EDWARD: Now Florence was who? Your ---

NEVA: She was my mother, my mother's sister. And their name was

--- Jim Martin was my grandfather. And Ida Schroder, Armond Schroder or Martin Schroder, and Florence Martin Dobkins were sisters.

EDWARD: Okay. Now who did Frank Dobkins marry?

NEVA: He married Florence.

EDWARD: Florence.

NEVA: Florence Payne.

EDWARD: Payne.

NEVA: He was her second husband.

EDWARD: All these guys are related out here. (Laughter) Every-body married everybody out here.

NEVA: No, not quite.

EDWARD: No. So Frank Dobkins --- do you know when he married Florence Payne?

NEVA: Well I'd make a guess about 1910, I'm not sure.

EDWARD: 1910.

NEVA: Because he was --- my grandfather died in 1912, and they were married then. They had been married awhile. And I know that Florence and Frank weren't together when grandfather passed away, and he died in January 1912.

EDWARD: Did Florence and Frank Dobkins; did they ever have any children?

NEVA: No. She never did have any children at all.

EDWARD: Okay. Did --- and then when did Frank and Florence get divorced, do you know? '35?

NEVA: Well I think ---

EDWARD: Right in there someplace?

NEVA: --- about that, because he moved, when they divorced, he moved his cattle to Wagontire, or to Burns, wherever it was.

EDWARD: Yeah, Wagontire.

NEVA: Wagontire.

EDWARD: Did Frank --- where did Myrtle Lane come from?

NEVA: Well Myrtle Lane was married, Myrtle Lane was married to Jim Lane, and he was a blind man. See they had two children and they lived on Summer Lake for years, several

years. And of course she left him, and she went to the valley and was gone for a while. Then she came back, and I think, I think she lived, yeah she lived out in that country, out in Wagontire-Burns country.

EDWARD: Yeah, a very short time.

NEVA: Not very long, then they were divorced. No, no, they were still married when he was killed.

EDWARD: Now they have a son named Bill Lane.

NEVA: Well that's, his father was Jim Lane, the blind man.

EDWARD: Jim. I'm going to see Bill Lane Wednesday.

NEVA: He lives in Lakeview.

EDWARD: Yeah. Going to see him Wednesday.

NEVA: He can tell you when his mother married Frank, I'm sure.

EDWARD: Okay, to back, did you ever meet; you met William and Jane Dobkins?

EDWARD: Oh I knew them; I was in their home many times.

EDWARD: What kind of people, what were they like?

NEVA: Well they were just old people to my estimation.

EDWARD: Just old.

NEVA: But they were nice people. I think they had lots of friends, they were friendly. I think they were nice people, I really do.

EDWARD: William Dobkins died in 1935. I have no idea when Jane Dobkins died, none. She was alive in 1940.

NEVA: I don't know when she died either, but I'm sure they're both buried in Paisley.

EDWARD: We'll find out, because I'll be going to the cemetery.

NEVA: Cemetery, uh huh.

EDWARD: Did you ever meet Emma Dobkins?

NEVA: Emma Dobkins. Oh yeah, that was Frank's sister.

EDWARD: Right.

NEVA: Frank's sister. And I think there was just the two of them, just Frank and Emma.

EDWARD: Now, well back up a little. Do you remember another sister?

NEVA: Maybe there was two sisters, but Emma is the only one that was ever in Paisley, to my knowledge.

EDWARD: Georgia.

NEVA: Georgia was the one instead of Emma. Georgia was the one that was in Paisley.

EDWARD: Right.

NEVA: She came up there and stayed with her folks for a while.

EDWARD: You never herd of Emma Dobkins?

NEVA: Yeah.

EDWARD: You have?

NEVA: She was the sister, which I --- I didn't know her at all, but I've just heard of her. She never lived in Paisley.

EDWARD: Damn. Emma Dobkins was born in 1880.

NEVA: 1880.

EDWARD: She died in Lane County, March 2nd, 1910.

NEVA: She did?

EDWARD: Not a thing written about her.

NEVA: Oh.

EDWARD: Either in the Silver Lake paper, the Lakeview paper, or the Eugene paper.

NEVA: I --- was she ever married?

EDWARD: Let me ask you something else first. You remember R. B. Jackson?

NEVA: Oh yes. He taught school here in Silver Lake. But of course I was just a child

when he was here.

EDWARD: Did you ever hear anything of R. B. Jackson and Emma Dobkins, any troubles between them?

NEVA: No. Well was she in this country? Did she ---

EDWARD: For a very short period of time.

NEVA: Georgia lived in --- well I think she lived in Paisley with her parents for a while. But she married, she was an old maid when she married and moved to ---

EDWARD: Lake City.

NEVA: --- Lake City, yeah.

EDWARD: Died there in 1964.

NEVA: Did she?

EDWARD: Okay. I generally let you guy's talk. Well we got a problem here.

NEVA: You got that on now?

EDWARD: Emma Dobkins --- did you happen to know Vera Addington? Remember Wagontire Post Office? That's a long ways away. Well their parents had the Wagontire Post Office from 1919 to 1931, and she lived over there. She lives in Klamath Falls now. She said

--- now I can't prove this, I won't write it unless I can prove it, that R. B. Jackson raped Emma Dobkins. R. B. Jackson was sent to the state penitentiary. Did you know that?

NEVA: Yes, I knew that. And he was a very mean schoolteacher. I guess he whipped the kids with a ruler. He was a --- but I've heard people talk about him. Of course that was before --- I was just a child when he taught school here.

EDWARD: You were getting up there.

NEVA: You know what years he taught school?

EDWARD: About 1908.

NEVA: Well that's the year --- no, I know he wasn't teaching here in 1908, because 1908 was when I started to school, and the Carriages were teaching here then.

EDWARD: Oh excuse me, excuse me Neva. He was the Lake County School Superintendent in 1908.

NEVA: Oh.

EDWARD: So it must have been before that.

NEVA: Yeah, it was before that.

EDWARD: He was the Lake County School Superintendent. Can you believe that?

NEVA: Yeah, I believe it.

EDWARD: And then he started this bank and store down in Paisley in 1910 with a bunch of other guys.

NEVA: Oh.

EDWARD: Then he moved to Wagontire in 1916. Now, here is the problem. Vera Addington knew all these people.

NEVA: Well it's funny that --- she was postmaster when?

EDWARD: 1919 to 1931, at Wagontire.

NEVA: Because in 19---

EDWARD: And after that it was ---

NEVA: I was, '31, oh no that was before --- I was appointed post-master of Silver Lake in '34.

EDWARD: You were postmaster forever.

NEVA: 42 years.

EDWARD: Forever. Yeah, oh '34.

NEVA: So that's why I didn't remember her.

EDWARD: Yeah, they left Wagontire in 1934. The Woltens took over the Wagontire Post

Office. Woltens, W O L T E N S. Anyway, Emma

--- I hope her gravestone is down there. I don't know if it is or not. She --- Vera said that she committed suicide.

NEVA: Now I didn't know that.

EDWARD: But very few people know that there was an Emma Dobkins. I got a picture of her.

NEVA: Well, you know, I knew Dobkins had this boy and two girls, and Georgia was the girl. And she spent quite, some of the time with her parents.

EDWARD: I can't figure this Emma, I don't know what happened to her, I don't know. I know she died in Lane County, that's all. The Dobkins, what kind of guy was Frank Dobkins?

NEVA: Well now I ---

EDWARD: You can say the truth, anything, they're all dead.

NEVA: Well I --- he was --- I think Frank was kind of hotheaded, but he was a good guy. I thought a lot of him, I really did.

EDWARD: Well did it surprise you when he was murdered?

NEVA: Well I don't know that I really was surprised, because there was a lot of trouble at that time out there. See the Bradleys were murdered out there. So no, I don't think I was surprised.

EDWARD: Did you expect that would ever happen, Neva, out there?

NEVA: Oh, I never gave it much of a thought, really.

EDWARD: Yeah. Did --- you've talked to Frank Dobkins before, haven't you?

NEVA: Have I talked to him?

EDWARD: Yeah.

NEVA: Well he, yeah, they were in --- I was in their home a lot, and they were in my

home. In my folks, a lot of times.

EDWARD: Was that Frank and Florence?

NEVA: Uh huh.

EDWARD: Now want to go back, Florence was your sister?

NEVA: She was my mother's sister.

EDWARD: Mother's sister. Relatives --- whew. I have a tough time with relatives. Did --- was Frank good with kids?

NEVA: Pardon.

EDWARD: Was Frank Dobkins good with children?

NEVA: I think he was --- of course my brothers were small then, I think he was good to the kids, really.

EDWARD: Well what would cause somebody to shoot the guy? Was he pretty --- he must, did he get pretty mad pretty easy, or just hot-tempered?

NEVA: I think Frank was kind of hot-tempered, he really was.

EDWARD: Did he get along well with his father?

NEVA: Well now that I don't know.

EDWARD: Yeah. Do you happen to have any photographs of him?

NEVA: No. But I think I have had, but I don't know where I would find them.

EDWARD: I've got one.

NEVA: Have you?

EDWARD: And it's not very good. It's out of a newspaper.

NEVA: No, I thought a lot of Frank, he was good to me. In fact he offered to help me find --- wanted to go on to school, but I just didn't think I wanted to borrow money to go to school on.

EDWARD: Was he a hard worker?

NEVA: Yes, he was.

EDWARD: Was he a good horse rider?

NEVA: I think so.

EDWARD: What about Link Hutton?

NEVA: All I know about Link Hutton is just hearsay, because I didn't know the man at all.

EDWARD: He's not ---

NEVA: Well now Link Hutton is the one that killed one of the Bradley's.

EDWARD: Harold Bradley.

NEVA: Yeah.

EDWARD: And I will tell you for sure, and I've got tons of information, he murdered Harold Bradley.

NEVA: Oh, yes.

EDWARD: And got away with it. His trial lasted two days, Neva. And the jury was out two hours and four minutes, not guilty. I can't find the trial transcripts, but I have the coroner's verdict and everything else. Did you know Leona Hutton?

NEVA: I didn't know her personally, but I've heard of her.

EDWARD: What about Clarence Woodard?

NEVA: Oh yeah, I knew Clarence Woodard; he married a Silver Lake girl.

EDWARD: Clark.

NEVA: Nelda Clark.

EDWARD: Nelda Clark. Did you know that --- I got a hold of Clarence Woodard and Nelda Clark's son?

NEVA: Yeah, somebody told me not long ago, he's still around.

EDWARD: Maybe that was me. He lives in Norwalk, Connecticut.

NEVA: His name is Clark.

EDWARD: Clark, 72.

NEVA: He's 72?

EDWARD: He helped me; he sent me pictures of his father, Clarence.

NEVA: Oh. He was born in --- oh he is 72?

EDWARD: He's 72.

NEVA: Same age as my son then, my son would have been 72 this coming fall.

EDWARD: 1918, or '20, somewhere, I can't remember.

NEVA: 1919.

EDWARD: '19.

NEVA: That makes 72.

EDWARD: What did you think of Clarence Woodard?

NEVA: Well he, I don't know. They went to the dances, we went to the dances, all of us, you know.

EDWARD: Where did you go to the dances?

NEVA: Oh, we had an Odd Fellows Hall over here.

EDWARD: And old Clarence Woodard, and Slivers Emery probably?

NEVA: Oh yes, all dancing, all of them. See Clarence Woodard and Slivers Emery were in partners.

EDWARD: Right.

NEVA: For a long time.

EDWARD: Did you know that Slivers and Clarence bought the old Sam Hutton place on Wagontire?

NEVA: Uh huh.

EDWARD: You knew that?

NEVA: Yeah, I heard it.

EDWARD: Yeah, very few people knew that. They got it in 1925.

NEVA: Slivers' son lives here in town, Kenneth Emery.

EDWARD: Yeah, yeah.

NEVA: You talked to him?

EDWARD: Yeah. ... Russell. It's --- I don't know how to put this. Harold --- I mean Link Hutton thought that Harold Bradley was messing around with Leona Hutton.

NEVA: ... his wife.

EDWARD: It was Clarence.

NEVA: It was Clarence? It was? Well I'm surprised at that.

EDWARD: Harold stopped by the Link Hutton house the night before the morning he was shot twice. I have ---

NEVA: He is buried down here in the cemetery.

EDWARD: Yeah, right. I've got all that coroner's report, and Leona Hutton's witness. R. B. Jackson was a witness. Honey --- Addington --- well it goes on, and on. When Link shot Harold Bradley at Link Hutton's house, which is still standing on Wagon-tire.

NEVA: It is?

EDWARD: Yeah. I'll show you pictures. And he, Harold stayed there that night, and he was running mail from Wagontire to Stauffer. And he got drunk, so he decided to stay the night. Now I don't think he got drunk. He left the Addington place, and the Addington's had the post office at Wagontire. He stayed over night at Link's house. Well Link got up in the morning and shot him, killed him, murdered. Clarence was the guy that was madly in love with Leona Hutton. Because --- whoops --- well this is Sam and Caroline Hutton's place --- this is Link Hutton's place. Here is the Addington place. It is about two miles in between each place. So Harold went off from Addington's, Wagontire Post Office, went past them and Caroline's, where Clarence was staying --- that was a big house by the

way. And over to Link's, and then he was going to go on over to Stauffer --- well it was too late at night, so he stayed here. Clarence was staying in this house, and the morning that Harold was murdered, Leona took off for the hills and hid out in various houses. Sammy Boyce, you ever hear of him?

NEVA: Oh, I knew Sammy Boyce.

EDWARD: Hid in Sammy Boyce's attic for two days. Hid in Jackson's place for a week. And finally ended up marrying Clarence down in Arizona in 1927.

NEVA: Oh, she married Clarence?

EDWARD: Yeah, 1927. She died in 1958. Clarence Woodard died in Alturas, California in 1964.

NEVA: Well ---

EDWARD: Poor Harold was just caught in the middle of all of this. It was Leona Neasham, was her maiden name, Miller, Hutton, Woodard.

NEVA: Well there you see that, a lot of that nowadays, marrying two or three times, or four.

EDWARD: Oh yeah. Did you know if Clarence --- now be honest Neva, it don't, you know, ever stole horses?

NEVA: Oh no, I don't know that.

EDWARD: Did you know Punk Robertson?

NEVA: Yes, I've seen him, but I didn't personally know him.

EDWARD: Did you know that Punk Robertson was sent up two times to the state penitentiary?

NEVA: I know that. And that was stealing horses.

EDWARD: Yeah. And he had a brother.

NEVA: What was the brother's name?

EDWARD: Oh ---

NEVA: I've heard his name.

EDWARD: I can't remember --- V. L. (Corrected to V. M. Brother William L. Robertson.) I know they were sent up in 1913, and Clarence is supposedly, was involved with that. And Bill Kittredge took Clarence in over in Klamath Marsh. And I know that Clarence Woodard worked for Bill Kittredge for 10 years at least.

NEVA: I knew he worked for him, but I didn't know how long.

EDWARD: And the deal was that he was supposed to, Clarence was supposed to shape up, because Kittredge had given him, guaranteed him a job and so forth. I asked Clarence's son, Clark, in Norwalk, Connecticut, and he said it was possible, but I don't know. I don't know. Anyway, Slivers Emery and Clarence Woodard bought the old Sam Hutton place here, 1,000 acres. Clarence took off; many heard that Harold was murdered, shot. Link Hutton was looking for him. He would have shot Clarence, you know, Link would have killed him. He would have killed Leona too.

NEVA: Why sure he would have.

EDWARD: Yeah. Well Leona took off for the hills, and hid at the Donovan place. Clarence heard about it, flagged the car down, went down to Lakeview and got the hell out of the country.

NEVA: He and Slivers Emery were in partners in the cattle business.

EDWARD: That's right.

NEVA: And he just walked off and left everything.

EDWARD: Left everything.

NEVA: And Slivers Emery had a good business, and made some money.

EDWARD: You got it.

NEVA: Yes, I know about it.

EDWARD: And I have that documented through legal documents from the courthouse. Clarence said, the hell with it Slivers, it's all yours. Slivers turned around a year later, 1926, and this is what's mind boggling, sold all that 1,000 some acres to Dobkins. That's how Dobkins ---

NEVA: That's ... Now when was that?

EDWARD: 1926.

NEVA: '26, well he moved out there then before, earlier than I thought.

EDWARD: Okay. But he also bought the Egli place on Wagontire. Bought that in 1919. Used to call it the Burnt House. Have you ever been on Wagontire?

NEVA: Yeah, I've been out there where the store and post office --- or not post office, where that store is now.

EDWARD: Oh, but you haven't been on Wagontire?

NEVA: No, I've never been on the mountain. See my brother owned the Wagontire, where that little store is, at one time.

EDWARD: Yeah, right.

NEVA: No, I've never --- I've been there many times, but I've never been off of the highway.

EDWARD: Now I want to back up one more time. I've got to get this straight. Frank Dobkins married Florence Payne, your mother's sister?

NEVA: That's right.

EDWARD: Whew! In about 1910.

NEVA: About that. Like I told you a minute ago, my grandfather died in 1912, and I know they were married at that time.

EDWARD: And they were divorced sometime ---

NEVA: Well --- maybe I'm not sure, but anyway --- I just can't tell you for sure.

EDWARD: Yeah. Was it the '30's?

NEVA: Well no, I believe it was before that.

EDWARD: Before that?

NEVA: Before the '30's.

EDWARD: I'm going to throw out a few more names for you. What about --- oh, I've got Florence. Oh, did you ever know Harold Bradley?

NEVA: Oh, like I said I did. I knew the whole family. Oh, I think Harold was a good guy. He was born to ... but then he was a good guy. The whole family were --- even his father, they had a big family and didn't have anything.

EDWARD: Do you know --- well about Harold? What can you tell me about Harold?

NEVA: Well I don't know, he never --- I think he helped with the family. Ira Bradley was his father.

EDWARD: Right.

NEVA: They lived here in town, they lived all around everywhere. They had a big family.

EDWARD: Eight of them.

NEVA: Ada Basey was his wife.

EDWARD: Ada Basey. I've got a lot of information. I'm going to bring in some pictures; you'll have a kick with. You probably haven't seen for --- years. Where, Neva, where did the Bradley's live when they were in Silver Lake, here in Silver Lake, do you know?

NEVA: Right over on the highway, over there where they've had a little house there, where that big gray house is with two stories. Just east of that red house there. They just had a little cabin.

EDWARD: It's not there?

NEVA: Oh no, its been torn down, and there is a house there now, a big house, and it is painted gray, two story.

EDWARD: Where that gray two-story house is, across from the school?

NEVA: Yeah, not straight across, but --- yeah.

EDWARD: But ---

NEVA: And that belongs to Kenneth Emery, that house.

EDWARD: But that's where the old Bradley cabin was?

NEVA: That's where they lived.

EDWARD: Darn. They had another place too, that Harold built. Maybe it was that place. Harold built a little cabin for the kids to go to school here in Silver Lake.

NEVA: Well, I don't know who built it, but then ---

EDWARD: God dang it, I wished that was still standing. Grace Bradley told me, or Grace Bradley Gowdy told me it wasn't standing anymore.

NEVA: Oh no, it's been torn down. Oh, its been torn down for years. And I think this house that Kenneth Emery built there, oh it must be not more than 20 years, or something like that. It's not an old house.

EDWARD: Shoot! Did you know Harry Arnold, of Wagontire?

NEVA: No.

EDWARD: What about Chester Randall?

NEVA: No.

EDWARD: Nope. Charles Comegys?

NEVA: No.

EDWARD: Okay. Well that --- most of these guys were from Paisley. Let's back --- R. B. Jackson, you met him? Did you ever meet him?

NEVA: Well I probably did, because my mother's sister went to school to him. And my mother lived here in town, so I probably, he's probably been at her house. But I can't remember him, of course, because I was just a young kid in those days.

EDWARD: You know that he was also found on Wagontire, dead?

NEVA: Yes, I heard that.

EDWARD: Coroner's report says suicide.

NEVA: Well that was always very doubtful, if it was suicide.

EDWARD: What did you hear?

NEVA: Well that somebody had killed him, that's all I ever heard.

EDWARD: You know who found the body, Neva?

NEVA: No.

EDWARD: You want to take a guess?

NEVA: It wasn't Frank Dobkins?

EDWARD: No. Him and Ray B. Jackson were kind of buddies, and then yet they weren't.
Jackson put ---

NEVA: He must have been a lot older than Frank.

EDWARD: Not too much older, no. Frank as born --- I've got all that out there, I'll look that up. Link Hutton found Ray B. Jackson.

NEVA: Oh, he did? Well now maybe it was somebody suspicioned that it was him that killed him.

EDWARD: Yeah.

NEVA: I think that's what I heard.

EDWARD: Do you know if anybody put up James Daniel Burk to kill Frank Dobkins?

NEVA: Is that the man that killed Frank?

EDWARD: Yeah.

NEVA: No.

EDWARD: I've got pictures of him too.

NEVA: You really have been searching, haven't you?

EDWARD: Oh yeah.

NEVA: But isn't it kind of fun?

EDWARD: Yeah. I love talking to characters like you. You got more knowledge than I got.

NEVA: Oh, no.

EDWARD: You guys are a blast.

NEVA: There is a lot of it just hearsay with me too, you know. I --- it's not facts.

EDWARD: You knew Frank Dobkins though.

NEVA: Well I'm telling you he was married to my mother's sister.

EDWARD: Yeah. Didn't --- never seen a mean streak in Frank Dobkins?

NEVA: I never saw Frank mean. Of course then maybe --- I do know he was hot-tempered, and got mad pretty bad, would get mad. But --- Has it been reported that he had a mean streak?

EDWARD: Oh yeah.

NEVA: Oh, I didn't know about that.

EDWARD: Yeah, a lot of ---

NEVA: But then he could have been on his better disposition when he was around the family too, you know.

EDWARD: Yeah. Yeah, he was known to be a little hotheaded.

NEVA: Well I knew he was hotheaded.

EDWARD: And he, his demeanor was sometimes very mean, or a lot of people said he was just a little guy trying to play a big guy.

NEVA: Oh.

EDWARD: They said a lot of things about him, a lot of people. But most people liked him, I mean he was an all right guy, you know.

NEVA: Well I liked Frank, I liked --- like I say, he was nice to me.

EDWARD: But when you're out there on the range, he did some pretty strange stuff.

NEVA: Well that might have been.

EDWARD: Got him in a lot of trouble. Of course him and Link Hutton just hated one another.

NEVA: Oh yeah.

EDWARD: I --- let's see, oh Ira Bradley. Did you ever meet Ira Bradley?

NEVA: Oh yeah, I knew the whole family.

EDWARD: Did you know that Grace, Lena, and Iris are still alive?

NEVA: Yes, I correspond with Iris. She lives in Portland.

EDWARD: Yeah. I'll tell you a funny story. I called her up, and I said, "Iris, this is Edward Gray, da, da, da." And so we set up an appointment, I was going to come up and talk to her, interview her. And she called back about two days later and says, "Nope, I don't want to talk about it." (Laughter) And that was the end of that.

NEVA: Oh, really.

EDWARD: Yeah. That was kind of funny.

NEVA: But she ---

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