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Coreghino

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Interview with Dave Coreghino.

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Interviewer--I

Mr. Coreghino--C

Gerda

I. This conversation was held on Feb. 29, 1976 in the home of Dave Coreghino. Mr. Dave Coreghino, who is the oldest of three. Dave Coreghino and his wife Gerda is in the other room. We're here to do an interview and I was sorta wondering... This is an, kinda, interesting place here, you know nestled in the woods. Are all these trees yours?

C. Yes, well, not that side that side belongs to Delbert.

I. U-huh

C. And I've got another place on the other side of these trees--up there by the old..

I. There's some down here on the other side..

C. Well, yeah, I go clear across the Rock Creek down here, down to, uh (----?) road Place. Used to be, you know where the ----made but I'm on this side of the road.

I. So, you're one of the first people, I suppose you sold property here to everybody..

C. No. No. I bought this property in 1926. 1926. Is that when you came here?

C. No. I came here in 1892.

I. 1892.

C. Yeah, up to the other place--yeah, I still have a place up there.

I. So you were born here, up at the other place?

C. No, I was born in Portland, but then they brought me out here before I was a month old.

I. Oh. Yeah

C. The rest of my brothers and sisters were born here

I. How many do you have--brothers and sisters?

C. I have, I have four brothers and three sisters--making me, me eight

I. You had eight--

C. Eight in the family. So there's nine kids

C. Yeah

I. And ah..

C. Yeah. One died when he was eleven years old. Died of diptheria.

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I. Oh.

C. That leaves

Gerda. And now there's only eight kids

C. Yeah, there's eight now.

I. Yeah. So did you..you make it through all those diseases. I know there was a polio epidemic going around...C. Yeah, my family now--three of us are up in the eighties and..

Gerda. Now one of them...

C. and three are in seventies and there's one going to be seventy next year, I guess. The other one, you know Rick, don't you? Rick married the Langer girl...

I. No.

C. -----? a guy about as tall as you are, he's about six foot three. He was right here. He's married to Gloria Langer. He's the youngest. He's 62.

I. Yeah, un

C. All living--except the one who died of diptheria.

I. Well, let's see now. Your parents then, uh, where did they come from now, are they, is that..

C. Well..

I. is that --your, where your parents come over--were they already here?

C. No, my father came from, came here when he was 17 years old and he came to Portland, I think, before the civil war.

I. Oh.

C. Un huh. and he lived in Porthand. But he didn't come out here until 1891.

I. Oh, I see.

C. 1891.

I. Oh, there were some famous people out here..

C. No, there wasn't.

I. Well, U. S. Grant was in Vancouver before the Civil War.

C. Yeah, when my father came to Portland there was no railroad coming in to Portland. He had to come by boat from San Francisco. Yeah.

I. Do you still, still, your family came from Italy the...

C. Yeah, he came from the very northern part of Italy and my mother, she came from there too. That is,

she was raised in Italy but I think she was Swiss.

I. You probably don't know any relatives over there now.

C. No, I don't.

I. Yeah

C. I have, I don't know any-- a lot of relatives in California though...on my fathers side.

I. And he came over here all by himself when he was 17?

C. Well, he had a brother that was over here. That was in San Francisco.

I. Oh.

C. He came there and then he came to Portland.

I. So there's another side of the family running around in San Francisco.

C. Yeah, there's four of five down there

I. Yeah, cousins.

C. Un huh, One of my cousins lives up here at -----?right at the foot of the hill, where that walnut, filbert orchard is.

I. Oh..

C. He's the owner of the Del Monte meat market in Portland.

I. Well, I'll be darned.

C. Yeah...

I. Well, what kept him in Portland. Now you say he came, your father...

C. What kept my father in Portland?

I. Yeah..

C. He went in the garden business in Portland. In the garden business. They were the first garden business in Portland..my father and he had two or three partners in with him.

I. Gardening.

C. Gardening,,vegetable gardening.

I. and this was right in the city limits--ah in Portland, you could actually raise a big garden--he must have had a pretty large garden.

C. Oh, yeah, they had, I think five wagons going all the time. They shipped a lot of their garden stuff to Astoria. By boat. They made money at it and they had some good customers in Oswego. They used to have amelters down there. where..and they mined ore out of..that there

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I. Lake Oswego?

C. Yeah, Iron Mountain they called it.

I. I didn't know that. What were they smelting, iron?

C. Yeah, iron. nearly all the timber cut from around here, I can, Chinamen cut most of it into cordwood and then they hauled it down to the Tualatin river and floated it down to Oswego and that was used for fuel to melt the iron ore.

I. You remember the Chinese..

C. Oh, there was more Chinamen here than there was white people. I remember that. They were here..well let's see, the railroad went through here before my time, but not very much before, went through here in '85.

I. I think so. I was reading that. I forgot the date. But I remember something in there about the Chinese that were...

C. They done most of the, building, most of the work..

I. I know Seattle and Tacoma, they were up there. They weren't treated too well. People would drive them out of town after dark.

C. Yeah...I can still remember, they had those long----. In Portland they had a big China town. That was there yet in, ah, well, 1905 when the Lewis and Clark fir was in Portland, there was a lot of them then.

I. Isn't Montgomery Ward, that building, isn't that a carry over from the fair?

C. No, the fair was located up there, on they called it Guilds Lake. But that's all filled in now. They have railroad yards in there and great big buildings and there, I remember when that was a lake in there.

I. Oh, yeah?

C. Yeah.

I. A lot of prople are really sorry about covering over Sauvie Island an all that---pause---

I. Now most of the people out here, the town wasn't very big was it?

C. Sherwood?

I. Yeah, there was Smocksville yet wasn't it?

C. They called it Smocksville.

I. It was still Smocksville. You don't happen to know anything about the man who gave it the name of Sherwood, do you?

C. Well, well

I. That was in 1893

C. I heard, that was in 1893???

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I. Or 1892...

C. 1892..that's the year I was born.

I. Oh, oh.

C. 1893. I tell you, I heard so many stories, so many things about that. These ol' timers that were here, like Galbraith (spelling) Joe Galbraith. He was the oldest man here and he had about 300 acres here. He fell heir to it and he married a woman who fell heir to it and then he got it. See.

I. Yeah

C. He used to tell me that when the railroad went through here, I think, it was about 1885, that anyway, the Smocks had a big house, near in Sherwood, right near, where the old station was. Do you know where the old station was?

I. The one that's there now?

C. The old one, it's still there.

I. Yeah.

C. Well, they were just across the street from that, on that corner. It was a big two story house. When the train went through the freight train...they'd always stop and eat their meals there. Mrs. Smock would feed them.

I. Oh, I see.

C. They paid for them, I guess and she had a son, Lee Smock was his name. I remember the day he got killed. He was the brakeman on a freight train and he got killed up at White community (spelling?). That's up the valley there. And I was just a little kid, but some of the older boys, Galbraith and Bret (?) Driscoll, we went up to see him when they brought him in. And there was an undertaker there in Sherwood, name of Iman at the time. That was his last name and he started to take care of him and then Smocks didn't like it or something and they took him to Oregon City. They had the funeral from Oregon City. And that was about in the turn of the century. I can't think exactly the year but I think it must have been about in 1904, about 1904. Anyway, after that, Mrs. Smock she didn't care to have them stop there cause it made her feel bad, her son...Anyway there was one of the brakeman there, that used to stop there too and his name was Charlie Sherwood.

I. Well, I'll be darned.

C. Now that's what Len Galbraith(spelling) used to tell me. He used to tell me that. I don't remember that, I was prettysmall and didn't go into Sherwood much in those days. But he was up there every day, he was quite a drinker and in the saloons all the time and places like that. Anyway, everytime he'd come to Sherwood He'd get on a drunk, the brakeman. So they named it Sherwood, after him, he says. Now I don't know if that's so or not. I don't know that.

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I. Okay. Now my parents, my grandparents spoke a sort of odd language. It was a mixture of English and German. Do you remember anything at all about how you spoke to your parents? What language you used--did you speak Italian, English?

C. Yeah, I can still speak Italian, just as good as English and I can read and write it.

I. Uhuh.

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C. Yeah, I'm the only one in the family that can.

I. Oh yeah?

C. Yeah.

I. Do you have something you'd like to say in Italian, do you have a poem or something? A little story that you could tell or used to hear?

C. Can't think of one now. They wouldn't understand it anyway.

I. Oh, that's alright. I like the language, it's an interesting language. Maybe it's because the words are easy to rhyme.

C. Well, that and Spanish are quite a bit alike. I can understand to read Spanish pretty good.

I. You understand Spanish and...

C. Now I can read it good...make it out...there's not much different than Italian. That is the Mexican language is a little bit--not quite like Spanish.

I. Did you know people who spoke the real Spanish?

C. Oh yes, I have.

I. Here in this area.

C. No, no. I met some of them in Portland, I guess. There used to be a lot of Italian families here. Then on the old Italian families there was (my Italian is not very good so please forgive the spelling) Padiisce, Locus Padiisco and then there was Billy Barellico and Joe Gacario. They're all old timers and they've been gone from here since 1907. Brasico had,,,

I. They were out before you came?

C. No, they came just a little bit after. But then there was Davey Regitto and he cleared most of this swampland down here and farmed it...raised onions. He was considered the onion king. And then, this was about the only place they raised onions here, and Beaverton. Hou've heard Beaverton?

I. Oh yeah.

C. And I don't think you ever heard of F----that's down by Progress. There's some onion land in there. We're the first to raise onions in those places. And then this guy, Rippetto, moved out of here in 1909, went over to Beaverton and he died over there.

I. Un huh..

C. And, there were quite a few other Italian here too...

I. Could you understand each other. Would you call it a colony that came out together?

C. No, you know the Italian language is a funny language. Every little town has a different talk. I think the Germans are quite the same.

I. Yeah.

C. I can understand nearly all of them. I worked around them so much.

I. Heah, it can be a real problem.

C. I know a lot of people can't understand them. I can understand nearly all but I can't understand the South Italians very good. The Scilians. You've heard of them. I can't understand them very good. I don't care too much about it. I don't care for that Mafia gang.

I. Kinda good to stay away from.(laughter)

C. Yeah. Outside of that I always figured they were good, honest, people. I didn't descend from them.

I. There's a lot written about it now. It's different, the people are different because they're always fighting with each other.

C. Yeah, yeah.

I. The things they call each other just can't be translated. It's sort of an art form..or something. I don't know, it's just something they do. I don't know.

C. I don't think all those Scilians are bad people as far as that goes. But they have a pretty bad reputation with that black hand as they ..market call it.

I. But that was sort of a protection for those Italian immigrants--that was why that was started.

C. Well, this place down here is called Cipole you've heard of that.

I. Is that the way you pronounce the word"

C. The right way is Chi pullah

I. Chi pull ah.

C. Chi pull ah and that used to be called Sand Pit..the station there..known as Sand Pit. Then in about 1902--1901, they chanded it to Cipole. This Regita lived right by the railroad station there and he had sent to Italy to have his wife come over here and his daughter and he wanted to change the name to Rosa, Santa Rosa, because his daughters name was Rosie, see? They didn't have much use for him for some reason and the train crew he was talking to them all the time and they wanted to know how you pronounce onion in Italian cause they were shipping so many onions out of there everyday. And he told them so they said they'd name it that.

I. So the railroad gave it the name.

C. Yeah, they did--they named it Cipole. And it's been by that name all the time. It's just like Smocksville--I could tell you a little bit about the school that used to be up here on the hill. Ever hear about that?

I. No, it was Yale or what do you call that?

C. They called it Yale College.

I. Yale College. It was supposed to have a pretty good reputation.

C. Yeah.

I. Yeah, I would like to know about that. Ah, oh, all I've seen is the name and the history and that is it.

C. Well, it sat right there where Dick Germans house sits now. (spelling)

I. Oh.

C. There's where it was and that was Sherwood and Cipole school combined. One school for the two districts and--

I. And you went there?

C. What?

I. Did you go there?

C. No, no, they built there in 1892, the year I was born, they split the district. Built one school in Sherwood and one down here on my place. Right now, yet..

I. There's a building there..

C. Yeah, It's pretty well rotted down though..

I. You can't see it from the road.

C. Yeah you can. It's right up near the railroad tracks on my place. I bought that in 1926. I bought that and I left it standing there until I brought it down.. and anyway it up here it's interesting this here school, I have some records of it that I got when I bought that school down there on..there were a lot of the records transfered from there and brought them down there and I took them and I think I have a register or two.

I. So the records arrived with the building, huh?

C. Yeah and there was as high as 65 or 70 went to that one room school in them days. and the way..

I. Oh, yeah.

C. Only had one grade..un up to the eighth grade and they only had on teacher. Done it all for \$30.00 a month.

I. Yeah.

C. That's all she got. It tells all about it. And the way they did the teacher..one week I'd take them and board them and the next week they'd go to your place and board for a week and that's the way they did it.

I. How long would the teachers stay around?

C. I don't know, but the way it looks to me, they had a different teacher every two or three years.

I. Yeah, I remember my uncle Raymond telling about the parochial school that was seen by the church and he told that there were grown men coming in as eighth graders. You know they never had the time to learn to read or anything. You know that could have been an exaggeration, but some of those kids were a lot bigger than...and if they didn't like the teacher.,,

C. Oh yeah. I went to school up here. That's the only school I went fo up there and there were kids coming to school there that were 20 or 21 years old. and that's the truth.

I. And they had grades?

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C. Grades?

I. Yeah, 1st, 2nd grade.

C. Oh yeah, yeah. They went by readers. They didn't call them grades.

I. Oh, I,,

C. You were in the 1st reader. I was in the 2nd reader, 4th reader, 5th reader. That's the way they did it in those days.

I. But you never went to school out here?

C. Not up here, no. But I did over here.

I. Oh at this other one.

C. No,huh

I. You owned the house.

C. Un huh.

I. Now, let's see. You went to school. What year then.. You went to school one year then...you started out in the 1st reader

C. Yeah, yeah, I started school when I was 5 years old.

I. Yeah, that's about right. That's the way they do it now.

C. Well, kindergarten..

I. Yeah

C. But they didn't have any kindergarten then. No, I had a hard,,though, when I started school,, I couldn't say a word of English. You see, my folks spoke Italian.

I. Yeah.

C. I didn't know one word of English and oh, the boys used to tease me. But it didn't take me long...

I. How many kids were like you..how many other kids didn't speak. What was their language...English? Was the teacher,,did the teacher know any other language but English?

C. Yeah, that's all the teacher knew. By then some of them could speak German. I don't know now..they never did that I know of

I. You didn't know other kids in the school that spoke German? Or Italian? Did you know other kids that spoke Italian?

C. Not right then when I started. But four or five years later, there was one boy that came from Italy there. And boy, he had a time too. And he was about 14 of 15 years old.

I. Oh.

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C. Oh, we had a lot of fun with him.

I. But you could talk to him.

C. Oh, yeah, I could talk to him.

I. Yeah, they always speak of the German settlement, but never speak of the Italians here. And I think that's a story that could be told.

C. So, I guess we're the only Italian family around here.

I. You're the only one left?

C. Yeah, (laughter)

I. It's kinda unusual these days to have all three generations living all on the same place. It seems like it must be kinda nice to have everybody so close.

C. Yes, we're all pretty close together. One of my sisters lives in Sherwood. Maybe you knew her. They had the store at Six Corners, Riser?

I. Oh yeah.

C. That's my sister. Her husband died last year.

I. Oh, he did?

C. Yeah. A year ago this December.

I. Didn't he have a son or so that died in a car accident?

C. Not that..ohthat was his grandson. Bobby, Bobby Riser..down there.

I. I remember the Riser store real well cause they had the TV set up there and theykept it going all the time.

C. Un huh.

I. I used to stand there and watch the TV set. Dad would be checking the groceries out and he'd tap me on the shoulder..ah..There was something else I was going to ahh swanp had to be cleared. What did the swamp look like?

C. Well...

I. What about wild, wild life. Was there anything like that?

C. Yeah, do you know what buck brush is?

I. No.

C. Don't get very tall and it grows awfully thin. It had a lot of Buck brush on it and willow trees and ash trees mostly and a few cedar trees and like...

I. Cedar trees?

C. Yeah, but most of it was cleared when I can remember. But there was some to clear yet. I know my

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father cleared some of it.

I. If you went out and looked out in that direction, maybe 60 years ago..what would it look like out there?

C. You couldn't see the highway.

I. You couldn't see the highway.

C. No, all trees and brush.

I. All trees.

C. When me and my wife moved down here, that was in 1926, No, it was in '26 when I bought this place. I bought this place in 1926. Sixty acres I bought at that time and when we got married we moved down here and the only thing we could see here was the blue sky. We couldn't see out there were trees all around us just like that.

Gerda. No, they weren't in the swanp. The swamp was cleared...

C. Oh, yes, the swamp was cleared. I know that, but we couldn't see down to the swamp on account of the trees.

Gerda. Yeah, where our house was..

I. Why don't you come on in here and tell me what happened after you guys got married. When did you get married?

Gerda. Well, I'm in the cookie business right now.

I. In the cookie business...that's not fair.(laughter)

I. Well, you got married. How old were you when you got married?

C. Yeah, well, let's see. We've been married about 40--46 or 47 years...I

I. Did you build this house?

C. Yeah.

I. Oh, you did?

C. Well, I didn't build it myself. I did all the concrete work and all that. I used to do..

Gerda. But we didn't live in this when we got married. We had another new house.

C. I had another new house. I built another one. Me and my brother built another house. It's setting up here on the hill across from Dick Grumans place there. Right across from him that nice little house that sits on there...

Gerda. A white house. Next to Ball sisters

C. Yeah, they moved it up there. I sold it and they moved it up there.

I. Oh, they moved it?

C. -----house

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I. How high has this water ever got around here. Ever worry about the water getting up here to the house?

C. Not his house. No...,but the other house, we got pretty worried one time. We packed, had everything packed to move out, the water came right up to the door but the next day it started to go down. But the highest I've seen it here was in '33 and '34. Both years it came up near my barn down there.

I. Well that's another thing, I've always wondered about. I've heard people saying back in the about 1912, or something like that, they used to take the cows out in April, they said the weather was different. It was warmer. Did you, was that just an unusual year that the river...I remember too, my dad used to sit out there on the porch and watch the thunder clouds going down the Columbia River. There'd be a thunder storm almost every night. The weathers a little different isn't it?

C. It is different, it's quite a bit different. We used to get colder weather here too in the winter time than we have lately. It used to get pretty cold here. In fact, I've seen this here swamp freeze over. People from Portland, they'd come out and skate here on the ice here. Just full of people here skating.

I. That happened in...?

C. Well, it happened here, what was it Gerda, that car got?

I. Oh, yeah, that was just a few years ago...

C. un huh, not very long ago.

Gerda. That wasn't very long ago. Just a couple years ago.

C. Yeah. I walked across the Tualatin River on the ice.

I. I can't imagine that.

C. Yeah, that's the truth and my father told me that before I was born, he used to drive a wagon with horses across the river there in Portland...on the Willamette.

I. I've heard that story.

C. Yeah, and he did that and he had pictures of it. And I think your dad did too, didn't he Gerda?

Gerda. Yes, I think so.

C. Yeah, he hauled brick across there. He was working for a brick yard and he'd deliver bricks and go across on the ice with a load of bricks..yeah, so that's getting pretty cold.

I. Yeah that is and now didn't you say there is a difference then"

C. Yeah, there's a difference. A lot of difference, I think.

I. Yeah, and you had

C. Huh?

I. You had snow every year.

C. Yeah, we used to have, well the last big snow storm we had here, that I remember that was in 1943

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and that year it was pretty deep and stayed quite awhile. But we have now pretty near every year. This year we haven't had hardly any.

I. No, we've had some mixed with rain. This has been unusual for the wind.

C. Yeah, we've had more wind this year than we've had.

I. It's been unusual here, I think. In summer do you recall at all the seasons change that's another question. The summer seems to start earlier and last longer.

C. Well, I don't know that it lasted longer or not but it started earlier in the spring. We could get on the land down here you see that's pretty wet land down here. And we could get on that, I can remember planting onions in March. Now sometimes we can't get in there until May.
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C. In Sherwood---

I. I guess that was really something...

C. Yeah, it wure was...

I. There was a dance hall there.

C. Yeah, up in Langers Grove. That the one you had reference to?

I. No, I didn't know about that one.

C. That was an old, old dance hall there but I never did go to a dance there. But I run the dance hall in Sherwood for 5 years.

I. Oh, you did?

C. Yeah.

I. That was famous for its floor. A beautiful hardwood floor.

C. Yeah. It had palm trees in it. It was a pretty place...and maple floor. Yeah, I run that for 5 years.

I. Oh, you ran it.

C. I didn't own it, I run it for---McConnell.

I. Oh, excuse me, what was his name again?

C. Lawrence McConnell, he was the post master there for 20 some years. There in Sherwood. Yeah, I run the ball club in Sherwood too.

I. Baseball?

C. 5 years of that too.

I. Was it in Sherwood that they sent some of those ballplayers to the major leagues?

C. Not...

I. No?

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C, Not, no..you mean Del Baker?

I. Yeah.

C. Yeah, I knew Del real well.

I. Didn't he play for the Detroit Tigers? Isn't that right?

C. Huh?

I. Didn't he play for the Detroit Tigers?

C. Yeah, he played with Portland. He was with Oakland, played with San Francisco and from here he went to -----Montana to start with. He ended up in Detroit. He was their catcher.

I. Unhuh.

C. For Detroit and he played in the Woeld Series too.

I. Oh, yeah?

C. But he didn't win. But he got to be in the World Series.

I. Now was he the only one that made it that far?

C. Yeah. He had...let me see there was...Bert, Tom and Chick. Chick was as tood a ballplayer as Del,maybe better, but, he didn't have it up here. Didn't have a head. But he was a good ballplayer. He was my catcher when I ran the club up here.

I. Did you play on the team? I've heard of it. It was a pretty good team.

C. Yeah. I had some brothers on the team. Sam and John and let's see,,,I had so many different pitchers. We used to..it was all fenced in, the park was, you know. And there was a nice road there where the cannery is...

I. Where the cannery is?

C. Un huh. On this side right there and then they sold it. I hated to see that go. Was such a nice shady place there. And it was all fenced....a nice board fence around it. And we used to have big crowds. We'd take in as high as \$150.00 every Sunday.

I. Every Sunday?

C. Un huh. And we only charged two bits.

I. Do you remember the players? I remember theree was a Parrott on the team, wasn't there?

C. Eddie Parrott was there.

I. Some of these people seemed like giants. They had mountains named after them.

C. Yeah, Eddie Parrott was a good ball player and a nice, fine, man. Yeah, a nice man. Then there was the ----boys and you've heard of them probably? And then there was the Baker boys. They were good ball players.

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I. And they all lived here.

C. Yeah, most of them up on the hill there. And there was another guy playing on there by the name of Board. Bob Board. He died...he died in 1956. He died young. He was quite a ball player too.

I. Was he the same fellow that had the fruit stand down the road?

C. He was his brother.

I. His brother.

C. Yeah, and let's see who else? Oh, we had so many different ones played there. We were in the Leajues, you know. And we played for the championship for the state two different years. But we didn't win. Only got beat by one score one time and I think 3 or 4 the other, I still have the records.

I. Sherwood never won the state championship?

C. No, we never won it. But we beat the best teams. Some pro teams out of Portland though. Yeah, we beat them. The Port of Portland had the best team one year and we beat them.

I. Oh, some of those kids from...

C. We used to play the Indians from Grand Ronde.

I. Oh, is that right?

C. Yeah.

I. Indians.

C. Yeah, but they wasn't too much.

I. You don't remember too much about Infians? Were there much, there was a lot. I can remember my uncle digging up arrowheads.

C. Oh yeah, we used to get lots of them. Every year from the beaver dam.

I. I wonder why that was. I wonder why there were so many...

C. Why I think there were so many here..where did your brother dig them up at?

I. Over at the creek bottom over there.

C. Unhuh. They always stayed around where there would be ducks...around water, see? That's why they're here. That's why I think, yeah, I found some...

I. There must have been a heck of a lot of Indians.

C. No, I don't remember any Indians around here.

I. You don't remember?

C. I used to see them go through from Grand Ronde from the west, they'd go to Oregon City when the salmon was running. You know.

I. Unhuh.

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C. They'd catch salmon.

I. Over there at Oregon City.

C. Unhuh. They'd go through here on horses and most of the time they'd camp right down here by the Tualatin, about where the cemetery is along the side..

I. Did they dress like a

C. Oh, they'd dress about like we did.

I. Yeah.

C. Yeah, some of them were painted up a little.

I. Is that right?

C. Yeah.

I. What about gypsies? We talked about the Chinese and talked about Indians. What about, do you remember the gypsies?

C. Oh yeah, I remember the gypsies. There used to be lots of them. You had to watch them.

I. I guess they were..anyway...

C. Yeah, they'd steal anything that they could get their hands on.

I. I remember stories about a man who ran a meat market and they'd come in there and want a certain price for something and he'd say "No, that's not enough money." So he'd go out and barter around with some other people and he'd come back and he'd have enough money. They had a talent for that.

C. Yeah.

I. They never camped here that you remember.

C. Oh yeah, they used to camp right up in Langers Grove, they called it.

I. Is that right?

C. That was right there where ah, the service station is. On this side, you know, where that TV outfit is. Right in there, that was a grove of trees there and they used to camp there.

I. Just on a regular---

C. Yeah, they'd stay there sometimes a week. They traveled with wagons and horses in them days.

I. What did the wagons look like?

C. Oh---

I. Ordinary--

C. Yeah, and they had them covered. Some of them, you know--

I. Covered?

C. Yeah, sheltered and then later on they'd travel in cars. And they didn't travel in small ones either. They had Cadillacs. Most of them==

I. Yeah, they still do. In Portland they still have a lot of gypsies. And it seems like they never--ah --they may as well be out walking in the middle of the desert as walking around downtown. A lot of the kids are yelling at the top of their lungs.

C. Yeah.

I. Running the--

C. Yeah.

I. Did you ever run across any --did you ever meet any...

C. Oh yeah. They used to come out here and want to tell you fortune, you know.

I. Oh?

C. Yeah, that was mostly ladies that did that..laughter..

(Tape was very bad from here for quite a ways..)

C. When the brickyard was in Sherwood, Sherwood was quite a town--oh boy, I think they had four or five saloons there in Sherwood---

I. It must have had quite a reputation;;

C. Oh yeah, There was a fight there every Saturday night.

(more bad tape)

C. Yeah they were great guys.

Gerda. Herman?

I. Herman. Yeah. Remember those guys?

C. Oh yeah, I remember them all,

Gerda. Mrs E. Ringwald is George Councilman's daughter and Richard Councilman, do you know him?

I. Yeah, yeah

Gerda. Well, then dad was George Councilman--

I. I guess he was the biggest one of the, Uncle Armand recalls that he had a laugh..that was...

Gerda. He was a big man.

C. I see that guy eat a ham pret near by himself. And he hauled lumber mostly is what he ded with horses, you know...And he'd get to the sa,,have to go the the saloon. And he'd drink a little beer and then he'd go to the butcher shop and he'd get him a great big bunch of hamburger and he'd eat it raw.

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I. Oh, my gosh...laughter...it's a wonder it didn't kill him.

Gerda. Oh, I know somebody that could eat it raw now. Not in this house, but they don't live too far

I. Well, that's not any good for a .

C. Well, beef won't hurt you if you eat it that way, if you like it. I don't like...

I. Oh, is that right?

C. Yeah, but pork could kill you. But anyhow, George Councilman, I gave him a ride from Sherwood, I think it was in 1923. He was up there paying his taxes and he asked me "How I was up there?" And I told him I was up there in my car. "Then I ride home with you," he said. I said alright. So he rode home with me and that night I think he died.

I. Oh.

C. He just dropped dead---heart attack. And John died that way too--heart attack didn't he?

Gerda. Yeah, they found him dead in bed.

C. Yeah, you know where Bennys place was?

I. I was wondering where the mill was?

C. The mill was just below there.

Gerda. About a quarter of a mile.

C. Down there, further down that road.

Gerda. We used to go there when we were kids. They had the mill pond down there yet and they had an old log was just a half a log. And it was in the mill pond and we used to go down there and ride on that log--pull it around like a boat in the mill pond.

I. A mill pond?

Gerda. Yeah.

I. It was on a creek then?

C. Yeah, the water came from a creek into it. They used to put out good lumber--awful green

I. I ah..there was Mrs. McKennons, who was an in law of theirs.. who brought me some old pictures of Russia. I don't have them now. They had some pictures of some old lumber piled up there. They had the whold work crew. You might have even known some of the people in thet picture.

Gerda. My mother used to help cook in that cookhouse when that mill was in operation.

I. That was sort of a little one room shack wasn't it?

Gerda. No, the cook house was quite a bit bigger, maybe they only had one room inside but it wasn't really amall.

C. It was built out of 1 x 12's I know.

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Gerda. Yeah.

I. Oh my gosh. That's incredible. Cause you know after building these, these, helping my dad build that house, you know..1 x 12's straight grain. You can't buy lumber like that now..

C. No.

I. Anything with a knot in it they just threw it out.

C. In them days, yeah, but now they take most anything.

Pause--Pause

C. And they used to sell it for 10c a cord standing. People would cut to make wood out of it. 10c a cord.

I. 10c a cord.

C. Yeah, the boys used to tell me that.

I. Did you ever count rings on the trees?

C. Yeah.

I. How far back did you get? Do you remember? You could get back to close to 700 years on some of those...

C. I don't remember. That big tree of ours that I cut down, that the wind broke the top of it... It was about 7 feet through. That was a big one. The biggest one that was on the place.

I. Seven feet..from one side to the other?

C. Right across it. You know like this.

I. You mean if I laid down next to it there'd still be one foot taller than I'd be? A foot taller than me?

C. Yeah, yeah..I've seen one 12 feet across. Right down here at Tualatin. But it was broken off. The wind had broken it was so old. I don't know if it stands there any more or not. It was on Martinazzi's place. He was an Italian too. Martinazzi. It stood, it was on his place. He was an old timer here and

I. They cut that all down with hand saws--

C. Un huh, yeah.

I. Did you ever do that?

C. Oh, did I?

I. Lots of times?

C. Oh, yeah

Pause pause

I. I suppose you were...were you ever affected by the depression? Do you remember anything unusual about that?

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Gerda. Yeah, we made good money.

I. Oh?

C. That's right we did. Yeah, it just happened the onions was a good business that year.

I. The depression...

C. Didn't bother us a bit. Everybody made good money off the onions that year.

Gerda. Some years we didn't..

C. Oh yeah, some years we didn't have it so good. Oh, I can't complain, onions have been very good to me. I can say that much. I wasn't in it like my boy is. He had over 100 car loads this year, I guess.

I. Did they all go to Portland?

C. No, a lot of it went to Japan.

I. Oh, that's right..

C. He shipped lots over there. How many? About 40 or 50 car loads, didn't he?

Gerda. Oh, I don't know how many car loads.

C. She knows more than I cause she's been working up there.

Gerda. I think he shipped between 50 and 60 thousand..

I. Oh my gosh..

C. Yeah, then he shipped lots to Portland and California, Chicago and New York, Pennsylvannia. Oh he's got quite an outfit up there.

I. What about?

C. Yeah, that income tax is quite a thing alright. But you got to do it. But if you're paying income tax then you're making a little money. If you didn't have to pay income tax then you wouldn't be making any money either. You know what I mean? If you have to pay income tax, then you have something left for yourself too.

I. Yeah.

C. You understand whai I mean don't you?

I. But if you didn't pay income tax..

C. Then you're not making anything

I. Oh, I see. OK.

More pause---

I. Oh, I was wondering if you could go back to where you were 10 years old...what differences would you see? If somebody told you you'd be able to fly through the air in an airplane, would you believe it?

C. They used to talk about it in them days already. That they'd be flying in those flying machines they called them.

I. No airplanes--idea that there'd be someone walking on the moon.

C. No, I never realized that. I never could have believed that. But it happened.

I. Yeah.

More pauses---

I. Very rocky. It's unusual to see alot of rock around this country.

C. Well, I'll tell you, the rock starts here on my place, down here. There's no rock down here in , you can't find a one at the beaver dam. Starts here and goes to Wilsonville. The rock goes clear over to Wilsoncille. There's just a strip through there.

I. Is that right?

C. Now you take from here you go up on my other place, there's 100 acres between my place, this place and my other place up there and up there it's all sand. You can make concrete with it.

I. Is that right?

C. Plaster houses with it. yeah. This here is well, I've got an irrigation well out here...one of the best in the country, I guess. They put a test on that and they ran it for 85 hours day and night without stopping and it's only 144 feet deep. And that there well in that time pumped out 480 gals a minute for 85 hours and then they had 40 foot of water yet to go.

I. Oh, gee, that's a well.

C. Yeah, and we irrigate all the land with it from down here. I've got a big spring down here...

I. when was that well dug? Was it dug during a dry year?

C. No, it was dug in '60 something..

Gerda. I think it was dug in '68.

C. In '68, I think, yeah..

I. What time do you eat? Am I getting in on your//

C. No,

Gerda. When you get old, you don't need much feed.

I. Well.. that's the advantage of getting old.

Gerda, Well. I don't know about that..laughter..pause

C. For different farmers

I. . They're pretty good aren't they?

C. They took the prize at the St. Louis fair.

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I. Oh, I suppose a lot of the buildings in Portland are made with those bricks aren't they?

C. Yeah, that house that I got up above there, the basement is all made out of Sherwood brick. It's got a basement under it and it's all made out of brick...and the fireplaces and all that. No, they made good bricks up there.

C. Then the Garnener brothers, they made cigars, up there. You know where the cleaning place is there in Sherwood?

I. Yeah.

C. There was a two story building there at that time and there was a saloon there underneath it and up about they had their cigar shop. Up in there where they made cigars. And quite a few of the boys from around here worked in the cigar trade around here.

I. Is that right? a lot of industry up here. I guess it was just cheaper for them to get the raw material and make the cigars here.

C. Yeah, and from there they moved to Portland and they had a cigar shop in Portland there on first and Madison, I think it was. And had a saloon downthere. The Gardeners, I think they were German boys and I knew one of them boys, Eddie Gardener.

Pause---

I. Livery stable.

C. The livery stable was right there where the barber shop is now. It was a great big building. That was the livery stable. And all those drummers that came out here, you know what a drummer is? They called them drummers..they used to go around, call around.

Gerda. Kinda salesmen..

C. They'd always stop there and hire a livery team to haul them different places. Lide to Schools..where there was no railroad, you know.-----run that livery stable in those days and it was a big building and then I could start right down there where Dr. Sailor, did your dad ever talk about Dr. Sailor?

I. No, a real doctor?

C. Yeah, a real doctor, but he wasn't too much of a doctor..

Gerda. Say, don't say anything. It's all getting around...

Laughter---

I. Well, the mans dead so you know-----

There was some conversation that I didn't get and then the tape ran a long, long time with nothing on it. I think there was something wrong with the tape as several places there would be long pauses. (D.J. transcriber)

End of side 2.