

# CONNECTICUT 20TH CENTURY AGRICULTURAL HISTORY PROJECT

## ORAL HISTORIES

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Q: We are here interviewing Ruth Borden at Lake Wauramaug. Ruth, thank you very, very much for agreeing to talk to me. This is to contribute to an oral history about Connecticut's agriculture and you have lived it. So, thank you. Let's start with you telling me where you were born.

A: Where I was born? I was born in Brooklyn, New York.

Q: And how did you end up in Connecticut?

A: We moved to Washington (CT) when I was a baby. My mother's family lived there. I married Bill Hopkins in '35, that's all. I met him at a dance years ago and...and we went together for several years. Then we finally got married.

Q: He was a native of this part of the State?

A: Oh, yes. He was a native of Warren.

Q: When you went to school here, what was school like?

A: I went to school in Washington. It was just a rural school. I went from the grammar school to the high school and that was it.

Q: How many people were in your school?

A: There was nine in my class that finally graduated. It started with many more but it

ended up with just nine. There were two boys and seven girls.

Q: When did you graduate?

A: '28.

Q You lived through part of World War I when you were a child?

A: Yes, I did.

Q: Do you remember much about that?

A: No, I remember...yes, I do. I remember that my grandmother taught me how to knit when I was a little girl. I used to make squares, you know? They made squares for afghans.

Q: And then someone put them together and sewed them up?

A: Yes. And...and I remember I had an uncle who was in the service. He came home and I met him on the sidewalk as I was going in...I was going into town to do an errand for my grandmother.

Q: How did you get back and forth into town?

A: Oh, I walked.

Q: How far was it?

A: Well, it was just over the bridge, that was all. If you know Washington, there was a great big bridge in the...in the village. We lived over the bridge. I didn't live in town but I lived over the bridge on the...on the green hill going up.

Q: Was it a farm at that time?

A: Oh, no. No, we weren't farmers.

Q: When did your family become farmers? When did...

A: Oh, ...when I married Bill. He wasn't really very much of a farmer then but then he, well, let's see. When, we were married, he had a few cows. Then he developed Guernseys and he went on from there. Then he decided that the Guernseys weren't good

Enough, I mean, they didn't make enough milk, so he changed to Holsteins We had a barn down there.

Q: How did you make the transition from being...did you become a typical a farm wife?

A: Oh, sure.

Q: What kinds of things did you do?

A: I didn't do anything. It just...just was natural for me to enter into this life that's all. When I came back from our honeymoon, I lived with Mrs. Hopkins. She was here, too.

She had bought a house in New Preston and she was going to move into that later after...after the season was over. You see, we had a hotel here too.

Q: Oh. Tell me about it.

A: We...we had guests that came at May 31 and stayed until October 12. Then, he had his sister who came up and helped. You see, they ran the Sachem Inn when Bill's father was living. But, then he had died. So his mother carried it on. She did most of the cooking but when I came here they had a chef. They...and we had high school girls or college girls that worked in the dining room. We served about twenty-five to thirty people.

Q: Every day during the season?

A: Yeah, during the season from May 31 to October 12. And then when I had the babies, when Bill was born, they decided that May 31 was too early to start. So, they started sometime in...well, maybe the end of May or June. I don't remember the...the date now. I can look it up but I don't remember.

Q: Did you have the same people come back most years?

A: Yes, the same people came back every year.

Q: And did they stay for like, a couple of weeks or the whole season?

A: Yeah, they stayed for a couple of weeks and some people stayed all summer. School teachers stayed all summer.

Q: Where did they come from? Do you remember?

A: Oh, they came from New York or New Jersey.

- Q: Hmm, that's interesting. Did...the Sachem Inn then, ...what kind of food came from the rest of the property for it to help at the Inn. Did they raise food?
- A: Well, you see we had these three cottages that we rented in the summertime to people. I don't know...you're asking me an awful lot. I used to help with everything. I helped with everything so...
- Q: What kinds of things did you do?
- A: Well I...if they were cleaning the house I had to help them. And sometimes mother wasn't feeling well and...and her daughter, Louise Averill, came up. She...they moved up, she and her husband. They had no children but they moved up when the Inn opened. I mean, with the guests and all. So she helped in the office and I did, too.
- Q: So you had quite a variety of jobs?
- A: Yes, I did. But we had a hired man, you know. When I...I was here alone in the...in the wintertime. That was after Mrs. Hopkins left to go to her new house in New Preston.
- Q: I see. Do you remember, did the hired men come from around this area, too?
- A: Yes, they did.
- Q: Did they live in the other extra houses?
- A: No...not...no. No, they lived out back, there. We have a house out back but our granddaughter lives in that now.
- Q: When did they stop having the Herefords? The cows? How long did they have the cows?
- A: Oh, I don't know. Bill has been in the winery business about twenty years. Didn't he...did he tell you how? Did he say that?
- Q: Yes, yes he did. He talked about that.
- A: Well, I'm...I'm not sure about that but I think...that was when he changed.
- Q: He said you used to help with a lot of the cooking with the hired men. You did a lot of the cooking.
- A: Oh, yes. I...I really hated that job. But I had a hired man and I...I...I cooked. He...he lived with us so, that was it.

- Q: Now during the other seasons, were there more people that you cooked for also?
- A: No. I just cooked for the family...for my family, my boys and the hired man. That was just in the wintertime. I mean, from...from October to well, May or June.
- Q: Whenever it opened. (Yes, um hmm.) And so after that then you were able to use the facilities of the Inn.
- A: Yes, and then I had a ch...we had a chef and I didn't have to do the cooking.
- Q: Where did the chef usually come from?
- A: Well, he worked at a school in...the **Forman** School in Litchfield and he came here in the summer.
- Q: Oh, that's a nice...nice thing. So he came back for a number of years and stayed on?
- A: Yes, yeah.
- Q: And did the number of people who stayed at the Inn, did that increase as time went on?  
The number of guests that you had?
- A: Oh sure. We had a few new ones every year but we had a lot of the old ones every year, too.
- Q: Do you remember anything else about...do you remember the hurricane of '38? (Yes.)  
What do you remember about it?
- A: Well, that wasn't the year that we had the flood, that was in '55. (That's okay.) We didn't have very much of a hurricane here. (Okay.) It was more on the shore. (All right.) As I remember we had some...some of the things...
- Q: It hit the eastern part of the State, too.
- A: The '38. Now you see, when was that? In...in May wasn't it?
- Q: One of them was in October. I don't know if it was the flood or the hurricane.
- A: No, no. We had one in May that was just before we were getting ready to open up. We owned all these cottages and...and the big house down there which is the Taylor place. It was then but it's...it's been sold now to a...a family by the name of **Rohan**. Well, we had a terrible summer that...It just was in this section. It wasn't a...it was like a tornado that lifted up the roof when...off the ell and the water ran right down the stairs. It was just awful.

Q: Oh my.

A: We were just ready to open up, which was maddening because we had to do the curtains all over and everything. The rain came in and it was just a mess.

Q: And they had to replace the roof? (Yeah.) Or just...did it fly off of just lift and go back down? (Pardon.) Did the roof lift and go back down or did it fly off?

A: It was an ell, this was a big ell here and we've torn that down. But it lifted up and we had to have it repaired.

Q: So that would have been, you think, in the '38 era? (Yeah.) What do you remember about the flood in '55?

A: Well, we were just shut off here. The bridge was gone, down here. I had a few guests in the house. Well then, Bill had died, you see? He...he died at an early age of forty-seven. (Son) Bill had gone on a fishing trip with his Aunt Louise up in the Adirondacks and I was left to.... I had the hired man and he lived in the house out back. I had a young boy here to help and Stevie helped too, my younger son. We couldn't get the cows in. We were having a terrible time. They were way up there and they were bellowing and carrying on. We had a brook that went down there and they couldn't get across. So we had to bring them up Curtis Road and then on down. You see, the cows...their bladder...their bags were full and that's why they were uncomfortable.

Q: You would have had to go out to the field to milk them, otherwise...?

A: No, no. We didn't. We brought them down that way. And it was hard. We had to keep them in...in our barn or in the yard outside.

Q: Was milking done by hand?

A: No. We had...had machines then. You see, then we moved up to the upper barn. That's where we had the cows, then...where the winery is, now. (Yes, okay.) In the lower part we had the barn. That was quite dilapidated. Then we fixed it up. The foundation was there and it was good structure so...

Q: So that's basically a new structure on the old foundation?

A: Yeah.. It...it's...we kept most of it. The upstairs was all right.

Q: When you were raising your children, did you see any different kinds of changes in keeping house and doing things?

A: I don't think so. I...I don't...it was...it was a...a relief to get rid of the summer guests and...and to be in our own...on our own in the wintertime. It was kind of a pleasure. But I...I didn't mind the guests. I didn't mind that at all. In fact, I miss it now ....but I can't do it now.

Q: Do you remember when electricity came into this part of...of the valley?

A: No. I don't remember. No. I...I...let's see. They had it long before I came here.

Q: I've been talking to people in the other part of the State and they didn't get it until 1937 or 38 up in the eastern, northeastern part of the State.

A: Well, we had it earlier than that and I can look it up.

Q: That's all right we...we can talk about it later.

A: I have some old things that I've kept, from years ago and...and I think it tells in there when they had electricity. It was about, I would say about '29. I don't know why that sticks in my head but it's something like that.

Q: How did you do your laundry back then?

A: Well, I sent it out when I first married 'cause they had no way...no washing machine. We shut off that area that we didn't use in the summertime. But then we got a machine and then I did the laundry and the hired man's laundry, also.

Q: So you had a well that...that you shut off at the time? (Yeah.)

A: Well, we didn't have a well, no. We had a...a...a spring that furnished all these cottages and our house.

Q: Was there ever a time when this spring didn't run sufficiently to give you enough water?

A: Well, yes. And then they b...then we built a...We had a spring in the wintertime and in the summertime when the water went dry, we had the well out back. We had a great big tank in the basement. It filled to supply the guests, you see? We had that going...that...it run by a pump.

Q: And what heated the water?

A: We had a coal...a coal...a coal stove in the basement that heated the water.

Q: Do you remember when it was changed from coal to...to oil?

A: It...it changed when we...when Bill died. We didn't take guests anymore.

Q: Oh, I see.

A: Except, I took people in that used to come here, occasionally in the Hotel. They used to eat in the other hotels around here. Like the Boulders and the Lakeview...the Inn. what's it called.

Q: At Lake Wauramaug?

A: Yeah.

Q: So when Bill was alive, Bill, Sr., he...he managed the dairy herd and he managed the hotel?

A: Yes, after his mother died. He and his sister ran the Hotel.

Q: And she's now an Averill?

A: Oh, she's dead now.

Q: But she married an Averill?

A: She married an Averill.

Q: What are the kinds of things that were grown here in your gardens when you had the Inn?

A: Well, we raised alfalfa to ..we had to get hay in for the cows. And, we had a vegetable garden in the summertime for the Hotel. We planted everything in vegetables there was. We used that in the Hotel. I don't...I don't know what you want to know about the garden or anything but it was a beautiful garden. We had...had a...had it out back there and it was just wonderful. We got everything, in fact, I...we had so much that I let the Warren School had it. We canned all that stuff years ago for the Warren School and they used it in the wintertime.

Q: What can you tell us about canning? Talk to me about canning.

A: Well, I didn't can anything in the Hotel here 'cause we had too much to do in the summertime. But we...I bought...I brought the stuff and they canned it...

Q: At the school?

A: For the school. It was done...well, I don't want to get another hotel into this but Mrs. Franklin had a whole lot of canning done down at her house. She ran the PinnacleValley and I don't want to get into that because it gets in...

Q: So the produce was gathered here and someone else took it to the school?

A: Yes.

Q: What were your neighbors like?

A: I didn't have any neighbors except Aunt Harriet. Then she married and moved away so I didn't have any neighbors in the wintertime.

Q: What did you do with your time?

A: Oh, I had the things with the family and things that I belonged to in town. I kept busy doing that. I had dinner parties and things of that sort.

Q: Were you active in town in organizations?

A: Yes. I was a President of the PTA at one time and I don't remember anything else that I was...I was Assistant Town Clerk for several years. That was about...oh, I did that for ten years.

Q: Did you ever get involved in politics?

A: No. No. I was a Republican and belonged to the Town Republic Committee but I was never in any...any active part of it.

Q: What do you remember about where you went shopping? You said you went into town to get things. What kind of shopping did you need to do in...in town?

A: Oh, I did grocery shopping in the village but now that's all gone, you see? Now I have to go down to Northville to shop when I want my groceries. We shopped right in the village. New Preston. That was the nearest to us. Sometimes I shopped up in Warren to the Warren store.

Q: What were the stores like?

A: They were grocery stores and meat.

Q: Yeah, but different than today's stores?

A: Sure.

Q: Talk about how they were different. How were the stores then different...?

A: I don't know. They had a meat department in the back of the store and...and groceries in the front. I don't know any different.

Q: Your son said that they used to deliver out here for you, sometimes.

A: Yes, they delivered. The Warren store delivered to us. They...we had chickens and I had eggs that I had to clean off and .or...or sort them out and the Warren store took them. (Um hmm.) When they came here. We had so many that we didn't know what to do with them.

Q: How many chickens do you think you had?

A: I don't remember the number of chickens we had. We didn't have very many, I don't think, but we got so many eggs that we couldn't cope with it. So the Warren store took them in exchange for our groceries. That's all.

Q: Did you ever make butter?

- A: Yes, I made it for my...our...our...mother used to make it. Mother Hopkins used to make it for the Hotel but then they stopped that. I made it once in a while for our family.
- Q: Um hmm. Did...did they ever trade butter for groceries?
- A: No. Not that I know of.
- Q: Okay, eggs for groceries. What do you remember about the prices of things?
- A: Well, they're a lot less than they are now, that's right. (Laughter)
- Q: Do you remember what some of the prices might have been back when you were running the house?
- A: Well, we had a guest in the summertime. We had a roast beef every day, for a choice, so you can imagine what the price was.
- Q: Oh, what? Yeah.
- A: But ...it was comprable to things that we had. So it was...it was...well, I can't think of the word that I want, but anyway...
- Q: What other kinds of things did you have on your menu for meals at the hotel?
- A: Well, we had a choice of meat and we had vegetables and potatoes that went with the stuff. We served our dinner in ...in the middle of the day at one o'clock. Then we served...at night we served a light dinner but I would say it was good enough to be a dinner, that's what. But, breakfast was everything, pancakes and eggs and stuff like that.
- Q: The light meal at night, what kinds of things would be served then?
- A: Well, we had salads like chicken salad at night and oh, I can't think of anything.
- Q: That's okay. That's all right. Your life was then very different between the summer and the winter.
- A: Yes, it was.
- Q: So being here alone would you say it was almost a relief after all the work of the summer?
- A: Yes, it was.

- Q: It gave you some time. (Um hmm.) What was it like raising you family being out away from town?
- A: Well we just did it. The boys took it in their stride. I mean, they didn't care. They played out with other kids and they went swimming. It didn't make any difference to the boys. When they were little babies, I had to stop and feed them and so forth and so on. But...but when they were grown boys then they could do anything. They could help their father or do something like that.
- Q: Um hmm. What are some of the biggest changes you remember in your lifetime?
- A: Oh, I don't know...when I got married I guess. I had a secretarial job and I worked for an old lady who...I served as her social secretary. So when I came up here, it was entirely different.
- Q: How did you get the job as her social secretary? That must have been very interesting.
- A: Oh, I went to it from high school. I didn't go to college.
- Q: And how had you met her?
- A: Well, she was an old lady in town. I mean, she didn't come to town or anything. She was an old lady that...she couldn't see very well. She had been a teacher and I just worked in the mornings, that was all.
- Q: And how did she find you or how did you find her?
- A: Oh, I don't remember.
- Q: That's all right
- A: She lived at **BrownLyn** Inn which is...which doesn't exist anymore. That's been torn down. I would just go to work every morning. That was it.
- Q: And what kinds of things did you do for her?
- A: She wrote a lot of letters and she was interested in...in the town. She kept records of the...she'd write to...little articles about the history of the town.
- Q: For the newspaper?
- A: No, no. She put it...to put in a library or the town...or the town...where?
- Q: The Historical Society? Was there a Historical Society?

- A: Yes, but there wasn't any Historical Society that I knew of at that time. She put things in...in the town office.
- Q: That must have been very interesting.
- A: Oh, I used to know a lot about the people in...I know a lot about the history of Washington.
- Q: So then, tell me again, I forgot. How long did you work with her.
- A: Oh, I don't remember. I worked for several years then she...and then I got married and she...Bill didn't want me to work so she took...she had got somebody else and then she finally died. She was an old lady. She was a maiden lady.
- Q: What other kinds of changes do you remember as either a married wife and mother...things that happened. Do you remember World War II?
- A: Oh, sure.
- Q: What do you remember? How did that affect your family?
- A: Well, Bill was in farming so he wasn't called to serve. And I don't remember, I don't know what they were called, but we were...oh, I can't think of the word.
- Q: Rationing. It wasn't rationing.
- A: Yes, it was rationing and we had to be careful. It was hard with the Hotel, you see? But we...we managed all right. And of course, in the wintertime I had the hired man and he was allowed certain stamps.
- Q: Did you have air raids and things here? You didn't have air raids?
- A: No. We had...we had to...(chuckles) my husband used to go out with the State Troopers at night. It was just silly, if you ask me. Didn't amount to a hill of beans....I know what we had to do, we had to go to the tower in Warren to look for airplanes.
- Q: Oh, okay.
- A: And I didn't want to hire a sitter to go so I went in the night time. I took the hours from, I think it was two hours or...from ten to twelve at night.
- Q: Okay.  
(Tape interruption.)  
They taught you? The Civil Defense or the Troopers taught you?

- A: No. Nobody told you. You just had to...if we...if there was anything that went over we had to report it. That was all. And we never had...very seldom had anything go over.  
(Laughter)
- Q: Who...who...how were you supposed to report it? Did...
- A: In the telephone. We had a telephone in the building. (Okay.) And I...I went with Mrs. Franklin down the road. And she...she and I...sometimes I think I was alone up there when she couldn't make it or something.
- Q: Your telephone, did you have a party line?
- A: Oh, no.
- Q: You had a private line?
- A: Yes, we had a private line.
- Q: I keep thinking back to things that people have told me...
- A: No, ...at first we had a party line. That was, yeah, we had a party line. Then we had we were on a...a separate line after that. But I don't remember the years or anything.
- Q: Um hmm. Are there people in town you remember especially, by any chance? Any old friends that you had in town?
- A: Yes. Some of them have moved away. I remember Marge Regner, she's still living. But she isn't...she has trouble walking but otherwise she's alive and kicking. She...I worked a lot with Marge. I helped her with the Historical Society that they've had, now. The man that was head of it died so it was left to me. She works with me on that because she gets all the people that have things to give to the town. They all...they don't know me somehow or other since I've married. I've been married three times and they don't...they don't...They put things in the town hall. We have the academy up there where we keep our stuff. It's very small and we have a few things that are interesting in the thing.
- Q: And this is the history of this area. Of Warren, and Washington?
- A: Not Washington, just Warren...Warren.
- Q: Warren. You say you've been married three times. And you mentioned before that you were in Florida for a while. How did you meet your second husband?
- A: Well, he lived down the h...he lived just down the hill. His wife died and...and we just

- got married. That was four years after my husband died.
- Q: And then did you...did you move down to his house?
- A: Yes, I moved down there but I kept this house going. then we decided too that we were going to move down. Would you like to see how it looked?
- Q: I will in a minute. After...
- A: We decided to...we'd do it. We worked at that and got it all fixed up. Then we moved in here and he...I don't want to tell you what happened but...'cause he couldn't stand the smell of the barn. I mean, you know what grass silage smells like? Well, that just got him, he couldn't stand it so we moved back to his house. He died there. And then I married Lambert Borden. He's in the Borden family, you know?
- Q: I...I have heard about them that...that condensed milk started here with the Borden family.
- A: Yes, the Borden's.
- Q: So he was part of that fam...?
- A: Yes. He was a great...he was a grandson of that family.
- Q: And how had you met him?
- A: Well, I went to a party after...by myself and I met him there at the party. So, he called me and asked me if I'd like to go out and I didn't feel like going out 'cause Graham had just died and I wasn't interested. So then, I invited him up here to my house, that September and that's how we met. That's how we started going with each other. He was a collector and he went to auctions every week.
- Q: Oh, how interesting. Um hmm. Now he...but he wasn't from Warren.
- A: No. His...his family lived in Salisbury.
- Q: Did he ever tell you much about the family?
- A: No, he...he...no, not very much about them. He had portraits of his grandfather and grandmother and...but ...we didn't hang them. He had...he had great big portraits and they were big things. He didn't hang them here in the house because I...I...there was no place for it anyway. So, then he was going to give them to his daughter. Then he got...so ...then she was going to move to Oregon. I don't think you want to hear all this. You're not interested. (Laughter)

- Q: That's all right. You gone on ahead. That's okay.
- A: So he was mad because she was going to move to Oregon. So, he went up there and took those portraits back and put them in our attic. But when he died I called Ann and I said, "You can have them back because I don't want them." So she came down and then she took them back. She's moved to Oregon, anyway. I do hear from her and I...very pleasantly and we write occasionally.
- Q: Yes, families are...are interesting when the ties are kept. Now, you said you lived in Florida for a while.
- A: In the wintertime. We lived in Key West and Naples. We moved to Key West and we lived there four years and then we moved to Naples because Graham had emphysema. He was very...quite sick with it. And he had to be near more medical help.
- Q: Tell me more about the Warren Historical Society. How did you happen to get involved with it? Did...
- A: Well, I just offered my help to Mr. Swift, who was a manager of it then. We used to sit up there together and put things that we had...we'd gotten and put them in my book or...I have a book, it's a session book that I keep all the records of everything in, and he kept a book. But now I keep both books.
- Q: What kinds of things do people give you?
- A: Well, we have a great collection of guns that were in the Revolution. And things from the...there was a doctor that lived in our town. We have some of his old things that he used in his office. And we have a lot of pictures and things and books and things of that sort.
- Q: How hard do you think it was to raise a family being here? Did you have any times when you needed medical help that it was more difficult to get being away from town?
- A: No. New Milford was the nearest and they would come to the house. Yeah, they don't do that now, but they did then. I don't remember that we had very many calls but we were pretty healthy then.
- Q: Were you children born in a hospital?
- A: Yes.
- Q: I was born at home. This is...
- A: I had my tonsils out in the kitchen table, did you? (Laughter)

- Q: I did too. That...that's interesting.
- A: What town were you from?
- Q: Oh, I'm from Detroit, originally. I'm from the Midwest.
- A: But you didn't have those...
- Q: I don't know why. I have no idea why they did it that way in...
- A: Well I do. Because, they didn't have any facilities in town to take care of adenoids and tonsils. We had a whole...there were several of them done in the same day and the doctor came from...from New Haven and I was the second one on the list.
- Q: So where were you...where did you have it done?
- A: At home.
- Q: Oh, he went from house to house?
- A: Oh, yes, yes. You see...I went in to my aunts home. She had her daughter first. Then she had me done. So, it was easier for my mother 'cause she ran a boarding house. My mother had no choice, you see, so that was all it was to it.
- Q: Right. I missed that somehow before. Your mother had a boarding house in town, too, before you came up here and helped with the other one. (Yeah.) So what was it like (Awkward.) when you...
- A: Don't get into this or that. It gets too...it gets too much.
- Q: Okay, all right, okay. Is there anything else you want to talk to that you remember about growing up? What did you do for fun when you were a child?
- A: Well, I don't know so...we played games and things like that. We had games inside the house. My father died when I was very young and so mother entertained us with cards and things of that sort. I don't know, it's so long ago. Then we played outdoors and we played in the woods and made little houses and things of that sort.
- Q: What kind of toys do you have? (Toys?) Um hmm, what kind of toys did you have?
- A: I don't remember that I had...we had dolls. I don't remember having any...I had a little wagon that you pulled along that I *can* remember. But, I don't remember anything special.
- Q: What were your dolls like?

A: Oh, one was a rag doll that I had. I don't remember very much about it to tell you the honest truth, I forgot.

Q: Oh, I'm sure I won't be able to...Do you remember when television came? When television...

A: Yes.

Q: What kind of a change did that make in your life?

A: Well, we didn't have it for a long time. The boys were awfully annoyed with us because we didn't have it 'cause the kids in school had it. They would talk about it all the time and it really annoyed them. So, when Stevie was having trouble with his teeth and he'd had an operation I said, "Well, I'll...I'll take you down and we'll pick out something." So I took him down to New Milford and picked out a TV and we came home, and that was it.

Q: Do you remember what it was like...what the TV was like? What kind of picture you had. (Yeah.) Is there anything else you'd like to talk about...about your life as you were a young woman married and then as you have...have gone into some of your older years? Anything that you think that sticks out in your mind?

A: No, I can't think of anything. I really can't.

Q: Maybe it's time for me to look at some of the pictures and things you mentioned. I'm glad to. Thank you very, very much.