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NICOLAS VINCENT BISCOE

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TRACK 01

0:00 Introduction, Harlem Manor Dr. (Grandfather's mother's place), value of home, marriage (Cecelia Chase), employed at Base (Navy Exchange-Laundry), partnership James Lanham and Ogden Thomas, employment

TRACK 02

2:53 1969 bought Seaside View for \$17,000, difficulty to get a loan, nightclub with dancing, became resort for campers and boaters, building Seaside View, purpose of starting business, entrepreneurial skills

TRACK 03

7:18 exactly where he was raised - directions to Harlem Manor Rd. (Ridge Area off Rte. 235 north of intersection with Rte. 5), two acres of land, parents lived there, father farmer 175 acres, shucked oysters, mother worked at Base, cook in Lexington Park

TRACK 04

11.43 father member of St. Jerome's Beneficial Society, childhood, comparison of now and then, expectations

TRACK 05

15:26 home remedies, Burdock, turpentine and salt, doesn't remember going to the doctor, Father's education in Baltimore City through age 18, read newspapers, no radio or TV

TRACK 06

19:03 life as a child, chores, fishing, baseball and other games, horseback riding, swimming and boating, personal family time, preparation for life by father, gardening, bonding with father, sister Evelyn (youngest) attended Cardinal Gibbons Institute

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23:20 discipline, manors, respect for others, prayers and church, siblings' lives, preparation for life, insistence on being the best

TRACK 08

28:28 school bus transportation, Eli Gant was the bus driver, memories of school (St. Peter Claver Elementary), Mother Burton, Father McKenna was a mentor, St. Michael's

TRACK 09

31:03 Pre-wedding ritual (Catholic Church), education, 1st through 8th grade, dreams as a child - to see African Americans make progress and better themselves, family responsibility to others, land ownership, family attorneys, also wanted to be a fire fighter

TRACK 10

37:01 variety of employment, plumbing, electricity, carpentry, mason, dry cleaners, Base, activities as a teenager, salary, first job with electrician for \$5/day, dry cleaning plant, entertainment - nightclubs, first car was '42 Chevrolet, hauling wood, painting

TRACK 11

42:51 Cecilia M. Chase (first spouse), courting, wedding at St. Peter Claver Church, married life (relationship), both worked at times worked well together, went to church together, met Lula T. Taylor (second spouse) in about '86, Lula from North Carolina

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45:28 religion importance in life, Church activities, Knights of St. Jerome's, history and programs of Knights of St. Jerome's, scholarship fund, support for St. Michael's School

TRACK 13

50:50 life in St. Mary's County is great, community / communication, felt well supported by the community, segregation today, teenagers today (more independent), difference between natives and newcomers, interaction with people of other sections of county (St. Mary's)

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57:07 achievements/goals, wanted more education, direction of the county, importance of family gatherings