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Alma Jordon:

I need to start again.

Mr. Herbert:

Okay.

Alma Jordon:

Okay. Can you tell me who your people were and where you were raised?

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). I think I [inaudible 00:00:10]. I was raised at... I was, I was raised at [inaudible 00:00:17], uh, Loveville.

Alma Jordon:

Where?

Mr. Herbert:

In Loveville.

Alma Jordon:

In Loveville?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:00:23] had me in Loveville [inaudible 00:00:24].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

I'm quite sure.

Alma Jordon:

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Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

In [inaudible 00:00:35]. Oh lord, it's been so long [inaudible 00:00:35] all of it.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Okay.

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, see... Yeah. Yeah, I born in Loveville.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:00:42].

Alma Jordon:

And can you... Do you... Uh, can you tell me your parent's names?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. I... M- m- m- my, my, my, my mother's name was Mary, was Mary E. Herbert.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And my daddy name [inaudible 00:01:03] is Lee [inaudible 00:01:05]. Is Lee Exan- Lee [Exander 00:01:09] Herberts.

Alma Jordon:

Oh, Lee [Exander 00:01:11].

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Yeah, I think. If I ain't mistaken.

Alma Jordon:

Okay. And, and how many siblings did you have?

Mr. Herbert:

How many what?

Alma Jordon:

How many brothers and sisters?

Mr. Herbert:

Ooh, let's see. E- [inaudible 00:01:23]. Got two more [inaudible 00:01:28]. Got two more brothers, Eddie and Buck.

Alma Jordon:

Oh, Eddie and Buck?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Eddie and Buck.

Alma Jordon:

Mm. And m- my sister's name is Agnes [inaudible 00:01:40].

Mr. Herbert:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

Other one name is Edith. Edith.

Mr. Herbert:

Agnes and Edith.

Alma Jordon:

Y- yeah. Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Okay.

Mary Elizabeth:

It's [inaudible 00:01:50].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, okay. So, tell me what was your earliest memory as a child?

Mr. Herbert:

As a child [inaudible 00:02:02].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Ooh, let's see. I can remember [inaudible 00:02:07]. Yeah. I been [inaudible 00:02:12]. I can't think [inaudible 00:02:12].

Alma Jordon:

What's the first thing that you remember-

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs).

Alma Jordon:

... uh, when being a child way back?

Mr. Herbert:

Ooh, shit.

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Ooh, let me see. Eh, no. No, no, no, no, no, no. Child. I can't remember [inaudible 00:02:14].

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

It was a long time. Ooh wee.

Alma Jordon:

When I talked with you the other day, you mentioned going on a sleigh ride.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah. M- I did that. Yeah, a sleigh ride. Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative). Can you share more about that sleigh ride with me?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. I mean, I remember I w- I was in [inaudible 00:02:14]. I was, uh, hittin' the trees [inaudible 00:02:14], and I w- got away from it anyway.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

I, I [inaudible 00:03:16] hit the tree [inaudible 00:03:17].

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). I remember that.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs). So-

Mr. Herbert:

Let's see. [inaudible 00:02:54] do that some more. Yeah, and then, then one thing I'd done, I had a horse [inaudible 00:03:40], you know, can, can in the water. Get some water.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And I... And th- and the rope dropped out of my hands, so I ran behind get th- the- pick up the rope. [inaudible 00:03:51] ran I pick- picked up the rope, he kiss me. And he kiss me in the face with his [inaudible 00:03:56].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, (laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). I'll never forget that.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Yes, [inaudible 00:04:05] right in my face. But, but, but, you know, d- he, he didn't have the full lick.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Just lightly.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

But it hit me in the... [inaudible 00:04:15] it hit me in the, the whole [inaudible 00:04:16] his leg short. He [inaudible 00:04:18].

Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

He kind of push me [inaudible 00:04:22].

Alma Jordon:

O- O- Oh, kind of pushed you back.

Mr. Herbert:

Right.

Alma Jordon:

Oh my goodness.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:04:28]. See what else did I that... Yeah. Yes.

Alma Jordon:

That sounds like quite an-

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:04:42].

Alma Jordon:

... experience.

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:04:45]. Th- that, that, that, that farm y- farm [inaudible 00:04:48] on, [inaudible 00:04:50] he had a daughter. Her name was [inaudible 00:04:54], and she was a school teacher.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And I (laughs)... These boys w- were... These boys bad. We were... You know. So we decided to get that car, you know. Steal the car.

Mary Elizabeth:

To steal the car (laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

And r- (laughs)... And run it down the hill. So [inaudible 00:05:13] they sittin' there... Th- they were sittin' there in the front road d- and they heard a car noise [inaudible 00:05:17]. And [inaudible 00:05:17] said, "[inaudible 00:05:19]. What that is? Somebody... Somebody's takin' the car. [inaudible 00:05:20] takin' the car."

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). We [inaudible 00:05:20] had the car start [inaudible 00:05:26].

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:05:34].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:05:35] that.

Alma Jordon:

So did you get in trouble for that?

Mr. Herbert:

D- doggone right. But not-

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

... like, you know, not, not, you know, not then w- like you do now. [inaudible 00:05:46] we got in trouble.

Alma Jordon:

Oh (laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

So [inaudible 00:05:51] open the car, this [inaudible 00:05:55] you know [inaudible 00:05:55] you know [inaudible 00:05:56] had the phone.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

She, she h-... She tol- t- told, told us, "See, I'm gonna tell you. See, it's gonna be a long time before you get a, uh, get another car ride."

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). Yeah, I remember all that.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

But it passed [inaudible 00:06:15].

Alma Jordon:

Oh. So how did your family live back then? Did you live on a farm-

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah,-

Alma Jordon:

... or what?

Mr. Herbert:

... on a farm. Yeah, we li-... We [inaudible 00:06:28] farm.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:06:35]. Uh, you know where St. Joseph Church at, don't you?

Alma Jordon:

Yes.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:06:37]. That's where [inaudible 00:06:37]. You know, that's where we, we [inaudible 00:06:37]. Right there.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

That b- big ole house.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:06:50] had, had, had, had three- had four bedrooms.

Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, I remember all that. Y-...

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

E-... Yeah, a lot things just... It's been so long now. My goodness. Been a long, long time.

Alma Jordon:

So did, ah... Did you have chores when you lived on the farm?

Mr. Herbert:

Have chores?

Alma Jordon:

Yeah, chores. You have work to do?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah. Horses to feed. Cows g- b- b- b- get out [inaudible 00:07:24], milk them. Oh yeah, we had everyday, had everyday chores.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

But it wasn't too bad.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

No.

Alma Jordon:

So, what was the money situation when you, when you were a child? Your father, uh, worked... The whole family worked on the farm?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, we work on the farm.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

He and my grandmama.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:07:58].

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:08:00].

Mr. Herbert:

And my father, my father [inaudible 00:08:02].

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Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And my grandmama. [inaudible 00:08:02] on the farm.

Alma Jordon:

You mentioned your grandmother. What was your grandmother's name?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, [inaudible 00:08:20]. Her name was [Sealy, Sealy Trint 00:08:21].

Mary Elizabeth:

[Sealy Trint 00:08:21].

Alma Jordon:

[Sealy Trint 00:08:21]?

Mr. Herbert:

Yes, [Sealy Trint 00:08:24].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:08:26]. Oh. [inaudible 00:08:29].

Alma Jordon:

Where was she w-... Where was she from, your grandmother?

Mr. Herbert:

E- e-... I can't, I can't, uh... I, I don't know [inaudible 00:08:40]. Don't exactly know where, where she from.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

No. I don't know where she from.

Alma Jordon:

So she's-

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Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, I know sh-

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

Sh- T- She, she, she usually live... She used to work for, for [inaudible 00:09:02] Mr. [inaudible 00:09:03].

Alma Jordon:

Mister?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:09:06].

Mary Elizabeth:

Manuel.

Alma Jordon:

Mr. Manuel?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. He [inaudible 00:09:11]. She used to work for him. You know, e- e- used to work for him.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

But he used to work [inaudible 00:09:15] t- on, on telephone line.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

So she service... She stayed out there for years. Working for him a long time.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

He was a nice man. Yeah. [inaudible 00:09:36].

Alma Jordon:

And how were times when, when you were a child as far as, uh, with your neighbors and other kids? Did you play a lot of games with family and friends?

Mr. Herbert:

Well, yeah, not as much as [inaudible 00:09:58] do now. [inaudible 00:10:00] in them days, we [inaudible 00:10:04] work but [inaudible 00:10:04] work [inaudible 00:10:04].

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

Play a little while [inaudible 00:10:11].

Alma Jordon:

Mm. What kind of games did you play when you were younger? Do you remember?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:10:18]. That's [inaudible 00:10:21] basketball. W- Oh, football, baseball.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Describe your I- uh, relationship with your brothers and sisters.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, hey, we get I-... We, we get along fine together. [inaudible 00:10:40] much. Sometimes they get a little... You know, they get a little aggravating but-

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

... it didn't last long.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

You know, (laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:10:49].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:10:49] last long.

Alma Jordon:

Oh, okay. Okay. Did, uh, your family, uh, take any trips when you were younger?

Mr. Herbert:

Trips?

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

No, not much. No. Mm. I remember going [inaudible 00:11:09].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And maybe I was... Maybe it was, was real young.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:11:16] place I went [inaudible 00:11:17] I went to, I went to w-... I think I went to [inaudible 00:11:24]. On, on... I went [inaudible 00:11:28] on back a truck.

Alma Jordon:

On the back of a truck?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh yeah. [inaudible 00:11:35] my father and my two brothers.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

The guy [inaudible 00:11:40] down in the [inaudible 00:11:41], the name is, name is Clifton. It was Clifton Downs. I said... Well, that was his name.

Alma Jordon:

Clifton Downs?

Mr. Herbert:

Clifton Downs.

Alma Jordon:

And-

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:11:52].

Alma Jordon:

And what, what, what... Why did go on a trip to Baltimore?

Mr. Herbert:

Well, [inaudible 00:11:57] a farmer [inaudible 00:11:58]. See, that- them days [inaudible 00:12:01] big barrel.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

The [inaudible 00:12:04]. They had certain days they'd come in and w- open up.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

So that's the day we, we, we, we, we- me and my father we w-... Me and my father [inaudible 00:12:14]. We was on the back of that truck with Mr. Downs going [inaudible 00:12:18].

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:12:19].

Alma Jordon:

So that sounds like it was an interesting project to go-

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

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Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

... and take the tobacco.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:12:19] open the tobacco up, open the tobacco up.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). [inaudible 00:12:41].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, okay.

Mary Elizabeth:

He used to, he used to [inaudible 00:12:42].

Mr. Herbert:

It was a nice, long ride. I knew that.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:12:50].

Alma Jordon:

Nice long ride, huh?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:12:50].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:12:51].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:12:52] good long... It's a good long ride.

Alma Jordon:

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Mm-hmm (affirmative). And, and you and your brother on the back of a truck with the tobacco, huh?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:13:00]. Tobacco wasn't... Toba- Tobacco wasn't [inaudible 00:13:04].

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

We, we had six to nine of them... Th- They had nine of them on that truck.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

So we [inaudible 00:13:10]. So we was on the back of the truck rolling, you know, rolling barrel.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

Oh. The tobacco was in the barrels.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah. [inaudible 00:13:22].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:13:24] barrels. Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:13:28] riding that truck though. [inaudible 00:13:30].

Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:13:32]. It would've been a mess.

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Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). [inaudible 00:13:47].

Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:13:47].

Mr. Herbert:

But them days [inaudible 00:13:47]. You know, they, they [inaudible 00:13:51]. They try to do it right.

Alma Jordon:

Right.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:13:53] they taking their time [inaudible 00:13:56].

Alma Jordon:

Mm. So tell me about, uh, your family- uh, about your religion. Did you attend church when you were younger?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:14:15] younger?

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Well, what e-... I didn't go [inaudible 00:14:25] much (laughs). [inaudible 00:14:25] one thing for sure.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

With school, church is back home.

Alma Jordon:

Oh. So where, where did you attend church-

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Mr. Herbert:

Uh, e-

Alma Jordon:

... when you were young?

Mr. Herbert:

... up I- up [inaudible 00:14:38]. That not [inaudible 00:14:40] place called [inaudible 00:14:42].

Mary Elizabeth:

St. Joseph.

Mr. Herbert:

S- I m-... I meant to say St. Joseph.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

That's the church I went to. Very big church.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative). So how was church life when you went-

Mr. Herbert:

It was all-

Alma Jordon:

... as a younger person?

Mr. Herbert:

It was all right. Yeah, [inaudible 00:14:58] we went to church now.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:15:03].

Alma Jordon:

So that was a, a good experience for you-

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:15:10].

Alma Jordon:

... and your family?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. [inaudible 00:15:17] church.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). How did, how did you get to church back in- at that time?

Mr. Herbert:

W- My father had, my father had a car.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:15:32] Ford in 19-... Remember, in 19- 19- 19-... [inaudible 00:15:34] it was nine- 1920.

Alma Jordon:

1920 Ford, huh?

Mr. Herbert:

1920 Ford.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). And you all piled in there on Sunday mornings,-

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:15:52].

Alma Jordon:

... huh?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:15:52] church... Well, no. It was just one [inaudible 00:15:54].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative). Okay. So tell me more about, um, your father's occupation. Was it just farming or...

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:16:17] most of the time it... Yeah, most of... But later years, it... B- but little- few later years, we start digging. We start digging wells [inaudible 00:16:25].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Dig wells for people. Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

And farm. Yeah. Oh, yeah. Dig wells and farm.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, it wasn't much of a job. Wasn't bad.

Alma Jordon:

S- So did you help with the well digging?

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Alma Jordon:

Did you help with the well digging project?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah. Y-

Alma Jordon:

Tell me about school. Where did, where did your family go to school? Where did your siblings go to school?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:17:13]. Yeah, school in Morganza.

Alma Jordon:

School in Morganza?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, school [inaudible 00:17:23]. Yeah, we [inaudible 00:17:23]. Yeah, I think it was Loveville, I think. It was Loveville [inaudible 00:17:25].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, in Loveville?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:17:27].

Alma Jordon:

You went to school?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:17:28].

Alma Jordon:

Was... Were the schools integrated then?

Mr. Herbert:

No, uh-uh (negative). I don't think it was.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). S- So tell me about, uh, the school. Was it a, a, a public school or a private school?

Mr. Herbert:

It was c- catholic school.

Alma Jordon:

Oh. Do you remember the name of that school?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, (laughs). [inaudible 00:18:02] St. Joseph [inaudible 00:18:02].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, okay. So do you remember of your schoolmates from, uh, when you were going to school?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah. I can remember some of them. [inaudible 00:18:21] Raymond [inaudible 00:18:23]. [inaudible 00:18:24] one b- one girl.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

John [inaudible 00:18:27]. He was another one.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Leo [inaudible 00:18:32]. He was another one. George S... George Young. He was one of them. Mm, let me see. [inaudible 00:18:49]. Yeah, my sister Edith.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:18:59]. Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:19:05]. Who else? [inaudible 00:19:12].

Alma Jordon:

Were there regular teachers at your school?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, teachers [inaudible 00:19:22].

Alma Jordon:

Or were there nuns?

Mr. Herbert:

No, they were... No, no. They were just regular teachers.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:19:32].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:19:32] last though. The [inaudible 00:19:34] teachers.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:19:36].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, okay. What kind of games... Did you play games at school? What was your favorite thing to do at school?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, we played [inaudible 00:19:51]. We played baseball and volleyball. All, you know, all kind of games [inaudible 00:19:58]. Yeah, we played too many games.

Alma Jordon:

Can you share some of the information about the subjects that you were taught in school then?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, well. I, I tell you the truth, I [inaudible 00:20:18] at school.

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Tell you the truth.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Not only me though. [inaudible 00:20:26].

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

We (laughs)... Boy, we (laughs), we didn't care (laughs).

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:20:30]. Teacher [inaudible 00:20:37] school [inaudible 00:20:38], punish us. She said, "I'm gonna make you stand up. Yeah, stand [inaudible 00:20:46] feet." You know, for a certain time. [inaudible 00:20:51] sit down. There was no [inaudible 00:20:54]. Next day you do the same thing.

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). [inaudible 00:20:58] same thing. [inaudible 00:21:00] he [inaudible 00:21:04] turn around and bite his arm.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

That boy [inaudible 00:21:09] do anything at school.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:21:12]. But, damn. Yeah, he'd do anything at school.

Alma Jordon:

Mm. So did you w-

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Alma Jordon:

Did you get punished a lot when you were in school?

Mr. Herbert:

Yes, indeed [inaudible 00:21:28]. That didn't pay off [inaudible 00:21:31] pay that no mind.

Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:21:34]. But it wasn't nothing bad, you know.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:21:41].

Alma Jordon:

So you talk about the, um, punishments in school. How were you disciplined at home? Did you get punishments at home?

Mr. Herbert:

No, indeed. I wasn't that bad (laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs).

Alma Jordon:

You, you weren't that bad at home, huh?

Mr. Herbert:

No, [inaudible 00:22:01]. No.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

No. At school... This school, it was kind of rough.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:22:12].

Alma Jordon:

Do you remember how old you were when you started going out by yourself?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, no. I don't know [inaudible 00:22:41]. Probably twel-... No, no. [inaudible 00:22:41]. I mean, it wasn't that young. [inaudible 00:22:41]. No, I didn't nowhere. I didn't go nowhere [inaudible 00:22:42]. That's [inaudible 00:22:45] back home.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Didn't go nowhere.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:22:51].

Alma Jordon:

What about when you started dating?

Mr. Herbert:

I don't remember. I don't even remember that. [inaudible 00:23:11].

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

(laughs). [inaudible 00:23:11] remember that. [inaudible 00:23:11] had time. Kept me busy all the time.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). So, how did... Do you remember how, uh, news traveled back in those days?

Mr. Herbert:

How did news travel?

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Alma Jordon:

Yes, how you got the news.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, uh, by, uh, by, by mail. Well, letters and ma-... But [inaudible 00:23:39] phone.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And [inaudible 00:23:43] writing.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

That's how they got the news [inaudible 00:23:46].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:23:50].

Alma Jordon:

What about newspapers? Were there newspapers back then?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Yeah, they had newspapers back then.

Alma Jordon:

A- and radios.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:24:17]. Yeah, and radios too.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. [inaudible 00:24:17].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). What about, uh, your family- uh, when someone was ill? Did you, uh, go out to the doctor or use family remedies? Can you tell me more about that?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, you still to go to a... Well, you still go to the doc- doctor. But I, I [inaudible 00:24:43] remember much [inaudible 00:24:44] family going but [inaudible 00:24:49].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:24:54] didn't have much doctor going [inaudible 00:24:56]-

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

... like, like they going now.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Did your family use any home remedies-

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Alma Jordon:

... back then? Did you use any home remedies?

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:25:09].

Alma Jordon:

Like for colds and, oh, to treat, uh, scratches or anything like that?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Home... You mean home medicine? Like you catch a cold or something else?

Alma Jordon:

Right.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. But yeah, you know [inaudible 00:25:25].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

What type of a- uh, remedies did you use to treat those problems?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, let's see. [inaudible 00:25:44] called [inaudible 00:25:44].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Another one called, uh, [inaudible 00:25:53]. Uh, [inaudible 00:25:53]. [inaudible 00:25:53] and, uh... Uh, yeah, [inaudible 00:25:55] and [inaudible 00:25:57]. Damn, I can't think of this stuff. [inaudible 00:26:04] used too.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:26:08].

Alma Jordon:

Oh, okay. But you didn't go out much to the doctor.

Mr. Herbert:

No, no. Not the-

Mary Elizabeth:

The doctors came to the house.

Mr. Herbert:

Back then [inaudible 00:26:18].

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:26:22].

Alma Jordon:

Do you remember who your doctor was that came to the house?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah. She... D- Dr. Johnson. One of them. Doctor... What her name? It was Doctor, Doc- [inaudible 00:26:25]. Yeah, Dr. Johnson was one of them.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Dr. [inaudible 00:26:25]. There was Dr. [inaudible 00:26:25]. Yeah, he was one of them too.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Hm, Doctor... [inaudible 00:26:45].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:26:45] Dr. [inaudible 00:26:45].

Mr. Herbert:

Doctor who? Doctor [inaudible 00:27:03]?

Mary Elizabeth:

He used to drive so fast.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, he told me Doctor... [inaudible 00:27:08] Doctor [inaudible 00:27:11]. He used to drive fast all the time.

Alma Jordon:

Drive fast?

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:27:17]. He'd roll.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

But then [inaudible 00:27:19] he be- he, he be in the air.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:27:26].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:27:26]. Remember [inaudible 00:27:39] car got stuck [inaudible 00:28:17] fast and do that drinking. The, the, the... You know.

Alma Jordon:

You remember that doctor's name that drove fast?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, Doctor W- Doctor [inaudible 00:28:17]. Doctor [inaudible 00:28:17].

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Back then he'd roll [inaudible 00:28:17].

Alma Jordon:

Oh my goodness.

Mr. Herbert:

Had thirty-... Had 35 [inaudible 00:28:17]

Mary Elizabeth:

[crosstalk 00:28:17] house.

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Mary Elizabeth:

Your house. Your house. [inaudible 00:28:17] (laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Well, that [inaudible 00:28:17].

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Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

I guess he still living. [inaudible 00:28:17].

Mary Elizabeth:

Your car got stuck in, in the... Your car got stuck [inaudible 00:28:17].

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

Oh, the car got stuck?

Mr. Herbert:

So... Yeah, it got stuck.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:28:18] got-

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:28:18] time too.

Mary Elizabeth:

Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

Mm.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Mary Elizabeth:

That was [inaudible 00:28:23] like to drink water. I don't call it water but I w- y-... That was [inaudible 00:28:23] before we got married. Drove to your house.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:28:23] over your house.

Alma Jordon:
(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:
[inaudible 00:28:23]. He used to come tell us to [inaudible 00:28:43].

Alma Jordon:
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:
Yeah.

Alma Jordon:
What... Do you remember what kind of, uh, community activities you participated in when you were younger?

Mr. Herbert:
[inaudible 00:28:55] paper?

Alma Jordon:
No, community activities.

Mr. Herbert:
Oh. E- What you mean? Like, uh...

Alma Jordon:
Did you have church festivals back then?

Mary Elizabeth:
Festivals.

Mr. Herbert:
Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Mary Elizabeth:
[inaudible 00:29:11].

Mr. Herbert:
Yeah, yeah.

Alma Jordon:
Tell me about that.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh. Well-

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

... [inaudible 00:29:12] too much of job. [inaudible 00:29:12] everybody [inaudible 00:29:12].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

But I used to... [inaudible 00:29:19]. I used to go, go, go to the watermelon patch. P- Get watermelon [inaudible 00:29:34] church.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:29:34].

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. [inaudible 00:29:41] many watermelon over there.

Alma Jordon:

So you took the watermelons over for the church festival.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, right. Right, right. [inaudible 00:29:52] we, we, we, [inaudible 00:29:53]. Uh, we had festivals then. Sure. [inaudible 00:29:58].

Alma Jordon:

Can you share more about the festivals back then?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Well, [inaudible 00:30:04] have a good crowd. Everybody worked together, cooks.

Alma Jordon:

Music?

Mr. Herbert:

E- E- Yeah, we have [inaudible 00:30:14]. They had, they, they, they, they had music.

Alma Jordon:

Did, did you, did you dance at the music?

Mr. Herbert:

Dance?

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

No, I never was much of a dancer. I didn't do much dancing.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:30:33].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Uh...

Alma Jordon:

Do you, do you feel that times are different now than they were then?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh my goodness, yeah. Yeah. Yeah, them was a whole lot different days then. But th- that's the way, that's the way it works.

Alma Jordon:

How do you feel that the times are different?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, well, things are... You got more complications [inaudible 00:31:08].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

You... [inaudible 00:31:12] if you want something [inaudible 00:31:14], you have to get in [inaudible 00:31:16].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:31:17].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:31:17].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:31:20].

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, let's see.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:31:33].

Alma Jordon:

W- Mr. Herbert, I didn't think to ask you, were you in the military service?

Mr. Herbert:

Yes, indeedy.

Alma Jordon:

Can you share your ex- some of your experience being in the military?

Mr. Herbert:

Well, e- whole lot different then than it was now (laughs). And in, in, in the military you don't, you don't- we don't [inaudible 00:32:00] whatever they told you. You know, w- whatever they told you to do.

[inaudible 00:32:05] back talk. "Oh man, I ain't got time to do all that kind of stuff." No, no. They tell you [inaudible 00:32:11] you go ahead and do it.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:32:13].

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative). What branch of the service were you in?

Mr. Herbert:

Navy.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:32:30]. They said, "No, we need- we need, we, we need more Navy men." [inaudible 00:32:38].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

I was stationed there close to home though. [inaudible 00:32:42] I was stationed [inaudible 00:32:45]. That's where I stationed at for about two b- for about two months.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:32:58] packed us up and put us on the ship and sent us to oversea, overseas then.

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

S- S- So you went overseas with-

Mr. Herbert:

Oh y- oh, yeah. I stayed over there. [inaudible 00:33:12] overseas.

Alma Jordon:

Can you share with us more about being where you were overseas?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, it w- it's all right. It wasn't like I-... It wasn't like thing-... It wasn't like things at home.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:33:26] country.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

One thing [inaudible 00:33:32] in the service, you can do what they tell you to do.

Alma Jordon:

Right.

Mr. Herbert:

You [inaudible 00:33:47], "Nah, I can't. No, I can't do..." No, you do it. [inaudible 00:33:47] and do... W-
What they tell you to do, you do it. If it's wrong, then it's on them.

Alma Jordon:

So what places were you stationed at overseas?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, [inaudible 00:34:00] California. Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

You were in California?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:34:09].

Alma Jordon:

Chinook?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:34:10] California. That's right.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Y- Mmm. Th-... [inaudible 00:34:24] place called, place called Great Lakes.

Alma Jordon:

Great Lakes?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, it's Great Lakes, Illinois.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:34:34].

Alma Jordon:

So you were in California and Ill- Illi- Illinois?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:34:40].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Do you remember where you were when you were overseas?

Mr. Herbert:

Eh, [inaudible 00:34:50]. Let's see. [inaudible 00:34:58].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:34:58].

Mr. Herbert:

That's a very long [inaudible 00:34:58].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:35:11]. You put your hands on the table. Put them right there. There you go.

Mr. Herbert:

E- Uh, [inaudible 00:35:24] different place [inaudible 00:35:26]. They seen so many different places.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:35:30] over there. Some of them over there [inaudible 00:35:32]. Ch- Chinook, California.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:
Great Lakes, Illinois.

Alma Jordon:
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:
E- Sh- And...

Alma Jordon:
Were you ever in Italy?

Mr. Herbert:
No. Uh-uh (negative). Nope.

Alma Jordon:
France?

Mr. Herbert:
France, Italy, France [inaudible 00:35:54].

Alma Jordon:
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:
Great Lakes, [inaudible 00:36:02] quite a while. Great Lakes.

Alma Jordon:
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:
Yeah. [inaudible 00:36:03].

Alma Jordon:
Were you ever on a ship in the Navy?

Mr. Herbert:
No, o- only [inaudible 00:36:11]. [inaudible 00:36:12] going, going overseas just on the ship.

Alma Jordon:
Hm.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:36:17] ship [inaudible 00:36:17].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Mm-mm (negative).

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Yep.

Alma Jordon:

Well, can you tell me about, uh, when you met your lovely wife here?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:36:32] my [inaudible 00:36:34]. I [inaudible 00:36:34] wasn't I?

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-mm (negative).

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-mm (negative).

Mr. Herbert:

So, no, I wasn't [inaudible 00:36:44] then.

Alma Jordon:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

Hm.

Alma Jordon:

S- So you married when you came back-

Mr. Herbert:

Y- y-...

Alma Jordon:
... from the military.

Mr. Herbert:
Yeah.

Mary Elizabeth:
Hm.

Alma Jordon:
So how did you meet your wife?

Mr. Herbert:
[inaudible 00:36:54] back, back where I was living at. H- H- Her, her father worked on the same farm. My father and her father worked on the same... We, we worked on the same farm.

Alma Jordon:
Oh.

Mr. Herbert:
Oh, yeah.

Alma Jordon:
And, and what was her name? What is her name?

Mr. Herbert:
Her name Mary Elizabeth.

Alma Jordon:
What was her... Do you remember her maiden name?

Mr. Herbert:
Uh, yes. Forbees. F-O-R-B-E-E-S, something like that.

Mary Elizabeth:
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:
Oh, okay. And so you met your wife on the same farm.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. Oh, yeah.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

Hm.

Alma Jordon:

Okay. Is there anything else that you'd like to share with us? Tell me about your, your children.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:37:46] school. But none of them m- m-... But none of them make the service.

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:37:56].

Alma Jordon:

How many children did- do you have?

Mr. Herbert:

E- Uh, eight.

Mary Elizabeth:

Eight?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:38:11]. Huh? I forgot [inaudible 00:38:16]. Eight. No, [inaudible 00:38:18].

Alma Jordon:

How many girls d- do you have?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:38:26] two pair of twins.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:38:29].

Alma Jordon:

A p... A set of twins, huh?

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Alma Jordon:

And how many boys?

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, let's see. Eh, w- I think it's four boys. [inaudible 00:38:48].

Alma Jordon:

Think your... I think this lovely lady, your wife, would like to help you out with that (laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:38:58].

Speaker 4:

Tell him, mom.

Mr. Herbert:

The boy, Eddie and Buck [inaudible 00:39:05].

Mary Elizabeth:

I believe Eddie and Buck, that's your brothers.

Mr. Herbert:

Sh- That's what she asked me.

Speaker 4:

No.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

Eddie and Buck was your brothers.

Mr. Herbert:

I know [inaudible 00:39:14].

Mary Elizabeth:

How many boys did you have?

Mr. Herbert:

How many boys I had? Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

Yeah.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, [inaudible 00:39:17].

Speaker 4:

[inaudible 00:39:17].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:39:17] four boy-... [inaudible 00:39:26]. Four boys [inaudible 00:39:31]. Four boys [inaudible 00:39:32].

Speaker 4:

[inaudible 00:39:34]. Help him out.

Mr. Herbert:

Four boys.

Alma Jordon:

You can help him.

Speaker 4:

Help him out.

Mr. Herbert:

I think it's four boys.

Speaker 4:

[inaudible 00:39:53].

Mary Elizabeth:

Oh. (laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah. [inaudible 00:39:53].

Mary Elizabeth:

10.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:39:53].

Mary Elizabeth:

10.

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Mary Elizabeth:

10.

Alma Jordon:

10 boys?

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

10 boys-

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:39:57].

Alma Jordon:

... and three girls. Oh, what a nice big family.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Speaker 4:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

Wow. That is so wonderful.

Mr. Herbert:

All grown up.

Alma Jordon:

All grown up. What a wonderful job you and your wife... Your beautiful, lovely wife, who's still here with you. And how old is your wife now?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:40:28].

Alma Jordon:

You're... You said you're 101.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:40:31] 101. Is it 101? No.

Mary Elizabeth:

Yes, you are.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, [inaudible 00:40:31].

Mary Elizabeth:

You [inaudible 00:40:31]. You 101.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:40:31]. My wife, she about... [inaudible 00:40:46] you a hundred something?

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-mm (negative).

Speaker 4:

(laughs).

Mr. Herbert:

Huh?

Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-mm (negative).

Mr. Herbert:

You ain't 100?

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Mary Elizabeth:

Mm-mm (negative).

Mr. Herbert:

Well, a hundred and something, ain't you?

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:41:00].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:41:00]. I think [inaudible 00:41:00]. It's been so long. My goodness.

Mary Elizabeth:

98.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:41:10].

Alma Jordon:

Mrs. Herbert is 98.

Mary Elizabeth:

I mean-

Mr. Herbert:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

... 94 [inaudible 00:41:15].

Alma Jordon:

Mrs. Herbert is 94 years old. How wonderful.

Mr. Herbert:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

Yes. I also have here with me, uh, Mrs. [Ann Mosley 00:41:28]. And Mrs. [Mosley 00:41:31], do you have any questions you would like to ask Mr. Herbert?

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:41:39].

Ann Mosley:

No. No, I don't.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:41:42] (laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:41:46]. (laughs) [inaudible 00:41:47].

Alma Jordon:

So is, is there anything else that you'd like to share?

Mr. Herbert:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

You'd... How do you feel about, uh, race relations now and compared with-

Mr. Herbert:

Now what?

Alma Jordon:

... back... Race relations, integration.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh. [inaudible 00:42:11] out there [inaudible 00:42:12]. I [inaudible 00:42:15].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:42:18].

Alma Jordon:

Okay. Well, thank you very much, Mr. Herbert, for this-

Mr. Herbert:

Uh-huh (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

... experience today. We enjoyed your story.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:42:29] tell them about his first car.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

How-

Alma Jordon:

You know, there were... There's also another couple of questions I wanted to ask you.

Mr. Herbert:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

Uh, we knew that when you got older that you liked to out sometimes. Did you have a car or how did you travel?

Mr. Herbert:

We had a car. [inaudible 00:43:02].

Alma Jordon:

What was, what was your first car like? What was, what-

Mr. Herbert:

My first car?

Alma Jordon:

Right. Tell me about your first car.

Mr. Herbert:

F- First car was a Model A Ford, 19- 19- 19- yeah, 1920.

Ann Mosley:

1920.

Alma Jordon:

1920 Model A Ford.

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah.

Ann Mosley:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And that's when I had a Chevrolet, 19- [inaudible 00:43:41]. Is that 1920?

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:43:45].

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, we still got the [inaudible 00:43:50].

Alma Jordon:

Which one did you like?

Mr. Herbert:

I liked both of them to tell you the truth. Both of them were Ford and other one was a... One w- w-... One was a Ford and one was [inaudible 00:44:03].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Mr. Herbert:

And both were nice cars.

Ann Mosley:

[inaudible 00:44:08].

Mr. Herbert:

But, you know, we [inaudible 00:44:10].

Alma Jordon:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). How, how much did your car cost back then?

Mr. Herbert:

W- Well, I bought one of them... I know I bought, I bought, I bought [inaudible 00:44:22]. I paid \$150 for that car.

Ann Mosley:

Wow.

Alma Jordon:

And what year was that?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, 1950, 50. 1950.

Alma Jordon:

1950.

Ann Mosley:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Alma Jordon:

And, and that was the Ford?

Mr. Herbert:

Ford, mm-hmm (affirmative).

Ann Mosley:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

\$150.

Mr. Herbert:

Mm.

Alma Jordon:

So what was special about that car?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, it was nice. And I st-... And, and, and I still ride it. Still ride it.

Mary Elizabeth:

No, you didn't.

Mr. Herbert:

Yes, [inaudible 00:44:59].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:44:59].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:45:01].

Mary Elizabeth:

Oh, you had a deal. Got another one. You got a-

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, this one here [inaudible 00:45:09].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:45:11] you had to take your family around. You couldn't take [crosstalk 00:45:13].

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:45:13].

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:45:15].

Mr. Herbert:

Yeah, it was a nice little car.

Alma Jordon:

Oh.

Mary Elizabeth:

[inaudible 00:45:22].

Alma Jordon:

So you enjoyed those two cars.

Mr. Herbert:

Oh, yeah.

Alma Jordon:

(laughs).

Ann Mosley:

(laughs).

Alma Jordon:

I see a smile on your face (laughs).

Mary Elizabeth:

(laughs).

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Mr. Herbert:

(laughs).

Alma Jordon:

Okay. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?

Mr. Herbert:

Uh, I can't remember much- that much. Uh, uh.

Alma Jordon:

Well, we thank you very much for this experience, Mr. Herbert.

Mr. Herbert:

[inaudible 00:45:55].

Mary Elizabeth:

Thank you.

Ann Mosley:

Mm-hmm (affirmative).