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MS: We'll go from here. All right, tell me your name and who your parents are?

IR: Am I dressed? (Laughter)

MS: You are. (Laughter)

IR: I'm Irving Rose and my mother was Sarah Ora Willis and my dad was Harry Rose.

MS: Okay, were you born here in Henrieville?

IR: No, I was born up in Winter Quarters.

MS: Where's Winter Quarters?

IR: It's up by Cascade, or Price, up there.

MS: Up by Price, Utah?

IR: About twenty, thirty miles from Price.

MS: So when did you come to Henrieville?

IR: I come in my mom's arms. My mom's arms. And I think I was about four months old, if that.

MS: And?

IR: And then this is where I stayed from there on.

MS: Were you the oldest in the family?

IR: No, I was the last one.

MS: Out of how many?

IR: Well on the way down we had a brother that was killed. Poisoned on candy coming on the train. He died. He was in between Dave and I. And Dave and I was the only real brothers in the whole tribe. There was three other half-brothers and two other half-sisters, but other than that we was the only two in the family, full blood.

MS: All your family came?

IR: Yeah.

MS: How did your mother know to come here to Henrieville?

IR: Well she had a farm, she bought a farm with her brother, Harry Withers, and she had half of that and then later on, why they bought this farm from Bob Tinney. He was a guy used to live here years ago. A little bit before my time, but I don't remember how he had came about, really, but that's who they bought it from. He lived in Elsinore. Or Joseph. Might have lived in Joseph. I'm not sure where he lived.

MS: So did you go to school here in the old Henrieville School?

IR: Yeah, yeah. Went down there in that little schoolhouse. Had my teacher in the second grade was (inaudible)

MS: Did you?

IR: Uh huh. I don't know what the first one was. She might have been the first one too.

MS: How many grades did they have there?

IR: Eight.

MS: So you made it through the eighth grade? A graduate.

IR: Yeah. I made it through the eighth grade, barely.

MS: Did you have to do a lot of work on the farm?

IR: Yeah. That was probably what the problem was. My mom married Willis when I was about nine or ten years old. She was really the one that bought that farm and paid for it out of my dad's insurance.

MS: What happened to your dad?

IR: He was killed in the mine at Castlegate. And Mom and them lived in Winter Quarters, that's about two or three miles from Castlegate. And now, why no one can enter Winter Quarters, that's all private ground. You have to talk to the owner before you can get in there. But it was fairly good place, you know, for being a mining camp.

MS: How big was Henrieville when you were a child?

IR: As near, it was not too, probably the same as it is now. There was quite a lot of people that moved out of here during the war. Moved to the defense plants and stuff like that and so the population went down there and part of them never did come back. And I had a half-brother that never did come back. He went to (inaudible) State College and he went to Parowan. He lived there until it went under. But he was quite an entertainer. He played the drums and sang. Had an orchestra here that traveled around, you know. They put some pretty good jazz out.

MS: Put on some pretty good dances, did they?

IR: Yeah. Yeah.

MS: Is that where you met Viola, at a dance?

IR: They played for our dance. They ended up here. It was so crowded come Monday night you couldn't even get in the hall. (Laughter) If you went out the door it was hard to get back in. But they had a lot of dances up here.

MS: Where was the dance hall?

IR: Up there at the old sewing factory.

MS: Oh, the old sewing factory. Was that built for just a dance hall first?

IR: No, it was a church house first.

MS: Oh, it was a church house first?

IR: But it was, it was sort of a recreation hall too, you know. Now that was there until we got this church out here. I can't remember just when the year was when it came. But it was back in the war a while, well the first year I come home, why, in 1945.

MS: Come home from where?

IR: The war.

MS: Which war?

IR: World War II.

MS: World War II?

IR: Why her and I was, well, that first year was with Margene, President of the Mutual and then I was in there with, or the second year, I was the President of the Mutual there and then in, I think it was the next year or the year following, I went up and was the President of the Sunday School, Superintendent of the Sunday School and I had that for, I think it was more than six years. I had six years. I was in there under two bishops. And (inaudible). (Laughter) Anyway I was in the Sunday school, head of the Stake for all the time I was in there.

MS: Well now you didn't tell me how you met Viola. How old were you when you met her?

IR: When we was married?

MS: When you met her.

IR: Oh, I was about, I think I was twenty-eight, something. See I went in the Army. I was twenty-two when I went in there and I was in there for almost four years. And anyway we took and I was in the, I was in about six weeks and we went to the Aleutian Islands. We was over there seven months. Went over there and first we landed on Atu, and then there was supposed to be quite a force on Abcissas so later we made an amphibious landing there and there was supposed to have been quite a force there and there wasn't much there. But during the time we were there, why there was twenty-two GI's killed, you know and so that was quite neat when they had that there bugle out there on top of that knoll, that hill you know, playing Taps, you know. And then we go out and check the fish, you know, there's a lot of fish there that come the streams, come off the island, so we went down there and one would get on one side of that stream of water and one on the other and one in the middle. We'd grab those old big salmon and throw them out of there and that's what we was eating for quite a while and so, but I got rheumatism, arthritis. They called it rheumatism then, they didn't call it arthritis, and it got so bad I couldn't get out of bed, so they was going to send me home and they decided to take the whole unit home and then they went into a cadre and they formed a mountain division. And then we was there about a year and then we left here and went to Italy and we was there for enforcement to that outfit over there, (inaudible) (?) Got run over by a tank that took his legs off.

MS: What's his first name?

IR: Elvin.

MS: Elvin?

IR: Elvin (inaudible). And then after he come home and was in Richfield, I used to see him down there quite a bit you know, used to go to the auctions, come in braces and stuff like that (inaudible) and he had a car that was fixed up so he could drive, didn't have to use his legs and all, his brakes and everything were on the steering wheel. Then we over there for eleven months. Out of that eleven months and out of that eleven months we saw action in ten and I was in the combat engineers.

MS: What does a combat engineer do?

IR: Yeah. It was combat engineers.

MS: Well what did you do?

IR: We dug land mines and personnel* mines. We had one guy that stepped on one of them personnel mines. I can't remember what his first name was and he [was] thrown up in the air and he come over and landed on the opposite side of the road and he lit on his head and shoulders, you know, and so this fellar in this tanker as he drove by, I was right there by him, he said, he hollered at me and told me there was one of the men that got hurt back there. (Inaudible) You didn't get any, when you entered the war like that, why they didn't give you any ratings until, supposed to give them to you after you got out but they didn't. Just did a GI, but you had the responsibilities. Then he took his foot off, you know, a good share of it, but his shoe was left on there, part of it, the front part of it. It took all of his heel off and he went back to some of the guys down there that he knew. (Inaudible) Collins was one of them, (inaudible) and he told them, says, "Well, I'll see you in the States." (Laughter) So he came over here and he went in this hospital up here and they took his leg off and they let him go for a while and then they took it off again and made a pad on there. But the poison kept going down. And I guess it was pretty close to his knee from what the letter stated. And so went on up and when we hit the Full Valley, well before we hit the Full Valley, why, well the edge it, and they killed a big horse. (inaudible) Anyway they killed this horse and by the time [the] guys got there, carved that up and it was gone in an hours time. (Laughter) And they was hungry. Them people were starving. Went on up and we was just getting out in the (inaudible) part of the valley and we stopped and we was right in a nice little alfalfa field, you know, it was about eighteen inches or something high and so when got in there, I told them, I says, I don't understand you guys going off in here. I says, tromping that field down like that. I said, that man probably needed that hay, and it looked real nice, and so as we was sitting there, why we were just on alert, you know, (inaudible) so anyway I crawled up on that trap and sit up on it and looked back up to see what I could see and one of them old 88's come by there. I don't know whether it was pointing at me or what, but it missed me and I looked back and there was this woman pulling a little cart back up there about two hundred yards and that's what that woman said, send her on. Two kids and threw them off of that. So another one come by and so I decided that it was about time I was getting off from there because the next one might hit me in the center, so I jumped of there. And then I hadn't been off of there very long and so they was going off all night long and so, (inaudible) and my Sergeant sitting on the slope and there was a bunch of Germans come down with their black and white flags. There was quite a few of them giving them batons, you know, (inaudible) and when they come down there, why the give up.

They had them white flags and so there was about twelve or something, I don't know just of hand right now how many and so I was the one in charge there and so I told a couple of guys to take them back as prisoners, (inaudible) didn't know what to do with them guys. Said, well we come over here to fight them, that's right what we done. (Laughter) Killed them all (inaudible) as near as I could tell cause I guess we did because we came back empty handed. So we went on and to (inaudible) Valley and (inaudible) River and that's quite a big river. There's oh, we, our outfit ferried an infantry across there. At that time I wasn't right up there with them for some reason or another, and so when I got there had quite a lot of interference with machine gun fire from every side. So I, me and two other guys, was walking up the beach of that and it was quite a high bank and so this machine gun cut loose on us and it was hitting up about five or six feet above there. (Inaudible) There we went up over that bank and stayed over there. So they come and ferried us across and then after, why they got the trucks and stuff, you know. (Inaudible) Before we got up there, what they sent us over there for was they had a blockade on the (Inaudible) Mountains and they sent us over to break that and it took awhile. But it was desert over there (inaudible) the trucks and stuff like that, you know, and why there was snow in several places there and before we went on up there, why...I'm getting a head of my story a little bit. But anyway there was a, oh, (inaudible) when I got down to Florence, why the kids come there one morning, they come everyday, but they come every morning and they had their little pair of little wooden sole shoes on, short legged britches and shirts, short sleeves in their shirts, and those little buggars was freezing, about five inches of snow there. So they come begging for something to eat, so we give them all we could. And that's the grown people was too. They was pretty near that bad. You know, I took a truck load of garbage out there once and they come up over that truck like a bunch of animals, grabbed anything they could get and break and run with it. Somebody else would take it away from them. But anyway, we went on up and things get hot in places, you know, and so as we went, why we'd have opposition, you know, and just had a few airplanes left coming down that way, you know, and so one or two of them, you know, only knocked them out of the air, you know hen they come through and (inaudible) when they come to, but they, (inaudible) suicide, and so they went on up and after we got up there passed I think, Austria, we was by the Alps and that's pretty country out in there, you know, through Switzerland, you know. Lot's of dairies and stuff there, and meadows and green, pretty country, and so went on by there and on towards Austria and Benny* Sanpease* was there. (Inaudible) there until the come down, they was just down the road. (Laughter) So we went up there and that and the next morning why me and two other guys were out in the Jeep and had that (inaudible) 50 machine gun on there and went up up the country and I don't know why, (inaudible) got up in there and soldiers was telling us, you know, how (inaudible) the buildings you know and we went right by them and got up there. Why when we got

up there, almost to Lake Cuomo that's where this Mussolini had his art and when we got there, why, well, just before we got there, why one of my guys come out and had about eight or ten Germans in there and he called them (inaudible).

MS: Called them what?

IR: Teddeskies*(?)

MS: Call them what?

IR: Teddeskies. Italians called them Teddiskies (?)

MS: What was that?

IR: Oh, I don't know. Same as Yankee's I guess. And so when he asked me what we was going to do with them and I said, oh turn them loose, or something and he said, oh no, oh no, we can't do that, so it bothered me that he said, oh no, oh no, I guess so I said, "Well do what you want with them then?" So anyway, some of them just got where they could talk English pretty good. Well enough to recognize what they was saying. Well we went on up by that Yellow Lake (?). Mussolini, you know, that had him hung up there and they was sticking hat pins in him. (Laughter) Forces all around there [and they]were] sticking hat pins in him. Hat pins, you know about hat pins, about that long from women's hats, you know.

MS: (Inaudible)

IR: Yeah. (Inaudible) Then they had two, they done a lot like they did (inaudible) they'd take them out. They killed them. I think they must have shot them or something. They said that Mussolini was shot but he didn't have any bullet holes in him because when one of them guns like that or bullets hit him, why it'd go right straight through them, leave a big hole. But then we got done up there and went back down to our company and the rest of them come up and we went up there and stayed at that resort for a while. We had some little blocks of candy (Inaudible) in that lake and fish would just come out of it. That's what we lived on up there for a while. But we was up there for a while and then they took us back down to Florence and they interviewed us and was going to send us over to the Pacific, so that's where we was headed, and when we come in in that New York harbor, why (inaudible) and we'd go and get the others, but then we was coming on in and once we got into Indianapolis, Indiana, why they dropped that bomb on the Japs and they was

just waiting for word for what happened. And there was a lot of guys got up and took off and never even said anything about it. Just left, you know. And a few guys from Utah, we come on over to Fort Douglas there. When I come through there, why they told me to go on home and they'd call me when they needed me. I'd only been home about six weeks, why they called me back. I drew pay for that length of time. But I went down on the Wahweap during the time I was off, and Mom told me, oh, don't do that she says, that Sergeant will call you and I says, "They'll have to wait until I get home then." So when I got home, it had just been few days and they called me.

MS: How old were you then?

IR: Huh?

MS: How old were you then?

IR: I was close to twenty-eight. I was about twenty-seven I think and so let's see, how did I, oh, I think Dave sent me her address, and she was back in Illinois so I wrote her and when I got home why she was home and I went over to Hatch to see her. She was putting up fruit, so she wouldn't have anything to do with me, so I left Hatch and came home. (Laughter) So after a while I went over there again and we, I don't, I can't remember what happened, but we stalked one another a little bit, you know and then we got started going together and during, let's see, well, we sort of hung in there until, let's see, that was in the fall when I got home and then we in the spring, why I come home, or I was home and so I went, well, (inaudible) and then he got wounded quite badly, just his lung, took a lung out of him. (Inaudible) he was shot through the lung, going to have to take it out and so we went over to (inaudible) to a show. I borrowed my stepdad's car, Dad's car that didn't have very much mileage on it, it was a '41, didn't have much mileage on it and so on the way, why I got to talking around (inaudible) and there was a (inaudible) post in the road and I side swiped one of them and the gas cap stuck out so high and so the fender stuck out from (inaudible) so it bent that fender about like that and took the gas cap off, so I got it and put it back on and went about our business and come home and the next morning, why I had a hard time explaining it to my stepdad how I got about that, so finally, well he took me in there and checked out, so, and he was a little upset so I said, "What you going to do? I'll give you cash for that car, for what you paid for it in '41." So he thought about it for a while and he said, "What'll I do for a car?" And I said, "Buy you a new one." So they just started to come out and so I took and paid him for and he was surprised that I had that much money. But it was quite a bit at that time you know. So I paid him

940 something dollars for that car. And that's just about what he paid for it new. It had 17,000 miles on it.

MS: It was a '41 Chevrolet?

IR: Uh huh. Well and I used that for awhile.

MS: Is that what you courted Viola in?

IR: In 1946 we was married with it. Yeah, the end of '45, let see, I was, Margene was in with me, in the Mutual, yeah, and she was there with me, '46.

MS: Now who's Margene?

IR: Margene Miller. Harley Moore's wife, you know. (Inaudible). So she was in St. George and she died just a couple of years ago. And she was two years younger than I am. And her and I pal-ed around a lot together, but we had a really good Mutual. Both times, but the last time we had the better one. (Inaudible) (Laughter) She might get mad at me for telling stories like that.

MS: That's okay.

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IR: So I went to, I can't remember whether I went down to, oh, just above that dam there at Lake Mead and worked one winter, me and (inaudible) and Desmond, oh I guess that was probably it. We come home every ten days, you know.

MS: What was you doing out there?

IR: We was working on a saw mill.

MS: Oh, a saw mill.

IR: And an outfit from South Dakota got the timber out there and they rented that big saw mill. He

had a saw mill out there, he's from down in Hurricane, and they rented that saw mill, to cut that lumber up and so we went out there and worked for him all winter.

MS: This was in the late 40s or early 50s?

IR: Well, that was in about '57 and so when we, let me see, then the next year, why, me and Kay Clark went down to Las Vegas and worked for a mining work down there, might have been the first time, I can't remember. But anyway we'd go down there and work for ten days and then come home and we worked there...

MS: You'd come home for ten days?

IR: No, we come home for three.

MS: For three?

IR: We was working hauling gravel up out there to that "Proving Grounds". And then we started to work out there to Henderson putting "black top" on them roads out there, on the main street. There was a bunch of cafes. So I was on with a distributor and put me out there, (Inaudible) "don't put me on the "cat", you know. And that fellar that was on the "cat" was a brother to old Lou Cox*, is what his name was. And he wouldn't get up, so Grant* was on the "cat" and he wouldn't get up, (inaudible) so went back and told him, so they put me on truck. And it was all gravel down in there. We was hauling gravel down in there (inaudible) they was widening them piers down there.

MS: That was for Lake Mead, you said?

IR: Uh huh.

MS: So you helped build the dam then?

IR: No. It was already built but we was hauling gravel down in there to build one of them piers, you know. Down at that bottom. And so that lasted for about two weeks or something and then we went to work on them streets there and then, no, we worked on them streets first and so we just earned our pay. If I remember right just twenty-cents an hour more than the truck paid. So when

we got back into Las Vegas, why we were staying there, so when we got back in there why they said, "Well", he says, "I don't know how it is." He says, "You just barely got started there and your get twenty-cents an hour more than I do." (Laughter) And he couldn't get over it.

MS: ...Who was it?

IR: Kay Clark.

MS: Oh, Clark.

IR: Yeah. So we'd come home after we got our ten days in and so them old trucks were dilapidated too, you know, after the war and they couldn't get any to take their place, so I was driving one out there to the Proving Grounds and there was a car coming and it was snowing, big old flakes like that on the windshield. You couldn't even have windshield wipers, so I got too close to the edge of the bank and rolled off down into the bar. And the truck was on it's top and so it was still running and so I shut it off and got out and got up on the bank and I was only there for a few minutes and this car come by and so I got in and went into Las Vegas. When I told old Lou, he said, he was upset and he said, "Why didn't you run over him?" And I said well it didn't make sense to me. So I just got out of there and went outside and there was a guy come up and he says, "Are you looking for a job?" And I says, "I guess I am now." He said he'd give me that so anyway, he had a new S-8 Ford, so I drove that Ford truck and it was, he just barely got it, and so I drove that for a few days and then I come home and I never went back. I believe that was when my mother got sick and that's the reason why I didn't go back and she had a stroke and I was over there and I took her to the hospital and on the way I asked her, I says, "Am I going fast enough to get over there?" "Oh yeah", she says, "no hurry". So the next day, why Vi and I went down to Richfield and thought we'd stop in and see her when we come back. When we come back, why she'd just died. So that ended that. But you know, my mom, I don't know how in the world she stayed in the store business. Most people, especially the "Smith's" would come and get credit, you know, and then why it was hard for people to make a go of it. They'd get on that welfare you know and they'd put together a business and they'd get \$40 a month, and most of it, a lot of it was (inaudible) and so they'd run a bill and get too much and then they'd have to shut them off. And if you didn't shut them off quick enough, you know, and some of them left her with quite a bit of money owing. But in that little store she had everything there was. From horseshoe nails to bolts.

MS: Was that store right down here?

IR: Down by where Delpha lives.

MS: Oh, where Delpha lives?

IR: Yeah.

MS: Delpha Rose?

IR: Bart put that one up down there later on.

MS: Bart who?

IR: Bart Smith. And Virginia run it for a while, but anyway, she had quite a lot of bills out when she died. I think Virginia was one of them that partly paid the bill up. That was Bart's wife. She come from Moroni. (Inaudible) and then we left them guys were snowed under and the full amount was that and that's what they came up with. But we was working down in Las Vegas for a dollar and a quarter an hour. And after that I went directly up here to the sawmill up there (inaudible) and was getting ninety-cents up there.

MS: Where was that sawmill?

IR: It was up there on that, the one up there on the slope. You know where the slope is up there? You know that road where you go up, this side of the bridge?

MS: Oh, the Henrieville Creek bridge?

IR: Yeah. The one up there about a half mile and then there's a road turns off to the right, it goes around up in that upper country up there.

MS: Toward the Canaan Mountain?

IR: Yeah, up in there. And it goes up by the Canaan. And I met (inaudible) Mangum. Let's see.

MS: Who's Porky Mangum?

IR: He was a cousin to old (inaudible). I think he left and went down to Manila and he died a few years ago I remember. (Inaudible) Austin, we rode in an Austin and (inaudible) so he sit back down, you know and tried to get it back in the trailer and part time this trailer (inaudible) (Laughter). He was quite a character. So anyway we, let's see, I was about, when we bought this farm I think I was about ten years old and...

MS: ...now who is we?

IR: Huh?

MS: Who is we?

IR: I was, I was about ten.

MS: And your father bought the farm?

IR: My mother and my stepdad. But they hadn't been married very long then when that farm came up for sale and they bought it.

MS: What was your stepdad's name?

IR: Ray Willis.

MS: Ray?

IR: Wren.

MS: Oh, Wren.

IR: He was named after a bird, you know. So anyway when we...

MS: ...how many acres was it when they bought it?

IR: Sixty. And so we went up there and stayed and there, Dave and I. There wasn't very much

around there, farming at that time.

MS: That's on the south side of Henrieville?

IR: Uh huh. So Dave and I, he made us go down and grab a vest, so we grabbed quite a lot of vests down there and when we put our coats on our backside (inaudible). We cleared most of that ground and was just small spots where it was farmed. So as time when on, why, when my mom died, why I borrowed the money to buy this house and lot for the security of (inaudible) that water.(?)

MS: This was your mother's original house?

IR: No, this here was Mark Moore's old house.

MS: Oh, Mark Moore's house.

IR: (Inaudible) bought it from them. That's while I was in the Army, and my grandma died. My grandma died, oh, I hadn't been in there very long and so (inaudible) went and tried to get me a furlough to come home and finally I got one and I got on the bus and headed home and I never got here until the day after she was buried. Give me seven days. So I had to hurry and go back. (Inaudible) so I come in and talked to him, he was in the bedroom in there, and a short time after I got home, why they sent me word that he had died. And when I went up there, I was at Fort Lewis then. That's where we was at when they finally got that (Inaudible) sent our outfit up there because it was on that Columbia side there where they thought them Japs was going to invade there. So they sent our outfit up there. I don't know how I missed getting on the boat when it left with the trucks, but I did and they went in a hurry and so I was just one of the only ones left there so the kitchen was still there and the cook was still there and so I asked him what I could do and he said, well just go in there and wait until they come back. So they was gone three days. So I don't believe they even missed me. (Laughter) When they came back, why we stayed up there a little while and then we got some horses and I was there and the Wyoming National Guard, they joined us, the ones that was left and was going (inaudible) and they was the ones that had those horses so we stayed there for a while and then we left there and come to Colorado. We was (inaudible) and it was cold up there. We had a bunch of horses and mules and there was twelve of them mules (inaudible) we was sent up there in them mountains there to learn how to ski. So I was glad I was on horses most of the time (inaudible) and so they sent us up there and it

(inaudible). And then icicles the next morning was hanging down about that long, had to be real careful getting out of there. Got out of there and went over to the lodge and got warmed up and then they sent us up there on the skiing and there wasn't any of us knew how to ski. But we found out how to go down them slopes (inaudible). We was up there about a week. So they took us back down there and then they shipped us over to, oh, down south of Denver there. And we was there for three or four months. Well, maybe not quite, let me see. And then they shipped us to Texas and we went down to (inaudible) Texas and stayed there for a while. They would give us a pass once in awhile to go somewhere, like Austin or some place like that. That was quite neat, that Austin. It was up on the hill, you know. (Inaudible) all around it, but there was a lot of cotton raised there in the "Nigger District", you know, them coons. And so you didn't want to call one of them a Nigger, you know, they would get riled. So we stayed there for a while and then they left and went to up Norfolk, Virginia. They shipped us out of there. But getting back to this farm business, why, Dad died, it was when I, probably a year after my mom did, maybe it was close to two, and they took him up to the edge of (inaudible), he lived up there in Castlegate, he was the only kid he had, and he married, he had been married three times. The first one he married mom's sister, I believe, and so we took and mortgaged the water and paid for this house after we lived in that (inaudible) for a while and then there was one from just across the street from up there, John Brown's, the old house there and they just lived in the chicken coop. We cleaned that out, me and her and (inaudible) lived in the front part and we lived in the back part, two rooms a piece. And we cleaned it up and it was quite nice. So then after that we moved on this place (inaudible) and then we, I think we lived there a year or better and then we bought this place here, (inaudible) and he went to school, he went back to West Virginia or something like that and taught school.

MS: About what year was that, that you started farming?

IR: Well, I puttered around with it all the time you know, even before I went in the Army. I had a few cattle you know when I went in the Army. And I had oh, about twenty head, and my stepdad had about that many. (Inaudible) and when I got back why I went down there and gathered them out and I had, I can't remember how many cattle I had, (inaudible) four years old (inaudible) had a "T" on their back. Everybody had helped themselves. And really, you know, if you'd been patriotic at all, you'd have helped them out instead of stealing their stuff, but that's the way it was. I got involved on in this quite heavy after, I was running that place after he died. Well, I made an agreement with him and Mom, when mom died, why she had that place, you know that house down there, she had that, Daniel is living there now and then she had that piece up in there, I think

there was about eight acres, so she let Dave have that and so mom said, well, he made arrangements and you can have part of that one over there, so when he died, why he said, I'll let you have that north side (inaudible) (Laughter) so anyway I didn't pay attention, you know, and after he died, yeah, after he died, he had arrangements to buy it and we did buy it (inaudible) and that half cost us \$4,000 and it was kind of run down and so we couldn't get the water transferred, you know, cause, well we got it transferred, but it was from the bank and so when they found out, why they was going enter a dispute agin' us cause we didn't get the water to go with it, and so I went down to Richfield and talked to an attorney down there, a water attorney, his name was Bezzard, so he said he'd take it, so when I got home he called us and said (inaudible), he called us and told us, he said I can't take that case for you. He said that this fellow that they've got hired, I'll exclude him and I can't (inaudible) so we just pretty near had to stop. So we did and we turned around and they wanted \$4000 on that again, \$4400. So there was no other way, only to (inaudible) and he took and paid him that. That \$4400.

MS: Now who did you pay that too?

IR: Huh?

MS: Who did you pay that too?

IR: Yeah.

MS: Who?

IR: To his daughter up there in Castlegate. And they had Wren up there you know and he had to take quite a bit of different kinds of medicine you know, I think he was about, no, (inaudible) and her husband got up around midnight and was supposed to give him some medicine and he got up and gave him the wrong kind and it killed him. But they didn't say it killed him, you know, said just the wrong kind that made him sick. But anyway he died and so that suit didn't take place until after he was dead and put away, but it raised quite burden on us, you know, with that hitting us all at once like that. So I had to go down to the bank and borrow the money and so I was, let see, at that time I think I was still working on construction part of the time. I worked on all these roads through here. I worked on that (inaudible) down there where you go through to Cannonville. And took a load of powder in there and they thought they was really going to make a big blast and when they set it off, why it just raised it up and set it back down. They let the school kids down here and

everything see it. But I worked on that (inaudible). I was sixteen years old, I worked on that and then I had to have permission from my mom to do it. And was working for the state and I was running a team and a plow in there and old Press Shakespear was a powder man, and Layton Smith was drilling the holes and so one day we was out working and they got ready to shoot that so we told Loren Pollock, he was working on there, I think he and I was the only two that was on there right at that end, so we went straight down to the creek and stayed down to the creek until he shot that and when they shot that, why there was rocks about that big around come down and (inaudible) right between them hames and around the collar. And that Pollock, old Loren says, (inaudible) he says, "Oh my Judas, look at that. What was that?" We looked around and it was awful still (inaudible) but that was quite a coincident you know, that thing coming clear down there that far and it was about like that. And so we pretty near to top it off, that road there, so we did. I was taking, I had that car, I think when we came (Inaudible) we'd driven up there at a place, that place up there on the hill across from (inaudible). And (inaudible) and Brian come up there (inaudible), and I guess they was excited. So Brian said have you got time to take (inaudible) to the doctor? I said, sure. So he says well if you've got time why. I says, I don't have a thing to do. So I said just as well take you over. So I got out and got in the car and took them over. (Inaudible) charged him \$5 (inaudible)

MS: Did you ever have to deliver any babies?

IR: No. So I went to Las Vegas, St. George and (inaudible) I took (inaudible) that was Elmer and Violet's girl, she'd been having heart trouble, and so I took her to the doctor and I was going really fast through that cut low there and just as I went through there, she died in his arms. Elmer's arms and I said, "Oh, Elmer, "I'm sorry about that." So Viola had a bad heart too, so I took her over several times, but part of the time mom would furnish the gas though and so it was just my, but anyway we, I got involved in more cattle you know. I bought fifty head from Charlie and twenty-one head from the church and twenty-eight head from Layton. And about that time it was about that time I was running that farm down there (inaudible) and mine too. And I had Tom help me. And I had no ground, just cattle then. And so Tom got killed about that time and that left an empty spot there and so...

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IR: Okay, is it already to go? Okay. Well I'm going to get up here and talk a little louder then huh?

Okay. Well, I did get to mumbling a little bit last time. But anyway things went kind of haywire, you know, that BLM kept cutting in and everything like that and I asked them if that permit was secure. Two or three times I did down there, and they said, yeah. Well, they shipped in some different guys you know and they'd cut you some more. Anyway to line me up with the rest, you know, Farley was way over on his, you know for equalization but the reason why they done that, why sacrifice three years that he didn't have any cattle out there. So they wouldn't allow for it. The fellars before allowed him for it and so that was partly what started things too. So they cut me, I can't remember just how many. But anyway when I had old Met* come over to get them.

MS: Met Johnson?

IR: Yeah. Took them to auction and I think I had about twenty head there and I give \$150 bucks a piece for them and when he took them over there, when Ike had, oh what's his name, old president, what was his name? You'd remember him. Anyway, old Truman. And (inaudible) went back down to nothing and so I sent them over there and the best ones I got \$60 out of and the others, \$40. Just had to pay my freight. But I guess them the things that happen that you don't expect. But anyway went on and there was out on this farm, I had that place right down there and over the other way and the first year me and Tom put the hay up and we put in 1200 bales. Hauled it by hand. And the next year I got machinery and a hay wagon and a new baler and I went in \$21,000 on that and I bought a new tractor and I had that before, just a little while before I got that machinery and we was paying \$2,000 a year on that thing and paying on that other machinery and it run pretty hard. (Inaudible) up here and so he got some wired posts and so I put them out here and we fenced part of it and that's all and so I got a permit to run them cattle up and down, you know, on the trail. So when we got through, why I had to sell some cattle, you know, to pay my bills. So I sold Clare and them thirty head and the next year or two I sold them thirty more. And that pretty near took all I had to pay them bills. So I had thirty-three (inaudible) let, I think it was, yeah, and so I held on to them for a few years there. I rode with them for ten-years, I think it was and so when I had that heart business, I held on to them for a year or something, maybe better. And after I was operated on for that heart business, why I, well I had almost, well I passed out once. But it was mild, so I was walking every day. So I walked over to (inaudible) and back and I pulled that hill going that way easy, and when I come back, coming out of the creek, why I got right on top there where that road comes up on the upper end there and I passed out bigger than heck like that. And when I come alive my legs was a tingling so bad that I

couldn't even stand up. So I worked my way up and I stood for a while and I couldn't stand very long, so I sat down on the bank. And I got back up, so I guess the circulation had left me or something and so I had a hard time getting them legs a working so finally I kept standing till it did and so when it finally came back I said, well if I come on home, and I went to the doctor. Doctor Marchant*, and so I went to that doctor down there to St. George for a time or two, that heart doctor down there, so he sent me down there and I had this heart pacemaker put in and I've got a long good since, you know, pretty well since that. So then I sold Claire the rest of them cattle and they was selling for quite a bit more and I got a fair price out of about sixteen, thirteen, thirteen. And the rest of them I practically give them to them. They're selling for \$850 and some for about \$1000, them cattle were at that time- cow and calf. So I sold them to him for oh, for \$850 for the calves that was on the ground and I told him, I says, when I, for another two weeks I want the rest of them for \$850 for each calf. So when I got through why that never did materialize so I just got what I could get out of them. I think it was \$600 or \$650. \$650 probably and so they come down after that and they wanted to, see, after I got operated on, that (inaudible) had gone right across here. And they said they never did, most of them they sewed them up and sent them home when they had that gone. So they took this one out of my neck right here and put that in. Put that in the place. The others weren't big enough. And that hurt so bad right in there. You wouldn't believe how that bugger hurt when he pinched it off. And so I asked him, I said, "you got some pain pills for that?" And he said, "yeah". He give me a couple of pain pills. I think it was four, Tylenol, and I took them till my arm, right arm went numb and my left one was starting to get numb. So he said, cut them down a little, so I did and so they just gave me a bottle to take them at the time I was supposed to take them, you know, when I was in the hospital. And I talked to old, anyway, I'll let that go for a minute and it'll come back. So I was over at Cedar in the Lynn* Store and I run into, I can't think of his name yet, but anyhow I will. And anyway I talked to him and he said I don't think I'm going to make it. And I think his was done the same way. I think they just sewed him up and sent him home. And his brother died of a heart attack. And so he said, "Will you speak at my funeral?" And I said, "I'll do anything you want me to." (Inaudible) Dee Roundy so I'd worked with him quite a bit, you know, around places. And I just thought a lot of him and so I never did get to go to his funeral. But (inaudible) When I got into them cattle and left that farm behind, why I gave that farm up down there when I had that heart business. And Patterson took it over and he only run it a couple of years and then they let Clyde and them have it and I only had them thirty-three head left and I could keep them on my place and then when I had that pasture over there why I put them over there, but I don't think I put them over there. The last ones. I think I let the place go before that. And so I raised enough hay to keep them thirty head, you know, and I pastured them. Well no, I sold them. I sold them and what I should have done was just hired somebody to take

them down there. Richfield or Cedar. But I didn't. I got them Kings come to get them, (inaudible) and Mark. And when them come and got them and hauled them down and I asked Mark, I said, "I want you to feed them things now. I'll pay the bill." So they didn't do it. After he took them down there and they separated them. I told him, send them through by the pair, and they separated them and charged me \$10 for the calves to go through and \$10 for the cows. If I'd hauled them down there, found somebody to haul them down there, I'd went with them. I only had six head, but most of them was big cows. I couldn't haul them in that little trailer I had. And I couldn't have pulled them in the pickup. But there was one story I (inaudible). You know, after I rode with them guys that long, and they come down and wanted to know if Patterson knew where they could get a (inaudible) to haul water, (inaudible). Patterson told them that I had one and he said I know he'd let you take it and maybe the truck. And he told him, he said, we don't speak to him anymore. Claire said that. Can you believe a person saying that after you'd rode with him for ten years? I never done anything to hurt him. I let him have them calves for a cheap price and I let them have that straight taken over to Horse Valley for \$1,000 and I put \$1,200 into that on this mountain right there. And I charged them \$400(?). How could anybody not be satisfied with that? And so they still don't feel good towards me I don't think. But I never done anything to hurt them. This is the truth, what I've told you. If that hurt anybody, beyond me. So I sent them cows down with them guys and they done that and they hadn't fed them and I took (inaudible) on them cows and the calves both, you now. The calves weighed oh, probably average 200 pounds and they was just big enough you know that they should have stayed on their mom's for a while. And that year after I was operated on and the year after, I raised two big stacks of hay. Not because 78 or something.

MS: How old are you now?

IR: Eighty-one.

MS: Is that right?

IR: And so I could have been 76 or something you know, and I raised (inaudible). In fact, I've cut it and baled it every year since. So I broke my outfits down (inaudible) and the bearing went out on it and he run it through the shaft, so anyway I didn't blame him anything because it was, you know, when you've got older machinery why you can't blame anybody for what happens. But anyway I was baling hay and I was going through the pasture just like I always did, about third gear, really kicking the bales out and that thing blowed up on me all at once and it's still setting down there broke down. The codder pin broke on it and the flywheel pin broke on it and it throwed

it clear out of time. So I've had Claud (inaudible) working on that two days. And he's got to come back Saturday to finish it up. (Laughter) (inaudible) was working on it and I guess he was doing what he thought was right and he was working on it with a hammer, you know, and so I didn't say anything to him, I thought, well, it's just all voluntary, so if it works it works and if don't it don't. So anyway when Claud looked at it, he said, that thing right there won't work at all, that he pounded, you know, and then where that little nodder thing goes up there and catches the (inaudible) why there some pieces underneath that were wore out, so he's going to bring them over Saturday and put them together. But I couldn't figure that thing. The whole thing going haywire. If I'd took it and pulled it down to the creek and made a flood break out if it, it would probably have been better. (Laughter) I said, "Well, Claud, that (inaudible). Well, I heard a story about them the other day and I can't remember it all, but anyway said someway or another, I guess when they straddled it, well I can't remember for sure what he said, but anyway they said it wasn't as good as these others for baling hay for some reason or another. There's a lot of them around. But that thing, that baler scared the heck out of me. I didn't think that much could happen to one of them. (Laughter)

MS: Let me ask you another question. It sounds like to me you've been all over the world and you're back here in Henrieville. What's better about Henrieville than wherever else you could have lived?

IR: Well it's just like an old cow going to water. If they get started going in one certain direction, why that's where they go. Now Viola and I went back to Omaha. (Inaudible) and them was back there going to school and we helped them out in going to school and we went out there and went out to Nauvoo and they rented a van and we went to Nauvoo and if I was in good shape, I'd go back there again and check that out again. That's the most interesting thing you've ever seen in your life and them buildings are immaculate. Know what I mean? Like Joseph Smith's, you know and Brigham Young's and them. Now there's no question Brigham Young was a carpenter, but that home was really, it was alright, and they had a lot of different homes around there and then they had a gun shop, a Browning gun shop, and a blacksmith shop and had all them things there, the same original things that they had in the brick factory and we got one of the bricks right there, hanging up. I think that's it. They was a lot bigger than that, but that's what we got to put on for show or for people to buy. And then we went down to the jail where they killed Joseph and them and where they buried them. And they was about that high off of the ground, you know, where they buried them, with a fence around it. And it was in that area that they got reorganized, the LDS Church, you know, and, but they had everything set up to where they didn't have to worry about a thing you know. If it hadn't been for that enemy, why they'd of had a good go of it right

there.

MS: Okay, let me ask you another question. Out of all the many jobs that you've had; you've been in the service, you've been in Vegas, you've been all over working. What's your favorite job that you had?

IR: Well the one I had with (inaudible) and Kaibab was probably the most interesting, but the one I had working for these contractors, I made more money with them than I did, I was getting better than \$7 an hour, and when that ended I was getting probably \$3.80 or something like that. And I was by myself all the time with them. But I worked with (inaudible) and I worked for Morrison Knudsen on top over there and they had that road going down to Escalante and then I worked for Morrison Knudsen down here on this one between here and Cannonville and it went up here to where you make the turn to go on out.

MS: You haven't mentioned farming?

IR: Huh?

MS: You haven't mentioned farming. Wasn't that one of your favorite things to do?

IR: (Laughter) No, wages were so cheap and I got into that so deep I had to keep working and I remember me and Max down there hauling hay at 11:00 o'clock of a night. And I'd go up there and work road and then come back and haul hay and irrigate and stuff like that. And she went down there and I didn't know it until just probably a year or better ago, she'd go down there and turn the water and once or twice I guess why she got stuck and she had to walk home, pack Janice, I guess Janice wasn't very old and you walked home another time didn't you? (Laughter) But you know, I didn't know about that till just about two years ago.

MS: Probably better off not knowing. (Laughter)

IR: I was. I was a lot better off not knowing. But you know, I took and had some cattle down there in that lower end of the place on Sand Ridge, you know on this old Bush place, this old one that's just underneath the ridge.

MS: Below Cannonville?

IR: Yeah, and so I was going down there in an old 2 wheel drive pickup and feeding them down there in the lower end of that and what we had, we had such a drought down there, you know, we had to bring them home to feed them and I got some of that (inaudible) and stuff like that and so one time she drove that outfit down there and back and fed them cows. (Laughter) And I don't know how she made it, but she did.

MS: Well now haven't you spent a lot of time on the Wahweap?

IR: Yeah.

MS: Okay, now here's the big question. What do you think about the "Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument"?

IR: I don't think, I think that they done a big mistake doing that you know. It's going to hurt a lot of livestock fellars. And when they get through they're going to knock everybody off, sure as this world. So there's no security in it whatsoever. That outfit, there might be the only chance there is of them having security is if the Republicans get in there. And if the Republicans don't get in there, that thing is gone. But see, what they done, they over dealt that policy in 1906 when they put that policy out that they couldn't take that up only under President's rule, but then another thing, he went into Arizona to do that.

MS: And so what's the future for us here then now?

IR: Well just like I say, if the Republicans goes in, there's a future.

MS: I'm talking about our future right here. You've lived in Henrieville all of your life. Would you encourage your family to come back here and live?

IR: If people considers what they've put up the last six years, that lying buggar and what he done, why they'll vote for somebody else that don't make any difference who he is and I think we've got a good prospect running, that Bush. I'd like to see that McCain get in. That McCain was in a prison of war for two years. And he if he's been in that long, over there, he knows more about foreign affairs than anybody. And this thing is up in the air now.

MS: I think I'd better cut some of this off. (Laughter)

IR: And he went up to headquarters and drove a cow of mine and a little calf (inaudible) drove it down there and I thought that was pretty good of that man, you know and then when he had that (inaudible) cancer, he went down there and rode with us that winter and he showed me that cancer on his belly and I'll tell you, that wasn't good. He said the sorest place was when he took that skin off and did a graft on there. They don't do that anymore do they?

MS: I don't know.

IR: No, I don't think so. I think they either just let you die or else they use that radioactive stuff. See Dewey's got that over there. That cancer. But I don't know, I never did ask him where it was at. A while back, while they spoke about it coming up his sides, you know. I haven't been over there to see him for a week, but I've been there about four or five times and he don't seem to change very much, you know. The last time I was over there with him, he didn't say a word, only he must be doped up right bad because he...

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