

**DELTA HOWARD
EMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES
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Interviewed by unidentified--INTERVIEWER
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Delta: What do you want first?

Interviewer: I was going to ask you how long was Aunt Edna and Dave married?

D: They married in April 27, 1933 and they separated, divorced, I think it was about November of 1937.

I: So they were only married about four years and in that time they had twins and two more kids, huh. Busy. One of these days, I'm going to go to Aunt Edna's and have her tell me about when she and Dave went out and lived out to the Nutter's Ranch when she was pregnant. That is a good story and I can't remember where else she said they lived. We talked about it one day and then I never did get down there to get her story.

D: After that fall they went back to Moab, that's where the twins were born there in the Moab hospital with Dr. Allen.

I: So where was Roger born?

D: Roger was born in Salt Lake.

I: And so was Wayne?

D: Uh-huh, no Wayne was born in Huntington, Dr. Hill.

I: In Grandma's house?

D: Uh-huh. I went up and stayed with them in 1935 when he was born. He was born November 5th, 1935 and I'd been up there all summer with her in the house. I was in Moab the biggest part of the summer, it was somewhere in June when we left. Dave got layed off his job in Moab and he went to Salt Lake looking for a job and he found one up at the smelter out somewhere towards Magna. When he got his job out there, he borrowed his step-father's car and come back down and got me and Edna and the kids. I wanted to stay down to Moab that summer because I had several jobs going for me so Mom told Dave...he stopped on the way down...he got as far as Huntington or down about to Price and it was dark so he decided he'd go over stay with Mom

and the kids and then come on to Moab the next day. We hadn't really expected him and we were washing and anyway we had to hang clothes out and let them dry while we got packed and got ready to go.

I: Was he just turning right around and going back?

D: Yep, we just threw things in the car and gathered clothes off the line and Mom told him to tell me to come home which he later did.

I: Were you working in Moab?

D: Oh I had three or four places where I ironed and I was helping Nelda Westwood with laundry up to the hospital plus I was helping Mrs. Miller, the lady in the hotel where we was living. About once a week, I'd go over there and help her with her washing. We was living upstairs in the hotel but she had a home down just across the road from the hospital and I'd go down and we'd carry the laundry what she had...she didn't have very...she had several rooms but there wasn't very often that she had too many people in the hotel. Sometimes there would be two or three people there two or three nights that she'd have them. She didn't really have too much washing but we'd do it once a week and I'd carry it down and we'd wash and we'd have lunch together at her house. I'd tell her to leave the washing and I'd go down the next morning and get it so she didn't have to carry it back up.

I: So you mostly had cows and sheep and things like that to do huh?

D: Yeah and then anyway one lady Danelda.

I: What kind of washing machine...did you have a washing machine?

D: Mrs. Miller and they had two or three washing machines at the hospital. But we had to take the clothes up and hang them on the line. But anyway this gal had been helping and all of the sudden she quit so I got to help her. We was pretty good friends though. Then I ironed for one lady and I ironed for her mother and quite often I ironed for a lady by the name of Peterson. She had a little store there up on main street, it was just lady's clothing and I bought clothes, things from her quite often. Like my panties and my bras and I think I bought a dress there that Spring. I: So how much would you get for ironing and washing and doing stuff?

D: I was getting 55 cents for a while and then I started working for the hospital and they paid 85 cents.

I: 85 an hour or what?

D: 85 an hour, yeah.

I: How much did you get when you ironed?

D: That's what I meant, for ironing and I can't remember how much it was when we was washing.

I: But that helped you earn a little bit of money down there. Did you live with Aunt Mary then?

D: Nope.

I: Where did you live when you were down there?

D: With Edna. I lived with Aunt Mary the year before but Aunt Mary never did like me she did Edna and she kind of picked at me all the time. When we went down to stay with Edna, she was living with Edna and Dave and the twin boys... Mary was working and so was Uncle Jo and the kids were in school. We were doing all the work, the cooking and washing and everything, she'd usually do it on Saturday or do her washing anyway on Saturday. We was doing all the work and she was kind of gripey about everything and we thought... Mom said she was going to try and find a house or some place to live but she suggested to Edna and Dave, she thought they ought to because she thought it was just too much on Mary. While we were doing all the work and she was still kind of onry about everything. So Edna and Dave got just one room in the hotel and Mom told Uncle Jo... Aunt Mary left quite early in the morning and she just happened to put it to Aunt Mary if we was moving and Dave borrowed a pick up and we moved that day and Aunt Mary got madder than Hell. She went and spokeed to Emmy (?).

I: Did Grandma have any of the boys with her or just you and Edna and Dave?

D: All the boys was with us.

I: That was in the Summer?

D: No, he was born in February and Mom went home about the middle part of May.

I: So she stayed down there and helped Edna too. Did the boys go to school down there?

D: Yeah, the boys went to school. Mom was working, she was taking care of a lady that was quite sick. I think she had a stroke or something but anyway she was helping her and then she

told her she'd have to find somebody else that she had to go home.

I: So that was in about 1934 before the twins were born?

D: 34.

I: Was that still during the Depression time?

D: Yeah.

I: Because the war started in 36 didn't it? One of them?

D: The first one started in 38 in December.

I: We didn't get in it with Japan til 42 with Pearl Harbor.

D: Yeah, Pearl Harbor, it was on your birthday, don't you remember?

I: Well no I don't remember but I was two years old. I was two years old the day it was bombed because you were pregnant with Neil probably at the time.

D: Well wasn't it in 41?

I: No it was 42 that they bombed Pearl Harbor because I was born in 39 and I was two years old.

D: It was on your birthday in 1941 and Neil was born in April of 42.

I: Oh maybe that's what I'm thinking. I can't remember I was only two.

D: It was on your birthday in 1941.

I: It was two years exactly, that's right.

D: Uncle Scott went into the service about May after Neil was born.

I: So he went to the Navy or the Army or what?

D: Went in the Navy.

I: What was his middle name? Scott what? Scott something Howard, huh.

D: I don't remember.

I: What was Edwards middle name? Hmm, maybe they didn't have one. Anyway I want you to tell me about the Christmas tree when you were out on the farm, the most memorable Christmas.

D: Well it wasn't on the farm.

I: Where were you?

D: We lived in that little house down on the corner. It didn't have very much room in that little house. It was two rooms and the kitchen and the bedroom...that little bedroom and ? mixed and we it was coaxing for a Christmas tree, when are we going to have a Christmas tree and Mom and Dad told us they didn't think we could have a Christmas tree, there wasn't any place to put it up, it was too crowded. We all felt so bad because we didn't have a Christmas tree.

I: Was it the first year you were there?

D: I can't remember, it might of been. Linda was born on the first day of December. It might have been that first year but anyway Mom said she just didn't know where we'd put it up so Dad was going up to the mine below the coal.

I: What mine?

D: Some mine that was open...

I: In Huntington Canyon?

D: Uh-huh, anyway, he left early one morning like he always did when he went after coals. We asked him and asked him if he'd get us a Christmas tree. He said he'd try to if he got up there pretty good time and got back so he could, why he'd get us a Christmas tree. So we were looking forward to a Christmas tree and when he got to coming that night, it was just starting to get dark and he didn't have a Christmas tree on the wagon. We cried and we asked him a dozen times why he didn't get one. He just got up there so late he just didn't have time to get one coming back and we felt so bad because we weren't going to have a Christmas tree. We went to bed that night, we were feeling so bad because we didn't have a Christmas tree.

I: On Christmas Eve?

D: No, it wasn't Christmas Eve. When we got up the next morning why there was a little

Christmas tree, I don't think it was any higher than that. They had it on a pallet (?) box and it was all decorated and everything.

I: What did they have it decorated with paper and popcorn?

D: I don't know whether they had chains or... I think we did have some tinsel on it and I don't know what all they had on it but evidently he and Mom decorated it after we'd gone to bed. We got up to a real surprise the next morning with that Christmas tree and oh we loved that little Christmas tree. They had to put it quite high on top of a box and it was just a small one. After Christmas we put it out, after New Years probably. Oh we all loved that little Christmas tree, we played Christmas every day.

I: All year long huh?

D: Uh-huh as long as needles stayed on it. But we loved that little tree better than any tree because I guess it was because it was such a big surprise. To this day I don't know where Dad hid that Christmas tree. He must have ditched it off the side of the road coming down up to the public rail somewhere and went back up there and got it. It was a good surprise. We were sure broke up when we went to bed that night but we sure did love it.

I: That was probably the best Christmas present you got too huh?

D: Uh-huh.

I: Where were you when you started collecting the dishes?

D: We were living in the big house then and Mom had gone out in the Spring, she had to take the boys out of school and go out... was out helping Dad while he was scything and it was getting about Mother's Day and Pat wanted to get her something for Mother's Day and we didn't have any money to buy with. We was running a grocery bill down to Mrs. Cavala's (?) and she was always really good to us. We'd pay her a little bit at a time whenever we could and she'd carry us over. Anyway, Pat decided we'd get Mom cups and saucers for Mother's Day and then Mother Oats had a cup and a saucer in every package and at the time it was a real pretty design on them, it usually was some pretty design on the cup and saucer. Anyway, Pat decided that's what we'd get for Mom for Mother's Day but she and I and Edna were the only ones that were there so we had to eat... we ate Mother's Oats for breakfast, dinner and supper to get those six packages eaten up so we could have those cups and saucers for Mom for Mother's Day. She told us if we'd help her get that set of dishes then she'd give us a surprise for doing it. So we ate Mother's Oats three times a day and sometimes at night why she'd... have you ever eaten fried mush? Well sometimes for a change, we'd have fried mush for supper. But we got our six cups

and saucer for Mother's Day and then she went down to Mrs. Cavala's and got a can of salmon. I can't remember what else she got, but salmon was quite the thing. I think for a change we had a loaf of baker's bread.

I: So you had a real feast huh?

D: I can't remember, seems like she got us something special for... I know she got us some of those Oreos, what are they called, Oreo cookies or something like that, chocolate with white on the inside of the sandwich. She got us some of them but I can't remember what else she got us. Sure did taste good, Mother's Oats.

I: What happened on Mother's Day, did you wrap them up or what?

D: I don't know if they got wrapped or what but Mom was real surprised about it. We even put them in one of Mom's roach box to wrap them up.

I: Where were her cupboards in that house?

D: We didn't really have any cupboards, we had one little cupboard on one side as we went down to the basement, where the ironing board was. The ironing board fell down one day, the door come open and it fell and broke off so I don't know, maybe Mom made cupboards out of it. It was kind of a medicine cabinet. Then we had just a little kitchen cabinet, we had two of them at one time. Like the old one we had in the kitchen there for quite a while

I: That had the metal top on it and the cupboards in it?

D: She bought one and I think Grandma give her one or something, anyway we had two of them.

I: You had to have somewhere to keep your dishes and dish towels and stuff.

D: There was drawers on one side and cupboards over here to keep your pots and pans in. There were drawers down along like this, I think there was three drawers and we had our dish towels and then in the bottom drawer we used it for a bread drawer.

I: I remember some of them were made with a bread drawer and a place for flour.

D: There was a place for flour but we eventually took it out because we really needed...the place where the flour can was for dishes and things like that and we used a big tin can for flour.

I: It probably kept the weevil out better anyway didn't it?

D: Yeah

I: Downstairs was there a place to put fruit and stuff?

D: It was built up like this with cement and then the shelf started right under the steps and all along like that, clear across the end and back up along the south side.

I: I can't remember the cellar very much at all, I can remember where it's but that's about all. I always liked the windows that were in the kitchen, weren't they kind of high? Seems like to me they were a little bit different than any house I'd ever been in and I always liked them.

D: We'd had a porch from the kitchen and the kitchen wasn't very big so Cliff, the Fall of 1936 took the partition out and we had two windows in the west, one double window like we had in the kitchen on the west side and then a little one on this side and another one on this side and a door that let out on the south side after we took the partition out. It made the kitchen a lot bigger, better. Where the partition was they had a real small window. That's the one that splintered when the lightning struck one day. I was mopping the floor, mom and the boys was outside weeding or hoeing. I think what they was doing is out cleaning the chicken coop. They was all outside and I was mopping the kitchen floor and when I wrung out the mop cloth, I always straddled the mop stick and it made mom mad and where I got it from was Aunt Lima. When Aunt Lima worked for us when Lulu was born Lima worked for mom while mom was in bed the flu. That's the way Lima always did, she straddled the mop stick when she wrung out the mop cloth. I just barely...the mop bucket was still sitting in the middle of the kitchen and I just walked over to put the mop rag, after I rang it out, behind the kitchen door where we put that and the broom and a great big flash of lightning come and it hit that bucket and it just BOOM. I can still see that blue flame, it scared the hell out of me. It come through one little window, there was two little windows, you opened them up like this. It just splintered the one and the other one it never even cracked it.

I: Was the window open or shut?

D: It was shut and it made the most perfect butterfly in that window. It was just as perfect a butterfly as you could ever imagine. Every bit of glass was there but it was just shattered, splintered.

I: It came through the window and hit the bucket that you'd been standing over just three seconds before. My goodness, it was a metal bucket.

D: I was scared. The window was still like that when we took the partition out. I think it was...it had to be about '34 when that happened and it was '36 when he took the thing out.

I: Did Grandma see it strike the house or anything?

D: No she didn't until she come in the house.

I: So where did the blue ball of flame go, in the bucket?

D: It just hit the bucket and it just seemed like it was all over the kitchen and I just took the mop cloth

over there and closed the door kind of shut and turned around when it happened.

I: Did you feel it in the air?

D: I didn't feel anything.

I: Weird.

D: It damn near scared me to death. When momma come in, I told her about it.

I: And the butterfly was there for proof. Were you in the house the day lightning struck Grandma's house when she lived in the house she bought from Florence? Weren't you and Nancy in the house when lightning struck?

D: Uh-huh. It come in the window. The electrician come and he said it was funny that someone wasn't killed that day. Somebody had put a penny in there instead of putting a fuse in. Somebody had put penny in behind the old fuse and he said that was probably what caused it to do it. It just flashed and Steve and Ally and Peggy... Grandma asked Steve to go down and get Nancy from school and let her have lunch with us so the kids could visit with her because Peggy was just like a little sister to her. She and Peggy was sitting on a bench at the end of the table... it made her arm... it hit the fork or something and anyway it went right up Nancy's arm. It scared her so we didn't make her go back to school that afternoon. I was sitting up against a metal cabinet. Mom and Steve and Ally was in the bedroom and I was holding Dwight... I was sitting on another little bench or chair and had my back up against that little metal cabinet and it hurt. It must have really shocked the hell out of Dwight because he just screamed. Steve went up and got this electrician and it put the lights out and everything but anyway, they got new use plugs and put in and this guy found the penny behind the fuse plug and said that's what caused it. He told Mom not to ever do that again and she said "it wasn't me that did it".

I: But lightning did hit the house and came right in the electrical system?

D: Um-hmm.

I: Where was the fuse box, outside or inside?

D: It was on the inside of the house by the door. That and two or three other times is what made me such a silly thing about lightning.

I: When else have you been around it?

D: One time up to the old brick house where Lucy and Cliff lived in 1936 when I was helping Cliff. When he had the formrunner from Clara. I was hurrying to get my ironing done and did the ironing out there for Mom because she was busy. I would go in and help her wash and then I'd take all the ironing back out and do it out to the farm because I had quite a bit more time than she did and she didn't like to iron anyway. I was ironing a shirt and I had one more sleeve to finish on it and something told me to

I: You are lucky to be alive. Did you have problems with it at other times.
D: What happened the night that the old rock house fell in.
D: It was raining and raining and the old house just fell in.
I: It wasn't because of lightning, it was just old and crumbly?
D: Uh-huh.
I: Who's house was that house before you and Daddy bought it?
D: Well it was Pete Neilsen's.
I: That was Clair and John's dad?

D: Uh-huh and Mrs. Neilsen died in 1935 and then...he must have been really religious but he didn't live up to his religion and I think, Mom told me he was really ornery with Mrs. Neilsen and she'd had a big family and she wasn't very well. Living clear out there and we in town, we could hear him yelling. He'd be out in the corral and he wanted her to come out and help him I guess. We could hear it. I think it must have been her heart. Anyway Edna come down that Spring, the Spring she was pregnant with Roger, she came down and Mrs. Neilsen was quite sick then. So Mom fixed, I can't remember what Mom fixed, she fixed a dish for the family and she and Edna walked out and I took care of the kids, the twins and Steven. Anyway they lived on the farm and when Mrs. Neilsen died, it wasn't very...I can't remember for sure when he married this other lady and she was...he was quite religious but I guess she was even more so in a round about way. But anyway, they worked over to the temple in Manti and he wasn't doing anything with the farm or anything. I guess he had a mortgage on it. Aunt Clara got it for \$800, she paid the mortgage off.

I: And then you guys bought it from her?

D: Yeah, we bought it from her. We paid \$3,000 for it.

I: So she made a good little hunk on that one. But still it was worth every dime too.

D: Uh-huh.

I: Did they ever live in the rock house?

D: I don't know what they did with the rock house.

I: So what do you think about, behind the house where the cement pad was, was that just a walk way or what?

D: Yes, uh-huh. The root cellar there had a cement floor, so I guess they just poured the cement there.

I: I often wondered if that front cellar, we used to store stuff in it and I often wondered if maybe that was a dug out home originally.

D: Could have been.

I: Even the rock house only had one side so it was kind of like a dug out. Do you know who owned the property before Pete Neilsen.

D: Somebody said it was Jens Neilsen.

I: Maybe it was their dad then, could have been.

D: Mrs. Neilsen and Pete Neilsen had a son Jens. Their oldest son was Jens. He was working up to Provo, I think he was working on a farm up to Provo. I think what it was, he was waiting for the forman to come, the fellow he was working for and he tended the water and he was sitting out on the edge of the road and the fellow hadn't come yet. He just sat down, sitting there waiting, kind of resting and he got hit with a car. I can't remember how old he was. In a way, it seems like he'd been out of school but I'm not sure.

I: I think they're in the history book. In a Lee and I looked it up one day when Wayne and Teresa's son was killed.

D: Oh, James.

I: Anyway, we looked it then, somebody wanted to know how everybody was related. Pete's was in there and it told all their kids. Antone and Said, except she's not called Said, she's called Sarah. What was Aunt Said Murning's name? Sarah too?

D: Sarah I guess. She was a sister to Pete.

I: To the Neilsen's?

D: Uh-huh.

I: Her dad was a Murning, right?

D: Her husband.

I: Oh that's right, her husband. What was his name Jack? They said a lot of people used to call him Jack Moran.

D: I think it was Joe Neilson or some fellow that talked real broken that called him Moran because he couldn't say Murning.

I: Oh, okay.

D: I don't think Joe was any relation to him, I don't think he was. I think he was an old Swed or something but anyway he didn't talk very plain, he was pretty well known around and everybody liked him.

I: Where did he live?

D: I don't know if you ever knew those little rock houses northwest of Dad's place or not, way up in the hills.

I: Yeah, but I thought that was nosey Joe Meeks?

D: Well nosey Joe Neilson.

I: Who was nosey Joe Meeks?

D: There was a Joe Meeks too.

I: That's why I got mixed up, cause it was Joe Meeks but not nosey Joe. Is that right, did they call them both nosey Joe?

D: No.

I: Alright, I remember Grandpa saying something about nosey Joe and I always thought it was nosey Joe Meeks. Did Meeks' live up there too?

D: Uh-huh, they lived up on the Meeks' place where John Neilson's got now.

I: Right, that's where Joe Meeks lived.

D: Joe Meeks had a great big long beard, grey. That's the only way I ever remember...and then they had a son that was named Joe too.

I: How is Bill Meeks related to them?

D: Bill was...their mother's name was Rachel and she was...there was Melva, Rachel and Mabel. I think Maple was the youngest. Rachel married and had the baby and I don't think she died

when Bill was born but she died sometime after I think. Anyway Melva didn't like him, like the man and...his last name was Grundy...they separated them.

I: Did she die quite young?

D: Uh-huh, she died when Bill was just a little boy and then they raised him. They wouldn't let him have Bill. He just left the country.

I: So Bill was raised by his grandpa and grandma?

D: Not the grandma, grandma has been gone for years and the old grandpa was gone by that time.

I: So Melva and Mabel helped raise Bill then?

D: Uh-huh, they raised him.

I: Did Mabel ever get married?

D: Yeah, I think she was married but I don't think she was married very long. Melva married Chris Neilson and he'd been married to Dad's sister Clara. They had three girls and then, I don't know whether he was going with Melva at the time or what but anyway, Clara divorced him and later on he married Melva. I don't know what the trouble was or anything but anyway he was herding sheep and he killed himself. They said he was really in debt and that's why he killed himself.

I: Was he from around here?

D: I don't know where he was from. I think he was a brother to Pete.

I: So they lived up there where the Meeks' place?

D: As far as I can remember, Melva and Mable lived in town. They had a big house and they rented to the school teachers and it was sit right there on the corner where LaMar Guymon's home is. They had a little home up above LaMar's and they fixed it up quite nice for themselves and they lived there for years and years and then they had another house and I think they rented it to school teachers and it set just about where Paul and Ramona's home is. Their sister, Violet I think and they called her Vi, anyway she married Bob Howard and she had...she and Bob had two girls and Harvey that married Florence Carpenter and he died. Bob and Vi lived in that big house where Coral Pilling lives.

I: I think I remember Bob.

D: I'm not sure that you knew Harvey. They lived for several years, after Bob's wife, Vi died, Florence and Harvey lived with Bob and took care of Bob. She cooked and washed for him and everything and later on she got that house where Grandma used to live and they lived there for several years.

I: Do you remember when Uncle Byron had the mine? Was that the only mine or was there other mines?
D: There was another mine up there called Freeks (?)
I: And it was in the same canyon?
D: Yeah, it was the same canyon only on the west side of the canyon from where Uncle Byron's mine was.
I: So Byron's mine was on one side and it was on the other?
D: Uh-huh.
I: That's where the Deer Creek mine is now, then?
D: No I think Deer Creek mine was just across the canyon from where Uncle Byron was.
I: But this one was up the canyon more?
D: Up the canyon. It was McKinnon's. Uncle C? used to work up there. I don't know which one of the McKinnon's, I don't think it was Bob McKinnon because they was up around by Hiawatha, but I can't remember his name.
I: Old man McKinnon, I met him once. Aunt Clara and I went to some banking building in Salt Lake and that's where he had his offices and he was quite hard nosed old fellow, rough talking son-of-a-gun but I can't remember... Malcom McKinnon.
D: Oh, uh-huh.
I: Yep, he had quite the empire there for a while. So when Grandma would have been living in this little house down here she had you, Aunt Pat. Was Cliff still home in the little house in town?
D: Yeah, uh-huh. He may not have been going to school at the time.
I: So there would have been Cliff and Pat and Aunt Edna and you.
D: Lucille is between me and Edna.
I: Okay. How long did Lucille live?
D: She was born on 11th of December and she died the 23rd of February.
I: So she just lived a few months?

D: She had pneumonia. One year when a lot of people...Grandpa was sick and in bed the same time with pneumonia when she died. Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe lost a little boy about the same time. I can't remember when his birthday was but I think he was a little bit younger than Lucille was.

I: So that would have been in about 1916?

D: Lucille was born December 11th 1916.

I: They said in 1916 a whole bunch of people died with pneumonia or flu or something.

D: They had a year or two that diptheria was so bad. I think that was later on.

I: So Leonard wasn't bor when you moved to that little house.

D: No, we moved in in the Fall and he was born the first of December 1944.

I: So there was you, Karl and then Lou and then Leonard. So there was Cliff, Pat, Edna, you, Karl, Lou and then Leonard.

D: Uh-huh, Lou was born out to the farm.

I: So there was six kids living in that little tiny house with two adults and a new baby coming. No wonder she wanted to move to town.

D: (Laughs)

I: So where Meeks' lived, they up on the hill was the Rowley place but what was the Rowley's? Did you know them very good?

D: His name was Ed and her name was Agnes. Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe was real thick with them but Mom didn't like Agnes, they didn't get along.

I: Where did the Mills' live, did they live out on the Morland road?

D: No, Miras and Bell Mills lived up in that big house of Aunt Said Murning, that one that burned down. They lived in the house and run the farm and Aunt Said...I don't know why they didn't have a very big house where they lived, why Aunt Said and Pete and them lived, they didn't have very big house down there. In fact, I think it was a grainery.

I: Was that where Virginia and Pete's house was, in that area?

D: That same house, the other house was way up there. That's where the Mills' lived. Grandma Mills lived up where, well east of where the Wood's live. For a long time it was kind of like a dug out. They didn't move that there until years later.

I: I always thought that's who Grandma Brown lived with, the Mills' for some reason.

D: The story that Grandma told, she said that they lived in a dug out but I never once saw anywhere near around where the house is now.

I: I'll find the article on Cliff. They did a big article on Cliff and the dug out and the whole bit. It seemed to me that where the cellar was, was up just a little bit, it was more like down the hill a little ways, into the hill.

D: He called it the woodshed. It was down over the hill from there and then there was another kind of a dug out or a cellar that had some cement work in it. It had some shelves made out of cement so it was either one of those. Their dug out being one of those places there was news to me. Cliff is kind of funny, I think he'd tell almost anything to make...

I: Well that's what I'm wondering now.

D: Where did you say you got the article?

I: It was out of the Progress, so I'll look it up and see. It's been about ten years ago or more.

D: Was it Elizabeth Hansen that wrote it?

I: It could be, I don't remember. That would be about the time she was writing.

D: I'm just wondering if he didn't tell a big spill like that to get his name in the paper.

I: Could be, we'll never know now.

D: He said that Montel Seely was just a living image of Karl and he was no more like Karl than nothing.

I: I know that's what you said but Uncle Cliff had a way of looking at things. Well I better let you get home.

D: I never knew Guy after he got bigger but I think that Guy would have been more of a Karl, like his dad then Montel would. Montel reminds me more of his mother and then they had a boy named Jim and I didn't know until not very long before Cliff died that Jim had killed himself. Cliff said he knew damn well that it was due to old Leland Behling? Leland leased the sheep from Cora after Karl died and it wasn't very long after that that they got married and I think Cliff was kind of jealous. Cliff said he knows it was due to Jim and Leland having troubles why Jim killed himself but Cliff didn't know anything about them now. He wasn't herding sheep or anything for them because Cliff never herded sheep for Karl Seely after he and Verna was married because Karl had told Cliff about Verna having epileptic spells, he told Cliff he didn't know what it was but he knew that she had some kind of spells and he said "Cliff if you ever saw her in one of those spells, you'd never want to marry her" and Cliff said "I've heard so much, nothing

would ever stop me from marrying her" and I think he was just ashamed, after he and Verna separated, they did have a heck of a time cause it took everything Cliff had, he couldn't go work anywhere. About the only place he ever worked was for the city and she was there with us. I was scared to death all the time she went into one of those spells. I guess her mother and dad had a saw mill up Straight Canyon somewhere.

I: What was her last name?

D: Jewkes, Verna Jewkes and she'd been married another fellow, his name was some Simmon's, he was a brother to Bea Leamaster and I didn't know that until long before Bea Leamaster died. Anyway, they had a saw mill up Straight Canyon and that's where Cliff met her, not very far from where Cliff had his camp up there that year in 1934. Anyway Karl just begged him and begged him not to marry Verna and he did and then after he divorced Verna, he never did herd sheep for Karl anymore because he said "I know damn well the only reason"... "see I told you" or something like that. He wouldn't have anything to do with Karl after that and he said that he knew that's why Jim Sealey killed himself was because he and Leland didn't get along together.

I: That's probably not true but who knows. Yeah, that's hard.

D: I don't think that Cliff... Cliff wasn't around sheep and so I don't know how in the hell he. I think he was kind of jealous because Cliff had herded sheep from Cora and I think he was kind of jealous because he leased the sheep to Leland instead of Cliff.

I: I think it's time for a nap.

D: It's time for bed.

I: We've been here at my house tonight, April the 13th, doing a little interview with Mom on different various things. Some of them she doesn't want me to type so I won't, some of them are just funny little things we talked about but even as she was leaving the door telling me about how Gerald Sherman used to back and how Aunt Lucy backed are funny things worth remembering. So we'll say goodnight and try again tomorrow.

End of interview