

Interview with  
Mary Ann Egger Dougherty  
at her home at Shelton, Washington  
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(sometime during 2002)

**Mary Ann:** Mary Ann Dougherty... (stating her name)

**Dean:** *Great... and you can just talk like normal...*

**Mary Ann:** Oh... okay... I don't have to be so loud, huh?

**Dean:** *Right. Okay. Yea! So, if you would just tell us the name of the grade school that you attended...*

**Mary Ann:** It was the Wolf Creek Grade School... right on the Wolf Creek River... that runs into the Nestucca River...

**Dean:** *Where did you live at that time?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** That's a long story... well, here we go!

**Mary Ann:** (laughing)... Well...

**Dean:** *Where were you living?*

**Mary Ann:** We lived right on the one corner of Wolf Creek, and the Nestucca was running, you know, in front. In front of our house was the Nestucca and the Wolf Creek ran into it, and the school across Wolf Creek was named the Wolf Creek School.

**Dean:** *So, is that the house that then the Fletchers owned later on? A big, uh... is there a porch on the front of that house or something... no?*

**Mary Ann:** I honestly don't know who lives in it now...

**Dean:** *Is it still there? No, it's not there. Oh.*

**Mary Ann:** I don't know.

**Dean:** *And, one of the things that we've wondered is how Wolf Creek got it's name. Do you have any idea?*

**Mary Ann:** I'm afraid I don't know. It just was always Wolf Creek...

**Dean:** *... there was a person who had the name of Wolf... W O L F E ... that used to live in that area, and we didn't know if that's where it got it's name, or if it was actually from an animal...*

**Mary Ann:** I don't know...

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**Dean:** *What years did you attend the school?*

**Mary Ann:** What years?

**Dean:** *Was it your, like, first grade, or second grade, or...*

**Mary Ann:** No, we moved out to Beaver when I was in about the third or fourth grade, and Mrs. Alvord was our teacher. It was a one room school, and...

**Dean:** *So how long did you go to that school?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, they consolidated with Beaver School when I was in about... I attended the Beaver School when I was in the seventh and eighth grade, then.

**Dean:** *Okay. And who was your teacher then?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh....

**Dean:** *It's okay if you don't remember...*

**Mary Ann:** I don't remember...

**Dean:** *I know that Mrs. Alvord went to Beaver...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... she taught at the Wolf Creek School...

**Dean:** *Uh, huh (yes)...*

**Mary Ann:** ... when I attended...

**Dean:** *But after it closed, you're not sure...*

**Mary Ann:** ... where she went...

**Dean:** *Right...*

**Mary Ann:** I don't know.

**Dean:** *What year was that? When you were in about the fourth grade?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmm.... let's see... well, I graduated from Nestucca in '33... so go backwards...

**Dean:** *Sometime in the mid-twenties... early twenties... mid-twenties... how... well, let's see... you would have walked to school...*

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**Mary Ann:** Yes, just...

**Dean:** *What about the rest of the kids?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, most of them walked at that time... the Measors were close... they walked and up the little road... you know where Sorensens house was? And there, they could walk... and then up the road a way... what was that family up the road with the girls...

**Dean:** *On up Wolf Creek?*

**Mary Ann:** On up... no... up the Nestucca River on...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Oh, Coles.

**Mary Ann:** Coles...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Glenn Coles lived up there...

**Dean:** *But they weren't there at that time, were they?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh...

**Dean:** *What about... was there a Johnson family that lived there about that time?*

**Mary Ann:** I don't know.

**Dean:** *That may have been later.*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *What were some of the family names that you remember at that school at that time?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, of course, there were the Measors...

**Dean:** *And, did they live there on the farm? Or did they... they did, huh?*

**Mary Ann:** They lived... uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Because I know that the Haines lived right where the Measors do now for a while, and they told me that Measors lived at one time, even, on Tony Creek Road, over by Sorensens, over further... but I don't know the time period of that...*

**Mary Ann:** I don't know that... I don't remember that the Measors ever lived up that way... no...

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**Dean:** *Okay... and who else? Any other names that you can think of that maybe attended the school at the same time?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Ted Allen....

**Mary Ann:** No, Ted Allen didn't go there when I did.

**Dean:** *Wesleys?*

**Mary Ann:** Wesley? No...

**Dean:** *There was a Claude Wesley at one time that attended Wolf Creek...*

**Mary Ann:** Could be... I don't remember...

**Dean:** *I mean, it could have been a whole different time... okay... and.... what did you... what are some stories... do you remember anything that happened while you went to school there? Anything in particular... anything with the teacher and the students...*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmm...

**Dean:** *An incident of some kind?*

**Mary Ann:** An incident... hmmm... we had a... this is not an incident... but we had great fun at recess playing Hide and Seek in all the big ferns and...

**Dean:** *So was it a field out by the school at that time, or were there any trees then?*

**Mary Ann:** A lot of shrubs... shrubbery, and some trees, not many.

**Dean:** *So you'd go out and play Hide and Seek, and have a great time...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... have a great time...

**Dean:** *Did you ever go down to the creek?*

**Mary Ann:** Pardon?

**Dean:** *Did you ever go down to the creek?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, yes, uh, huh...

**Dean:** *Now was that also where the water came from for the school? Was out of the creek, or was that from somewhere else?*

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**Mary Ann:** Hmmmm....

**Dean:** *I'm asking you hard questions, aren't I? I'm sorry...*

**Mary Ann:** Yes... (chuckling)... where the water came from... but we did have drinking water, of course... I think it must have come from, but I really don't know... I really don't know... I wasn't concerned about where the water came from...

**Dean:** *So you don't remember kids, like, going to get the water for the school or anything?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmmm... I'm getting mixed up with Imnaha School where I taught school... I had to take care of the water...

**Dean:** *Oh, yeah, you were a teacher...*

**Mary Ann:** Yeah... but I think one of the kids must have taken care of the water there...

**Dean:** *Now...*

**Mary Ann:** A lot of the Measors were there when I attended... the Measor kids...

**Dean:** *So, Helen Haynes would have been...*

**Mary Ann:** Ahead of me...

**Dean:** *Right... oh, right...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Do you ever remember much homework at all at Wolf Creek School?*

**Mary Ann:** No...

**Dean:** *And, what did you do when you got home... did you have chores to do at all?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, little chores, like feeding the chickens and the rabbits, and...

**Dean:** *And, at that time was your dad the postal deliverer? Is that what I heard?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, he was. He farmed... he had a few cows, and then he carried the mail up past Blaine... how far did he go?

**Mary Ann's husband:** Silver Falls.

**Mary Ann:** Silver Falls...

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**Dean:** *Yeah, actually, my wife, who was Laurie Schrock... if you knew Reuben and Naomi at all?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Oh, yes...

**Dean:** *They're my father-in-law and mother-in-law, and Naomi remembers that her mom... May Larrew... was... really thought a lot of your father...*

**Mary Ann:** Father? Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *But that would have been about where he turned around...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... it was... uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Do you remember any stories that he used to tell about delivering the mail at all, up and down the river?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, one day I... he had an old Model... Model A... was that a Model A?

**Other voice:** Yes...

**Mary Ann:** I was driving up one day and I ran off into the pasture (laughing)...

**Dean:** *Was that on Wolf Creek?*

**Mary Ann:** No, it was up above... toward the end of the route...

**Dean:** *What were the roads like?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, kinda' rough...

**Dean:** *Yeah... um... do you remember at that time, anybody misbehaving in school or anything?*

**Mary Ann:** No...

**Dean:** *We're not trying to get dirt on people or anything...*

**Mary Ann:** No, I don't know that anybody dis... you know...

**Dean:** *So they... did they obey the teachers pretty much?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Did just what they said, then... do you ever remember the teacher disciplining the kids at all?*

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**Mary Ann:** Hmm... no, not much... they didn't seem to need it... they were all, you know, good kids...

**Dean:** *And then... when you went to Beaver, do you remember some of the family names of kids there at Beaver? Any friends, or...*

**Mary Ann:** Well, some of the Measor kids were there at Beaver...

**Dean:** *(indistinguishable)...*

**Mary Ann:** Druscilla, yes, she was a friend of mine... uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Marvin, and Kenneth...*

**Dean:** Oh, yeah... Ken...

**Mary Ann:** *Kenneth passed away...*

**Dean:** Right...

**Mary Ann:** We're still in touch with Pat and Marvin Measor that... over in... you know... they live out of Boston now... uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *I've been hoping to interview Druscilla... I haven't met her yet...*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, yeah...

**Dean:** *So I want to do that... I've got her address...*

**Mary Ann:** I'm sure she would be glad to do that...

**Dean:** *She wrote quite a lot of information for us, as well...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *So, when you were at Beaver School... are there any stories you can remember happening there?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmm...

**Dean:** *Uh... anything in particular... any programs, or recesses... what would you do at recess?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmm... play ball...

**Dean:** *Now... outside?*

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**Mary Ann:** Outside, yes... of course, if it was raining, of course, they had a gym...

**Dean:** *Like a covered shed or something...*

**Mary Ann:** Covered shed of something there... a basketball in it, you know... basketball hoops...

**Dean:** *Do you ever remember sports against other schools at all? With boys or girls?*

**Mary Ann:** No, I don't. Not at that time.

**Dean:** *Was the community involved in the school at all? That you remember?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, I think they went to the parent meetings and things...

**Dean:** *And programs... you must have had like Christmas programs...*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, yes we did...

**Dean:** *Anything in particular you remember about any of the programs?*

**Mary Ann:** Not really, I guess.

**Dean:** *Okay... what about growing up at home? Anything that stands out in your mind that happened while you were growing up at all... any memory that was maybe traumatic or funny, or...*

**Mary Ann:** Well, there was... above us ... up on... at Beaver where we lived, you know, across from Wolf Creek, there was a family named Chris and Effie Allen...

**Dean:** *Right...*

**Mary Ann:** And they had this son... Ted... he was always pestering me, and he'd take my hat off and he'd throw it in the bushes... on the way home from school... and...

**Dean:** *Yeah... was he older than you or about the same age...*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, he's a little bit younger...

**Dean:** *Okay... he just moved to... he is still alive, isn't he? I think he just moved to Tillamook from Beaver...*

**Mary Ann:** Did he?

**Dean:** *Yeah, he used to live...*



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**Mary Ann:** Really, we haven't kept track of them... we're good friends with the parents, of course, that lived on up the hill from us... Ted... Chris and Effie Allen...

**Dean:** *Yeah...*

**Mary Ann:** They had to go through our place to get out... (chuckling)... my mother had stomach trouble and I had to milk the goat...

**Dean:** *How... was that for a long period of time... years?*

**Mary Ann:** Umm... maybe half a year...

**Dean:** *Uh, huh (yes)...*

**Mary Ann:** She had ulcers, and she... goat milk was recommended to her, so I had to milk the goat...

**Dean:** *Did it work? Did she get better?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes...

**Dean:** *Okay... why did your family move to the area?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, my father always wanted a farm, so he grew up on a farm in Sherwood, Oregon, and so he always a farm, and his brother had bought this farm... his brother's name was Frank Egger... and he bought the farm and then he didn't like it out here, so my dad took it over... dad and mom and me...

**Dean:** *Was that kind of a shock to move out to such a rural area, or was Sherwood at that time pretty rural, too?*

**Mary Ann:** I was pretty young, so it didn't seem to bother me any.

**Dean:** *And how about your mom? Was it fine for her to move out to the farm?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... yeah, she liked it.

**Dean:** *How large was the farm at that time?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmm... do you know how many acres it was?

**Mary Ann's husband:** 88.

**Mary Ann:** 88 acres, but a lot of it was up on the hill... up towards Allens, and then there was a flat place up on the hill, and you could go up there and look all over.

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**Dean:** *So where Barcrofts live now, was that part of the farm, also? No.*

**Mary Ann's husband:** (indistinguishable)...

**Mary Ann:** I think the whole thing was 88 acres, but it had... a lot of it was up on the hill... level...

**Dean:** *Up towards where Allens were?*

**Mary Ann:** Up toward Allens, uh, huh (yes)...

**Mary Ann's husband:** That was Cole that had that one where Barcroft lives...

**Dean:** Which Cole was that?

**Mary Ann's husband:** It wasn't V.C. ...

**Dean:** *Uh... Glenn was his brother...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Glenn was across the river by Sorensens...

**Dean:** *So there's another one, still, huh?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Was it V. C. up there? It could have been, I suppose.

**Dean:** *Now, see, the lady typing this for me is Darleen Cole...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Oh, is that right?

**Dean:** *Her husband is Bob? Glenn's son Bob...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Oh, yeah, yeah! Little red-headed squirt...

**Dean:** *Did you hear that, Darleen? (everybody laughing)...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** I gotta' go back to keepin' my mouth shut...

**Dean:** *No, it's fine...*

**Mary Ann:** That's all right... you...

**Dean:** *He retires at the end of this year from his job...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Is that right?

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**Dean:** *And if you have any stories you want to share, go right ahead, because he'll hear it when she types it up.*

**Other voice:** Well, I remember the two girls and Bob, and Bob had the capabilities of teaching the mule skinner the English language. The girls were wonderful people... well, all of 'em were... when Bob would settle down, why, he was a real good (?)... and, uh... his dad, very soft- spoken...

**Dean:** *Yeah...*

**Other voice:** Glenn... and his mother... I was always welcome there, and you can tell his lovely wife I hope he grew up!

**Dean:** *(Haw!!) Okay! (to Mary Ann) What do you remember most about your mother?*

**Mary Ann:** Most?

**Dean:** *Right.*

**Mary Ann:** Well, she was always feeding the... our neighbors up on the hill... the Allens... she was always having them for dinners...every time they came down the hill, why, my dad would always say, "You have to have those Allens again today for dinner?" (chuckling)

**Dean:** *So she was really hospitable.*

**Mary Ann:** Yes. Uh, huh.

**Dean:** *What do you remember most about your father?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, he was just a good guy, and always willing to help his neighbors with things.

**Dean:** *My dad said he was a very easy-going person.*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *What was... in the... you know, if you can think of this... what was the best advice that your mother or your father ever gave you or taught you?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmm.... hmmm...

**Dean:** *Or any lessons you might have learned just by being around them?*

**Mary Ann:** (thinking)...

**Dean:** *If it comes to you later, you can just share that.*

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**Mary Ann:** All right.

**Dean:** *What about your life? As you... oh, I haven't... I didn't ask, actually, about high school, did I? Anything that stands out in your mind about high school... going to high school at Nestucca?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... well, I enjoyed going to high school very much... it was fun riding the bus... the kids were always in the back of the bus telling stories... well, I shouldn't say this, but... Bob Stewart... he sat in the front of the bus, and he wanted me to sit by him, but... no, I had to go to the back of the bus, because that's where all the stories were going on! (chuckling) That's funny.

**Dean:** *Do you remember who drove the bus at time?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, I don't know...

**Dean:** *How about... how did you get to Beaver from Wolf Creek when you went to Beaver School?*

**Mary Ann:** The road... they had the bridge across...

**Dean:** *But did you ride in a...*

**Mary Ann:** ...bus...

**Dean:** *You did?*

**Mary Ann:** We had to walk out to the main road and catch the bus.

**Dean:** *Was it an actual bus, or was that the panel truck that McPherson drove?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh... well, gosh, I don't know.

**Dean:** *I saw a picture of a black... like a panel truck that I heard he had for kids, but I don't know if that's the same...*

**Mary Ann:** Gee, I don't know... seems like it was a regular bus, so...

**Dean:** *Okay...*

**Mary Ann:** Yeah...

**Dean:** *Do you remember any events at high school that stand out in your mind? Any sports events or dances or anything?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, I didn't partake in the activities too much at school because we were far away and I didn't drive, of course, and... so I didn't really partake in much of the activity outside of school.

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**Dean:** *The reason I keep looking down is there's a needle I'm trying to watch... it's not picking up a lot, and I don't understand why, because it's an incredible system...*

**Mary Ann:** I don't... I don't have a very good speaking voice...

**Dean:** *No... no, you're doing just fine. Um... okay, what about your own life, as you graduated from high school, then what did you do? What were some jobs or places you lived?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, from high school I went over to Monmouth to school, and became a... got a teacher's degree...

**Dean:** *How long were you in school?*

**Mary Ann:** Three years at that time... you were able to get it.

**Dean:** *And was that normal school at that time? Was that what it was called?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, yes, uh, huh.

**Dean:** *Okay, and then what?*

**Mary Ann:** *And then I went to teaching... I went way up to Imnaha, and I taught at... down at Cloverdale for a while... well, not at Cloverdale, but uh... what's that little community...*

**Other voice:** Hebo...

**Dean:** *Union?*

**Mary Ann:** Hebo...

**Dean:** *Oh, you taught at Hebo...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... had first and second grade for a while...

**Dean:** *Oh, I didn't know that... okay... is that what grades you taught mostly... was first and second?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... well, except when I went up to Imnaha, I had all the grades, but there were only about eight or nine children, so, you know... didn't have all the grades...

**Dean:** *Right...*

**Mary Ann:** ... but in between...

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**Dean:** *Okay, so you taught at Hebo, and then where did you go?*

**Mary Ann:** Up to Imnaha...

**Dean:** *Oh... after Hebo you did?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, gosh, I don't know...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Don't look at me!

**Mary Ann:** I don't know... let's see... I think I went there right away... to Imnaha... and then I got on to Hebo...

**Dean:** *Okay...*

**Mary Ann:** And that was good, because I could drive there from home...

**Dean:** *Right... and then after Hebo... were there other places you taught, too?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmm... Tillamook... I taught first and second grade in Tillamook... or, second grade...

**Dean:** *Which school was that?*

**Mary Ann:** East School...

**Dean:** *I taught at East School for thirteen years...*

**Mary Ann:** You did?

**Dean:** *Yeah... sixth grade...*

**Mary Ann:** Huh...

**Dean:** *I loved it... huge school... big long halls, and...*

**Mary Ann:** Yes... uh, huh...

**Dean:** Oooh... and then, did you teach more after that?

**Mary Ann:** *Uh... no, I guess I went into the service and met him, see. Did I teach afterwards?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** You taught at East after you got out of the service...

**Mary Ann:** *Yeah, I did... afterwards... see, I'm confused...*

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**Dean:** *So, you were in the service....*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *What service were you in?*

**Mary Ann:** The Air Force...

**Dean:** *Really? For how many years?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, about two...

**Dean:** *And where were you during that time?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, down south in Columbus, Mississippi.

**Dean:** *Oh, you are talking way down south...*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, uh, huh... and Florida for a while...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Georgia...

**Mary Ann:** And Georgia...

**Dean:** *Was that difficult going from the coast to such a hot climate?*

**Mary Ann:** It wasn't really very hot there... I don't know... during the school year... yeah, in Georgia... it wasn't that warm...

**Dean:** *And.... anything you remember about your time in the service that stands out... any stories...*

**Mary Ann:** (laughing)... Should I tell them about when I met you and Swartzie...

**Dean:** *Yes!*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, it was funny... well, we were going home on furlough... from, uh... from Columbus... and this other gal, her name was... Swartz... what was her first name? Anyway, she had her eye on this guy, over here...

**Dean:** *Aaaah....*

**Mary Ann:** ... so she was kinda' tryin' to get on my side to get me away from him, 'cause... (chuckling)... oh, it was funny...

**Dean:** *So...*

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**Mary Ann:** But he didn't... he didn't... he wasn't interested in her...

**Dean:** *Good for you! Where were you from?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Seattle...

**Dean:** *So, you're really close to home country...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** The humorous portion of that was that I made a bet with them... I bet her dinner that evening... this was the night we met... I bet her a dinner that I was traveling farther than she was, and she being the cocky one, said, "Oh, I'll take that bet" real quick, and she said, "I'm goin' clear to Portland, Oregon"... and I said, "I don't eat much, but I'm goin' to Seattle"... (everyone laughs)... my folks lived in (???) at that time... so at... we split in Portland and I went on home, and then when we went back to the south again, why, I met her in Portland and we traveled back... and those were the days when I went back... no, I guess it was when we left down there, we... it was all modern machinery... the seats... the coach we were on had straw seats, woven straw seats... the windows didn't fit... I had to put my top coat in the crack in the windows... the engine was burning slop coal on the... black soot was over our suntans... (chuckling)...

**Dean:** *Hmmm....*

**Mary Ann's husband:** By the time we got back on the west coast, we looked like we came out of a mine! But...

**Dean:** *Did you enjoy your time in the service, then, both of you?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, I... I did... uh, huh...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Yeah... it was different...

**Dean:** *Uh, huh....*

**Mary Ann's husband:** We were stationed... matter of fact, we were stationed together almost all the time...

**Mary Ann:** Columbus, Mississippi most of the time...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Yeah, and then when I was transferred to Albany, Georgia and then you followed me... at that time, about that time, the government decided that married enlistees, or married personnel could be together...

**Dean:** *Hmmm....*



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Mary Ann's husband: ... and, so that when I went to Albany, which was Turner Fields, then she could transfer to be with me, and then we went from there down into Fort Myers, Florida, and that's where we were at... at, uh...

Mary Ann: When the war ended...

Mary Ann's husband: Yeah... VJ or... was it VJ or VE day?

Dean: *So you were in the service during the war?*

Mary Ann's husband: Oh, yes...

Mary Ann: Uh, huh (yes)...

Mary Ann's husband: We were in the Eastern Flying Training Command, and that's a fate worse than death... but, uh...

Dean: *So did you fly?*

Mary Ann's husband: No, I was a mechanic...

Dean: *Uh, huh...*

Mary Ann's husband: We flew a lot of training aircraft... I had been schooled in B17's... maintenance of B17's... but this is not about me, let's get back...

Dean: *Oh, it's okay...*

Mary Ann: He's part... he's part of my life...

Dean: *Okay, so... you started a family at some point...*

Mary Ann: Uh, huh (yes)...

Dean: *Tell me about your family.*

Mary Ann: Well, we have two... just two boys... two children... Michael is the oldest one, and, uh... when did he come along? Hmm...

Dean: *Would that be the late forties sometime?*

Mary Ann's husband: No, it would be... had to be... let's see... well, it would be... yeah, probably mid to late...

Mary Ann: Yeah, in the late...

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**Mary Ann's husband:** Let's see, he's fifty...

**Mary Ann:** Yeah, in the late forties... forty...

**Mary Ann's husband:** We'd been married about four years, I guess, so it would be about '48, possibly...

**Mary Ann:** So he must be about 53 or 54 or something, or...

**Mary Ann's husband:** He's about ready to retire...

**Mary Ann:** Yeah, uh, huh...

**Mary Ann's husband:** He's also a teacher...

**Dean:** *Okay... oooh...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** And he's got his thirty years in with the district...

**Dean:** *Where does he teach?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Oh...

**Mary Ann:** Everett school district...

**Dean:** *Oh, Everett school district...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Yeah...

**Dean:** *And your other son?*

**Mary Ann:** He lives right across the street from us, and he's a mechanic.

**Dean:** *And what's his name?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Bill...

**Mary Ann:** William... William... he's just Billy to us...

**Dean:** *And how many grandchildren do you have?*

**Mary Ann:** Well, not too many... we have...

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**Mary Ann's husband:** Just two...

**Mary Ann:** Huh?

**Mary Ann's husband:** Just two...

**Mary Ann:** Just two...

**Mary Ann's husband:** Right now, two great... two grandchildren...

**Dean:** *Oooh... two great-grandchildren, also?*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Yeah, and two greats... yeah, Adrian's a great...

**Mary Ann:** Huh?

**Mary Ann's husband:** Adrian and Ann are the grandchildren, and Kylie is a great-granddaughter...

**Dean:** *Hmm.... are there any community activities, or religious activities or anything that you remember down at the coast when you lived there?*

**Mary Ann:** Hmmm... no... we lived in Beaver... we didn't go to church very much because my mother didn't... my mother would liked to have gone, but she didn't drive, and my dad would... he would take her on occasions, like Easter or Christmas, or...

**Dean:** *Which church would that have been, then?*

**Mary Ann:** That little one down at Beaver...

**Dean:** *Okay, right in to EUB church...*

**Mary Ann:** Yeah, uh, huh... whatever church was there at that time... it wasn't...

**Dean:** *Okay... ummm... actually, I don't have very many other questions for you. What was it... as you look back on your time growing up on the coast, was it a good time, do you think? A good childhood?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes... good, very good...

**Dean:** *What about brothers and sisters?*

**Mary Ann:** No...

**Dean:** *Oooh....*

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**Mary Ann:** Well, my folks had a boy before me, and he passed away with pneumonia, and so then I came along and I was the only one.

**Dean:** *About how old was your brother when he died?*

**Mary Ann:** Just a baby...

**Dean:** *A baby...*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Okay, I don't have any more questions, unless there's something you might want to share.*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Dean:** *Okay, I'm gonna' shut this off, unless you're...*

**Mary Ann:** I don't know... I just really enjoyed living there on the Nestucca and growing up there...

**Dean:** *Did your parents fish at all, or did you, while you lived there?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, occasionally, not a lot...

**Dean:** *Hunting?*

**Mary Ann:** No... used to fish in that little creek there, Wolf Creek... it was fun...

**Dean:** *Were there fish in the creek then?*

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)... at that time there were ...

**Dean:** *So, mostly did your parents raise the food, like a garden, and...*

**Mary Ann:** They always had a big garden, yes, uh, huh... picked the blackberries, and...

**Dean:** *Right...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** You had your own cattle...

**Mary Ann:** Huh?

**Mary Ann's husband:** You had your own meat... cattle...

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**Mary Ann:** Well, yes, we had... on the farm...

**Dean:** *Yeah, pretty self sufficient...*

**Mary Ann:** Yes...

**Dean:** *Did your dad haul milk to the cheese factory at all?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, he did, and then...

**Dean:** *Would it have been the one in Beaver, then?*

**Mary Ann:** Yes, uh, huh... he did...

**Dean:** *Okay...*

**Mary Ann:** And then he did... we didn't have enough cows to make a good living, that was why he took on the postal route...

**Dean:** *How long did he do the postal route?*

**Mary Ann:** Oh, quite a few years, and then Marvin Measor took it over...

**Dean:** *Oh, I didn't know that...*

**Mary Ann:** Yeah... we still... are still good friends of Pat and Marvin back in Boston, and he's not too well... well, neither one is...

**Dean:** *Now, you know that Naomi had the mail route for many years...*

**Mary Ann's husband:** Yes, she did...

**Mary Ann:** Uh, huh (yes)...

**Mary Ann's husband:** After Marvin had it...

**Dean:** *And Charmaine had it before her... and I'm gonna' shut this thing off...*

**Mary Ann:** All right...

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