

**Transcriptions of Grandma Mary's memories & stories  
told during the ride from Bountiful, UT to Bear Lake on May 11, 2007**

[Holly drove, Ed sat in the front seat, Mark, Mary and Mary were in the back seat. The recording was interrupted several times when we stopped for lunch at Maddox, at Macy's for groceries, and for various side chats]

- Mary: What were some of the movies you used to watch? Do you remember anything?
- Grandma: Well, my favorite was Barnum & Bailey Circus. That used to be a movie they made, they had a movie of it.
- Mary: Did they record like that year's show or something?
- Grandma: Well I don't know. But it was whatever they had that's about what you could see, so.
- Mary: Did you have any favorite actors or actresses?
- Grandma: Oh, I did use to have a favorite, now I don't know why I had. The girl was Janet Galer (sp?) and I think I only saw her in one show maybe, but I don't know why she was my favorite. She was very pretty and everything. She was in, let's see, what was the name of it, "A Star is Born." I think they made it since then, probably a lot of times, but she, in the end was, I suppose behind the water, I don't know if she actually went on it, she stood there, I don't know, it's nothing really. I liked the cowboy movies, I liked, uh...
- Holly: Do you remember the first movie you ever saw or the first movie you remember seeing?
- Grandma: I don't know, I don't know what I remember. I would have remembered it two months ago but I don't now, certainly.
- Mary: How old were you when you used to go to these shows?
- Grandma: I was in Utah, I was 7 when we moved there so it had to be when I was 8 or 9.
- Mary: Did you go by yourself?
- Grandma: I mostly went by myself. I went on, we lived close to the end of the streetcar line and I got on the streetcar and went down and got off at 2<sup>nd</sup> South. I used to go to the Capital Theater so at 2<sup>nd</sup> South I got off.
- Mary: How long was the ride?
- Grandma: Oh, probably half hour. I don't know.
- Mary: Did people used to talk to you? Were you scared?
- Grandma: I wasn't afraid but I don't know. I, you know, I went on the streetcar when I was 7 to school everyday and I had to....Before I was 7, no I guess I was 7, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and uh the streetcars all went down to a building downtown, they called it the Terminal, and you had to change, you got off and found your streetcar for where you were going. I did that for a whole year so I, no, I wasn't afraid.
- Mary: How much did the streetcar cost?
- Grandma: Well, I don't think it was very much. It didn't cost very much because it was during the Depression and nobody had any money so, maybe \$.25 maybe \$.10, I don't know.
- Mary: Did your parents give you an allowance, or...?
- Grandma: I don't think they did. Because I had just always got it, uh, I used to, several times a week I would go to the Insurance office. It was on 2<sup>nd</sup> South and

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Main, and I would go and file cards and do things nobody wanted to do and I don't recall ever getting paid.

- Mary: So they just gave you money for....
- Grandma: When I needed it. Then when I went to college they said all those years you worked and didn't get anything, we'll pay for your college.
- Mary: Oh that's good.
- Grandma: But you know, it's all so relative. I suppose we didn't have much but it was probably just as hard for us to come up for money for college as for people now a days with the thousands of dollars they have to pay but I remember the year I was [??] at Utah State, the first year I lived in the dorms, the second year I lived in the sorority house. It cost my parents \$14/month for board and room and tuition was \$15. I think they spent a total of \$75 a semester.
- Mary: Wow!
- Grandma: Can you imagine anything for \$75? [Mary laughs and Mark says you can't get a textbook for that little] I know, I can't remember what textbooks cost, I just remember waiting in long lines and now you do it on the computer, you don't wait at all. Everyone had to go into the Registrar's office and register. So you can imagine, 4000, there were 4000 students. I don't know for both years but the one year I remember it was 4000 students, 3000 boys, 1000 girls. So it was a boys college really. Especially because of the territory, they specialized in, what is the name now, agriculture, you know if you were going to go beyond, go help your dad on the farm, you took all the things you needed to know. It was agricon that's what it was. You learned the economics and then you learned, course you probably knew how to take care of the cattle and stuff because you'd probably been doing it ever since you were little. That was [??] agricon. So you could learn the mechanics of how to make a pay [sic?] and in fact the oldest brother of poppa's, Delmar, he taught agricon at Cornell. That's what he took in school. He always ...[?] I think his three brothers older than poppa all took agricon in college. And then they ... Delmar got... I don't know if he got his Doctors or not but he got his Masters. I know that. And, uh, Spencer uh went in the army and worked and he was working Oklahoma where they had a lot of oil and so he went back and got another degree or maybe he got it at the same time, I don't know... He liked engineering for a while. And uh, Brian went to University of Wisconsin and took, uh, what are you taking?
- Mary: Journalism? History?
- Grandma: Journalism. And he got his Masters there and then he went...so I don't know anything about their schooling. Mostly sororities and fraternities were used for housing.
- Mary: Did you ever want to join one?
- Grandma: I did. I was in Alpha Chi
- Mary: Oh, how did you join?
- Grandma: It was mostly because, this roommate I had the first year that I went there, I was a junior because I had already gone to two years of college, and she was my roommate and she had an older sister who was an Alpha Chi. And she planned on joining a sorority and so she talked me into it and so I belonged two years.
- Mary: Was there any kind of process? Did you have to do any work?

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- Grandma: Oh yeah. Well we had to, when we were not full members we had to go once a week to the sorority house and be slaves [Mary laughs]
- Mary: What did you do as a slave?
- Grandma: Whatever they told me. I don't know. And then...I don't know what we did. Probably stupid things. I remember we used to have to entertain them I remember being told fry like an egg. How would one fry like an egg?
- Mary: How did you fry like an egg?
- Grandma: Well I laid on the floor battleship [??] and said that I was being fried I guess [laughter]
- Mary: How long did you fry like an egg for?
- Grandma: Not very long, I'm sure. Just because I'm like I am, no body else did it, um, we were supposed to come down to the sorority house anytime we had free time. And so I didn't have class until 10, so I went down early in the morning. We had to stay in the basement and could never come up until we were called. No body else did but me. But I was conscientious so when they said I had to be there I was there.
- Mary: How long did you do that before they let you in?
- Grandma: Well I think it was right after Christmas we were, uh, considered worthy to become full fledged members. And they had a ceremony. I don't remember much about it. And after that anybody else who was still a pledge, we could boss around.
- Mary: Ooh. What did you make them do?
- Grandma: I didn't ever make them do anything. I remembered what it was like and I never did I'm pretty much of a wimp, pushover.
- Mary: You did everything they told you.
- Grandma: Yeah, but I didn't do it to anybody else so I'm a pushover for that. I don't like to make people [??]
- Mary: So did you get like a sweater or anything like that?
- Grandma: No, I don't remember getting one but I had a pin that said Alpha Chi and it was a kind of diamond you know that shape and it had pearls around it and a stone in the middle that said Alpha Chi. And I, I think I have it there at the house. And poppa made me this bracelet, he pt the Alpha Chi pin on and poppa belonged to the Sigma Chi Epsilon so I had both of those pins on my bracelet.
- Mary: Did he pin you?
- Grandma: Yes
- Mary: When did that happen?
- Grandma: Let's see, we met my second year like in October sometime. They had several of the SAEs didn't have dates and they called the sorority house to see if there was anybody there that didn't have a date, would they like to come over and hang out, and dance and listen to records. So I and a few others girls went. And, uh, I, uh, danced with all of them and everything but I liked poppa best. I mean it isn't very flattering probably but he was like an old house shoe, just comfortable to be around, you know. I didn't have to put on any airs you know, just talked and talked.
- Mary: What did you talk about?
- Grandma: Oh I don't know, family, what you wanted to do, you know that sort of thing. And it was just always pleasant. I never had to worry about what his expectation was, it was just nice to be around him. And so anyway, he hung his pin

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and uh, about two months later, and not very long, and uh, but it was the war, you never knew who was going to go off to war. Anyway, and it was, tradition was you had everybody, I don't know, it was probably the first Monday after you had your pin on, all the SEAs came and of course all the Alpha Chi's were there and then they serenaded the Alpha Chi's.

- Mary: What did they sing?
- Grandma: Oh I don't know. I can't tell you. Poppa had to buy a 5 pound box of chocolates, uh, blue bird chocolates and pass them out to everybody. And, uh, anyway, it was kind of exciting. As we were sitting there, I don't remember what we sat on, but we sat in the middle of the room and everybody stood around the outside. They were singing to you so it was kind of nice.
  
- Grandma: The first day I went to school I was not quite 5 because my birthday was in December and I suppose one of my great aunts walked me to school and showed me the way that I should walk home. But when school was out, I couldn't; nothing looked familiar so I started to talk and I thought, I don't even know where I'm going. So I went back to the school and sat down and waited. I figured someone would come for me eventually. And eventually they did. When I didn't come home, they came back and said, "Oh we were worried about you." And I said, "Well, I didn't know where to go so I thought I best just sit and at least you knew I had been to school." And they said that was very smart for me to do that; I could have gotten really lost.  
And let's see...well I lived in Oklahoma City, my, I may be repeating but my parents did a lot of things to ear a living because it was the Depression in the U.S. I don't know if it was going on in the world. And, uh, my mother worked in the bank and my father did a variety of things. I remember one thing he did was operator proprietor. I can't imagine him doing it but that's what they said.
- Mary: What is that?
- Grandma: Operator? You know where you dig holes then spread it out. He was not mechanically-minded. I can't imagine him doing that but maybe when you're desperate you learn to do all kinds of things. And let's see, well I, my mother did not believe in changing schools, so after I got started in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, my parents moved across town, and I had to take the bus by our house and then go to the carbarn or turnrow or whatever they, whatever you'd now it by and transfer to another bus and take that bus to the school. I can't imagine nowadays letting a 7 year old go anywhere alone but my mother didn't seem to have any fear and she knew that I would o what I was supposed to do. So, I didn't, you know, veer from what she wanted me to do.
- [Uncle Ed asks a question about whether a relative still lives down a road we pass]
- Mary: So what were your classes like?
- Grandma: I don't remember hardly anything about the classes but when I was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade my, uh, grandmother that lived in Texas used to come and spend the winters in Oklahoma City with us. And she taught me to read and she also taught me very meticulously to keep my drawers straight and I kept the socks together and my underwear together and whatever else. And I do that to this day. I can't stand to not

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have them in neat piles and she's part of the trouble I have because I'm very conscientious and do just what I'm told to do because of her, I'm sure.

- Mary: And which side of the family is this?
- Grandma: This is my dad's grandmother, er, my dad's mother.
- Mary: And your great aunt, was that also your dad's side?
- Grandma: No
- Mary: No, your mom's side?
- Grandma: I had two great aunts that lived together and their, well their names were Turner and I think my one grandmother married a Doctor Turner. I think they both were Turners. But one was a maiden name. She had been married but got divorced after a short time and took back her maiden name. Anyway, the other thing I recall is, uh, when I was a little bit younger my mother used to, um, if she needed to go shopping, she would set me on a counter and asked the clerk to keep an eye on me so nobody took me and I just sat there the whole time.
- Mary: She didn't want you walking with her?
- Grandma: I guess not. I guess she figured she could be quicker if I wasn't with her. And so I was probably, [?], it's just like last night, they said now wait here by the escalator incase holly comes down and so I walked to the other side of the terminal, you know, back and forth, but I didn't dare leave it because I thought somebody would come and I wouldn't be standing there. And it would cause a lot more trouble so... I can't remember anything else right now.
- Mary: Was it a big city when you were living there? Or smaller?
- Grandma: Well it was a lot bigger than Buffalo, that was very small. I doubt if it has changed much since I lived there. And my husband, Poppa, Cyril, took me there after we had been Back East on a trip since we were near and I didn't know anybody or anything. But, uh, it was pretty, you know, pretty little and he made fun of it. And so then I said, as if Paris, Idaho, is any bigger (laughter). It's no bigger than Buffalo, I'm sure. But, uh, there was one thing I could tell you that was really fun, we went there to visit every once and a while, not too often, but for most of the city it took many hours there. It was not quite out in the panhandle there, and uh, so I loved to go there in the fall because they were harvesting the wheat and they'd let us ride in the big dump trucks that carried it to the silo for storage and we could bury ourselves in it and chew it. I don't know if you've ever chewed wheat, it makes pretty good gum. It, uh, sticks together and so on. Anyway..
- Mary: It wasn't sweet was it?
- Grandma: No, it was just, like...wheat! (chuckles) It didn't have much taste but we didn't have any gum like you do in a package so we always chewed the wheat. And, uh, the other thing that was fun was when we'd come there they always had a calf in its own little pen and we used to like to try to ride the calf.
- Mary: Who would you go to visit?
- Grandma: Yah, we went several times a year.
- Mary: But where was it at?
- Grandma: Oh, my mother's oldest sister
- Mary: Okay.

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- Grandma: They're the ones that had the farm. And I didn't know this but they rented the farm, it wasn't even theirs. And then when the Dustbowl came, you've probably heard of the Dustbowl?
- Mary: Uh-huh.
- Grandma: They left, they were one of the Oakies that left and they went to California, uh, up to San Francisco. And they did fairly well there. But as my aunt said, it all came too late. Her kids were all grown and she wasn't interested anymore in having a nice home or...when she wanted it she didn't, couldn't have it. Her husband was an alcoholic, I guess; at least he was always drinking. So whenever he got paid any money, he usually drank most of it up, so they never had much. They had 7 children and when I'd go there to visit we'd like to ride the calf and usually get bucked off and that was okay, we, that was part of the game, to see how long you could stay on it. And the other thing we'd do is, um, I had a, this, this brother that was just older than my mother was married and had 3 kids, they were all older than I was. The youngest was about a year and a half older and wasn't too bad and then he was killed in the early '30s and he was sure a young man. No, yes he was. Well before he was killed his wife died when he had, when they had their 3<sup>rd</sup> little baby. And he lived with his mother...so then after a few years he had a housekeeper and he married her and, uh, she had 5 children and the youngest one was about 2 years younger than I was. She was quite heavysset. She loved to come play with Dorothy Lee and I. Dorothy would tolerate her only because she was pretty gullible. She could be teased. So when Dorothy got tired of having her around, we could play follow the leader. There'd be this big columbine, which is where they put the wheat in and it grinds it up. Maybe they put, first they cut and it's really the husks, I don't know what but it had something to do with harvesting the wheat and uh, she would purposely, you know she, she [?] and Dorothy was always the leader and I was in the middle of them and Dorothy would lead and then Virginia led and so for a while she would go places where Virginia Lee could go to and then when she'd get tired of having her we'd go places in the columbine where she couldn't get through. She'd be too heavy. And she'd get stuck and she'd say wait a minute and Dorothy would say too bad and away we would go and I followed her when she said it, and I, anyway, when we went back to Buffalo, this time Poppa took me, uh, we found out that she still lived there. So we went where she worked
- Mary: Dorothy or...?
- Grandma: No, uh, Virginia Lee. Dorothy moved out with her parents to the West and she was married out there but she had nothing to do with Buffalo. But anyway, Virginia Lee and I visited for a while and I said I need to apologize to you. I said years ago when we used to play hide and seek and Dorothy would go places she and I could but you couldn't go. And I just, it's haunted me all my life that we would be so mean to you. She said, I don't even remember doing it (laughs) and there I worried all these years.
- Mary: Awww
- Grandma: But then I was glad that she didn't, you know, have any bad feelings for us. But she had gotten married and she lived on a ranch up in Kansas and her husband died so she came back to Buffalo. I can't remember what she did but she had a job there, with the City, I think. And, uh, anyway, I used to think it was fun to

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go out there. They lived in the city of Buffalo (chuckles), which didn't amount to a hill of beans probably but it was ore than the, uh, country had, where Dorothy Lee lived. And, uh, sometimes, well they had a hydrant that was on an acre that they raised corn I think, but maybe it was wheat, I don't know. And uh, sometimes, well they had a hydrant that was on an acre that they raised corn I think, but maybe it was wheat, I don't know. Anyway, we'd always go there and turn it on and play, um, in the water, you know, have showers and squirt each other and there was one day when we went and the water wasn't, wouldn't turn on, so we stood there and yelled, "Turn on the water!" as loud as we could yell, hoping somebody in the city could hear us do it, which of course they wouldn't but we didn't know. And I, all these things happened before I was 8 because we moved when I was 8.

- Mary: Why did you move?
- Grandma: Well, my dad got a chance to be, uh, an insurance agency and be the manager of it. One of my mother's distant cousins owned it, and plus one in Phoenix and he wanted to live only in Phoenix and didn't want to have to keep coming up and checking on it. So he offered my dad the job of running it with the option to buy it if he wanted to.
- Mary: mmhmm
- Grandma: So that's what they did until the day he died. I think he had sold it just about 3 months before he died. He's still in the service, uh, while he was in the service, my mother ran the insurance office. And my dad was kind of a push over with the agents and they'd say, "Oh, we need to, things are so expensive and we can't pay our, for our insurance now, we'll pay later." So my dad would say, "Sure, sure." And so then, so he had a lot of outstanding bills, you know, the agents owed him a lot and when he went in the service and my mother was running it, she'd say, "You have to pay your bill, at least what I get, what I have to have to pay the insurance." And, uh, you don't want to make any money, that's fine. I have to have that much. And so, she wouldn't take their new policies without something on their premium. And uh, so they, she had quite a bit of it. She had been very successful while he was gone. Simply because she collected what was owed them.
- Mary: (chuckles) What kind of clients did they have?
- Grandma: Well people want to have life insurance or health insurance, hospital insurance. Those were the kinds of things that they sold. And I think the agents through other companies could do, uh, like the fire insurance or automobile insurance. Those kinds of things.
- Mary: So did your dad want you to go into business so you could help out?
- Grandma: Well, I worked there all the time, doing the jobs nobody else wanted and after I went to school, now see, I went to West Minster because he was on the Board of Directors, took 2 years of high school, um [we arrived at the restaurant Maddox we were to eat at and Grandma became distracted by cars] They...I don't even know what I was talking about.
- Mary: West Minster. Did you have to pay tuition?
- Grandma: Oh yeah. But it wasn't very much compared to nowadays. It's a very expensive school now. It's private. But anyway, I wanted to go into business. I knew that and they had not a single business class at that school. So for 2 years I just

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took, you know, things like history and English and math, things that you had to have to graduate, but it didn't help me as far as business goes.

- Grandma: Um, [Mary: you went into business..] oh yes, when I went to Utah State, I never left the business building. I was there and they had the third floor of the Old Main, it was called the Old Main, was the administration building. And I never left the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, all my classes were there. So I didn't really get acquainted with very many people, only those in the business (chuckle).
- Mary: Did your being in the sorority allow you to meet people.
- Grandma: Oh yeah, that helped a lot. But you know, people like you, you go to different classes so you get to meet people in the classes. You know, they may not be your best friends but at least you know them. And ah, so, I didn't know too many people, a different variety of people.
- Mary: So how did you graduate high school early?
- Grandma: I don't know. I uh, started at school when I was 5, I mean I was going to be 5, not going to be 6. I was always behind because my birthday being in December. But when I got, I may not have been if I'd stayed in Oklahoma, but when I got to Salt Lake, they had 7 grades in grade school, no 2 grades in junior high, then 4 grades. So they had 12 grades and I went to, of course I took, 7 years and then I....

[side conversations]

- Utah State: Grandma pointed out the building she had classes in.
- Other random convo, then...
- Mary: So where did you live before you lived in the sorority house?
- Grandma: In a dorm. I'll show you. The only building they had. They had built the dorms for boys and just had this dorm for girls.
- Ed: Do you want to go on campus and show them, mom?
- Grandma: Oh I don't think. I don't think I can remember. I was just in that building the whole time.

[side conversations]

- Grandma: I don't want to. There's not anything the same. I wouldn't even know where anything is. That high, tall thing is where I lived because that was the administration building at that time.
- Ed: let's get a picture of you and your administration building.
- Grandma: I've got dozens of them.

Side convos

- Mary: So tell us how you graduated high school early.
- Grandma: Oh yes, I went to 7 years of grade school and then I went to junior high, and uh, 2 years and went to high school 2 years. By then I just, I had, oh I turned 16 and then I graduated that spring when I was 16 because they didn't have that many years of high school I guess. Now they have it arranged differently, I think you go to junior high 3 years and I don't know, maybe you go for 2 years but 4 years to high school. I'm not quite sure how it is. I don't have anybody doing it. Because you know, in Utah, you have to be uh 5 for kindergarten before September 1<sup>st</sup>. So you



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have to be 6 before September 1<sup>st</sup> or you wait a year. In other words, if your birthday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of September, which Marty's was the 4<sup>th</sup>, he, well he, he would normally have to wait until he was 5 to you know, but when he started school if you were 5 by December 31<sup>st</sup> you could go to school. That's how it was when I went. ETC about age to start school....

- Mary: How did you choose to go to Utah State?
- Grandma: Well, I wanted to go away to school. I had always been at home and I thought I'd like to go someplace else to school. So I was going to g.....? So I was going to go ? And then my mother said, I think that's too far away, we'll never see you. So then I said, well I can go to Utah State. It's only 80 miles away, so that's why I went there. And I don't recall you had to be accepted to get in there. you didn't have to apply ahead. Like nowadays you have to apply ahead and ? and hope they accept you. I didn't take any entrance exams, I just decided to go and went. Maybe I couldn't have even gotten into a college today.
- Mary: aww
- Grandma: But, anyway, that's why I went there and I really loved it. I loved the school. They didn't have great big classes. They only had 4,000 students. And that includes 4 years, so. I went, in 1943, was when I graduated. In 19....uh, in 1993, they had the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.
- Mary: And you went?
- Grandma: My friend Ruth Wilson graduated the same time I did. She was older because she was about a year, well, not a year, from August to uh December, that much older. But anyway, we got along very well and both graduated and both took our husbands to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. And it was really funny they went around the room and everybody supposedly introduced themselves and told what degree they had gotten. And I was practically, I was the only girl who had gotten a business degree. And there were about 3 or 4 fellows that got business degrees and most were either Agicon or teaching, teachers certificate. And the girls were almost always teaching degrees. I felt really, so I was the only, only one. Most of them had taught school.
- Mary: What did Ruth get?
- Grandma: What did Ruth, she, um, ?? uh, I don't know what they call it, I guess it would be like home ec, only it wasn't, they don't even teach that anymore. I remember she went, I don't know if she was there for a whole semester or a half semester they had a little house down on the edge of campus and they had to go and live there and keep house. And whoever was, I don't know whether they were juniors or seniors, I don't remember, and uh, so I thought it was a very practical kind of a degree. She was always a very good cook and she, the thing I liked, always, I don't know if I would say envied her but wished that I could do is uh, oh my gosh, I don't think I have a key to this place.
- .....
- Grandma: He was called to get a wagon that was stuck in the canyon in deep snow and so in the middle of the night, so he picked out his best, you know, the horses he felt would be the best and he sent them down the canyon pelmel (?) and they went to the, horses go the easiest way possible when it's like that. They made a nice trail so when he found the people that were stuck, they got the wagon unstuck and they

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followed the horse tracks back. I thought that was a pretty good way to get somebody out of the canyon that you didn't particularly know anything about. (sigh) Evidently they didn't either.

- .....
- Grandma: ...allowed us to do that, they put a sign up that says Kearn's Residence, wherever they belong. (Mary laugh, Grandma chuckle) But you had to have more than 2 people.
  - Mary: Who did he go to?
  - Grandma: ...they don't allow anybody in it anymore. They were, they said for a while that you shouldn't drink the water, it was probably contaminated. I don't know if they stopped drinking it or not.
  - Ed: Everybody used to stop at Rick Springs
  - Grandma: I know
  - Holly: Well, should we stop?
  - Ed: Would you like to?
  - Holly: Do you all want to stop there?
  - Grandma: No. Well, I uh, don't (Mary laughs) I don't know about you kids. There's nothing you can do since you can't drink the water.
  - Mary: Yah. Did you and Poppa used to stop here?
  - Grandma: Not just the two of us. I suppose if we...
  - Ed (interrupts): You always stopped there when we came over to Bear Lake
  - Grandma: SIGH. You never listen to the whole ...
  - Mary (interrupts): Yeah, she said not just the two of us
  - Ed: Well okay, I didn't hear that part. You're talking soft and I'm deaf
  - Grandma: I'm not talking soft. I can't talk any louder, my voice cracks.
  - Mary: So how did you choose to come to Bear Lake?
  - Grandma: Well of course Russell had cabin here but we wanted to go up to, uh, (sigh), what is the town in Idaho, I can't even think of it...we...
  - Ed: Montpelier
  - Grandma: no no
  - Mary: Paris
  - Grandma: The first one
  - Mary: Lake Town?/Ed: Preston?
  - Mary: Preston?
  - Grandma: That is not the first one. On this, on the road we go up to the
  - Mary: Lake Town? Round Valley?
  - Grandma: those are south. I want to go
  - Ed: Paris is the only other one that comes to mind
  - Grandma: Well, I can't think of it, but anyway, we uh, had a lot in that canyon that we had, had paid money down to build when we could get a permit. They wouldn't let us have a permit. And we waited two years and they didn't give us a permit, so we said forget it. Russell said now I've got a nice lot, and I can, it isn't mine but I can trade for it and I'll get it for you. So I came out this one year and he told me he

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- Grandma: Oh ... it makes me mad when I can't remember things that I know as well as my own name.
- Mary: Well, you'll think of it later
- Grandma: When everybody's asleep and doesn't care (Mary laughs). Oh well. Anyway, I remember when they were, they had this all, you'd, you'd have to stop and wait, wait, 'cause they'd had, they were doing something on the road, widening it
- Mary: Yah I remember too
- Grandma: And uh, it was really a pain, but it's all done. They didn't do anything to this part but it was around here.
- Mary: How big was Garden City when you first moved here?
- Grandma: I don't know, I don't even know how big it is now. But it was a lot smaller than it is. They've done an awfully lot of building...(indistinguishable) ...widening it.
- Holly: Didn't you used to volunteer at the library?
- Grandma: Yep. They had a bunch of books that had been given to them that were as old as the hills. But they didn't have any other books. So I helped catalogue them all.
- Mary: Where is the library?
- Grandma: Downtown. It's by the fire station.
- Holly: I never noticed it before either until she told me.
- Mary: I remember going and visiting you though at the library. When was that?
- Grandma: I don't know. Quite a few years ago.
- Holly: Maybe you're thinking of when they worked at the genealogy library of the Church History.
- Mary: No.
- Grandma: Sometime in the last 24 years.
- Mary: laugh. Is that this, is this the 24<sup>th</sup> year that you've lived here?
- Grandma: 24 years in June or July.
- Mary: How often did you come when you first started?
- Grandma: Just every year... (indistinguishable)
- Mary: But how long did you stay for, when you first
- Grandma: 2 weeks.
- Mary: 2 weeks?
- Grandma: We spent our vacation here. And worked on the cabin.
- Mary: Who all helped you?
- Grandma: Well, it was mostly Poppa and I because Jamie had a young family and Marty had a young family and they didn't have time. But, you know, they'd come up occasionally to help. But it was mostly Poppa and I.
- Mary: Did Russell help out either?
- Grandma: Not too much, he had his own cabin to work on. He worked on Saturdays. He was manager of the Anderson Lumber and he used to work on Saturdays and you know he didn't really have much time.

[Discussion about a cave as we drove by. Discussion about car, lanes, etc]

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- Mary: When did you first come to Garden City?
- Grandma: Uh, when did we buy?
- Mary: No, like, when was the first time you came to Bear Lake?
- Grandma: Oh, when I was a little girl.
- Mary: Oh, where did you stay?
- Grandma: They used to have cabins and we'd stay in those cabins. I only came once or twice (cough)
- Mary: Was that when you moved to Salt Lake?
- Grandma: And then, uh, after we came to, we came every year to see, after I got married and had children, uh, we came out West to see my mother and show her her grandchildren. And uh, so, we came to Bear Lake but then Russell had us over to Bear Lake a time or two. He had, uh, a rubber raft and he use to uh, bring us up to Tony Grove, which is up here a little ways. And we'd fish. Those that wanted to. And we'd hike, we'd have a big picnic.
- Mary: When you came when you were little did you have raspberry shakes then? Or..
- Grandma: No, I don't think, if anybody had raspberries, it was something they raised themselves. They didn't have the businesses.
- Mary: When you came back when you were married did they have the raspberries, or...?
- Grandma: I think they, I don't remember what time they had it, but yah, while we were, I think we had it at the cabin, when we first had our cabin was when we had raspberries. I think we ate them. Maybe we took them back down to Salt Lake and shared them [indistinguishable]
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- Grandma: When we got there and before we could get out of car and there were a whole lot of cars with people in them and we couldn't figure out why. So about that time here came a mother elk and her baby and they were coming down to get a drink. Then, I heard in the paper a week or less later that somebody had shot the baby elk. I imagine it was that one that we saw.
- Holly: And this was on um Bear Lake?
- Grandma: I don't know... That's a new building.
- Mary: Yeah.
- Grandma: Maybe they're going to add more to it. It doesn't look very big now. Now that's ??? (Yawn).... When Holly came up here to go sleigh riding and we didn't have hardly any snow so we came up this canyon to about this point and you went down the hill. Do you remember that?
- Mary & Holly: Yeah.
- Grandma: ?? down hill. Boy I'm holding less  
[side conversations]
- Mary: So what are some of the other trips you and Poppa went on together?
- Grandma: Well, we went to California because he was uh,
- Mary: stationed?
- Grandma: stationed there. We lived there until he had enough points to get out of the army. You had to have a discharge paper and a number of points and you got so

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many if you were married and you got so many if you had children and you got so many for every year you'd been over seas. Anyway, I remember he had 41 points and so we didn't, I don't think there was much for him to do at camp but I had to get a job and work there if we wanted to live in this inexpensive trailer park that the government owned. And uh,

- Mary: So what did you do?
- Grandma: we rode bicycles everywhere. We had no car. I don't think we bought them I think we rented them or something. I remember we went on some sightseeing tours.
- Mary: Where did you go to?
- Grandma: Someplace around uh, Lompoc, California. I remember we went to a mission and uh looked around and that's the only place I really remember seeing.
- Mary: Where did you work when you had to work?
- Grandma: At the, at the uh, army post. These were army trailers so you had to be working there. And uh, the trouble is that the job I had was not much and they were winding down so it was even less and I sat at a desk that worked and ?? and slightly kittycorner was the lieutenant who was responsible for the work that we did and when you're not very busy it's awfully hard to ?? (Ed talking in background hard to hear) and I killed myself trying to be busy and uh but we had to walk to town to get groceries. Well, we walked everywhere. The camp was out of town and so it wasn't a very good arrangement but it was the best we could figure out.
- Mary: What kind of things did you do in the office?
- Grandma: In the work?
- Mary: Yeah when you had work (laugh)
- Grandma: Well they supposedly uh kept the inventory of everything
- Mary: mmhmm
- Grandma: And so we, if somebody needed something or took something for some reason supposedly I got a notification so I could change the records. But we, instead of having 20 on hand we only had 19.
- Mary: Laugh
- Grandma: But they weren't doing a lot of that, you know, it was probably during the war it was a big deal but uh at the point that I went the European War was over and uh the bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima, and so it wasn't, you know, it wasn't like it had been I'm sure.
- Mary: What kind of work did Poppa do?
- Grandma: Well that's a good question, I don't know that he had, uh, after we was at Lompoc, um, I think he got a couple of leaves to work at uh, in a nearby plant. There just wasn't enough for people to do but you had to wait till you had 41 points, or whatever other people had. And uh, anyway, he did a just a variety of things whatever needed to be done. I don't think he had a specific job. When he worked at uh, something Mansfield, what was that place, he did, I don't remember. I don't remember.
- Mary: Do you remember um, what you did after the war in Europe was over? Did you do anything to celebrate?

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- Grandma: Well, Poppa was overseas so I didn't do much celebrating that was special like that but he came home at uh, in the middle of July and we had a month, or maybe it was, anyway, sometime in July, he came home from overseas and he had a month before he had to go back and so that was, Russell had a car with, the gas rationing was not in effect anymore, the war was somewhat over, and we helped buy the gas and Russell had the car and we took a trip to uh, Yellowstone.
  - Mary: umhmm
  - Grandma: And uh, Katherine (yawn), well Russell never had to go because he had terrible varicose veins, and uh, Katherine made this big roaster, like this, they used to roast chickens and stuff, and ?? she filled it with fried chicken. We had no refrigeration. I don't know how we didn't get ptomaine poisoning or something (Mary laughs) We just ate the chicken out of that and we drove around the park and we saw this little, uh, uh, black
  - Mary: bear
  - Grandma: yah, baby bear. I was trying to think of what you call the baby.
  - Mary: Cub?
  - Grandma: Is it a cub? Well anyway, he was all by himself so I said, ooh let's stop and I'll feed the bear. Well I got out some bread, we had a whole big loaf of bread that we had been eating sandwiches, and uh, why I didn't give him some chicken I have no idea, I just didn't think of it. And so, he was eating and so Poppa got out and he was feeding him and about that time the mother bear came down the road and so we ran for the car and uh, Russell had the window down and she put her head right in so it was almost this close to Russell (Mary: Laugh) and he kept saying throw her something, give her some food. So we'd sail this bread out threw the window but she could smell the chicken and I still didn't have sense enough to think about the chicken. And uh, because we had to throw a lot of it away. We never could eat this, you know, it's big around and full to the top. I don't know how many chickens she fried but we ate a lot of them but anyway, so we got away from there, finally Russell was able to get away and we were very glad because the bear could get in would have gotten in the car I'm sure and nibbled on us.
  - Mary: Did you camp and set up tents?
  - Grandma: We did not set up a tent but we each had a sleeping bag. I'm not sure, I don't remember that we had tents. Uh, anyway, we had a sleeping bag. Ours was just a regular one. I don't know about Katherine and Russell, they may have had two I don't know but we just had one sleeping bag and we fit in it but we didn't do a lot of turning, we both had to turn at the same time (laugh) Aaah, dear.
  - Mary (laugh). How long was that trip?
  - Grandma: Oh just, you know like a weekend. We, I think we were on leaves so we anyway.
- [talk about which cabins are new]
- Grandma: We seemed to only have the weekends. But it was wonderful for us because we hadn't been together much.
  - Mary: Yah, I would imagine.
  - Grandma: Not for many days at once.
  - Mary: Then what did he do at the end of July? Where did he go back to?

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- Grandma: Well he got a whole month
  - Mary: So he went back in the middle of August
  - Grandma: Yah, And when I met him in Chicago, I went to the, you know, I didn't know anything about Chicago, I'd been through it, but, uh, his parents always stayed at the Platter's Hotel. It was right downtown, just a small hotel. So I just went to the Platter's and got a room and then when he came, course we didn't have any tvs or anything like that, uh, when he came, uh, I told him, I said there's been a new bomb dropped and it's just wipes out places. Oh, he said, that's just propaganda you can't believe that.
  - Mary: (laughs) When did he believe you?
  - Grandma: Well when he heard the news, you know, after he thought I just understood or something, he just didn't think it could possibly be true. In the end
  - Mary: What, what did you think about it?
  - Grandma: Oh I was thrilled because he was, when he got off of his, when he went back after his, uh, uh, leave, he had to go to Japan, He was going to be in one of the first groups that went, you know like they did on DDay. So I figured, he would have, he wouldn't probably make it.
  - Mary: But he didn't have to go to Japan?
  - Grandma: No
  - Mary: Where did he go?
  - Grandma: Well he just waited until he had 41 points and then he got out of the army. And he was, it was not the right time to go to school, the semester had already started, so my dad...
  - [Uncle Ed asks questions about park outside etc]
  - Grandma: I'm sorry but it's war, you know, when it's in a war, the civilians, don't necessarily come out ahead. Ah my neighbor is there. Somebody is.
- [Arrive at the cabin]