



Interviewer: Annie Legg

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AL: Okay. Today is November 2nd, 2009, my name is Annie Lake, and I am present at the home of Bethine Church, in Boise. I'm here for the purpose of conducting an oral history with Bethine on behalf of the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association based in Stanley and we are collecting oral histories from people with a particular -- particularly close associations with the Sawtooth and Salmon River country.

So, Bethine, tell me when and where you were born?

BC: Well, I was -- I'm always a little embarrassed, I was born in Salt Lake City, because we didn't have a hospital in -- that was equipped well in Mackay.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So my father and mother had lost a baby boy 14 years before I was born. And so they weren't taking any chances. So we went to Salt Lake, but I spent my first Christmas at the ranch up in the Stanley Basin, at the ranch on the Salmon River, which was called Robinson Bar Ranch.

AL: Oh, nice. All right. And when were you born?

BC: In 1923, on the 2nd of February.

AL: Okay. Tell me a little bit about your parents, if you would, please.

BC: Well, pop was a lawyer and governor and he was in the legislature from Custer County and for Bonneville County. So he had a long career, and after he was governor, he became a federal judge.

AL: And his name was Chase Clark.

BC: Chase Clark, yes. His brother was governor before he was, that was Barzilla Clark.

AL: Oh, I didn't know that.

BC: Yeah. And they both ran against the same man, which was -- pop ran against him because he was mad because he beat Barzil, and his name was Bottolfsen, and he was from Arco. So it was all very closely within the family there.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And when pop was working for the governor in Boise, he was the Advocate to the governor, and he went in with the National Guard to -- down to Mexico, and I don't know why they thought we were at war with someone from Mexico when the war was going on over in Europe. But on his way home -- after they disbanded, on his way home, he had a car accident and hurt his arm. And my mother said, I think we should have you near the hot spring and there's a wonderful one at the stage coach up at Robinson Bar.

AL: Oh.

BC: And that was an old gold bar. And that was why they called it the Robinson Bar, because it was where they took gold (indiscernible) bar right out of the end of the property.

AL: So this would have been around the end of World War I?

BC: No, actually, it was before the real -- it was about 1914.

AL: Okay.

BC: And they homesteaded the ranch, so that they could have it.

AL: Your parents did.

BC: Uh-huh. They didn't have the money to buy it, they just wanted to homestead it, and that was at the time of the Homestead Act.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So they took advantage of it and moved right up there. And pop, with the natural hot water spring, got his arm back. And then the whole family came and stayed and made the two pools that are there. There are two natural hot water pools.

AL: Oh.

BC: And this was fun, because there was a man who came through the country, trying to dry out and my mother was always having somebody come and offering them a place to stay. And when he stayed there, he was an engineer and he engineered the two pools --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- there now, they're still there.

AL: Oh. Wonderful.

BC: One was an inside pool, one was an outside pool. The building on the inside pool has been many years gone. But when I was young, it was there.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And we loved it. The ranch just meant so much to everybody.

AL: Now, when you say you moved directly there, did you move there from Mackay, your family moved there from Mackay or --

BC: No, they did. They moved from Mackay.

AL: Your mom and dad.

BC: Yeah, I wasn't born yet.

AL: Okay. But they had previously been living in Mackay.

BC: Yeah. And, of course, poppa was -- when he was over here with the governor, he was in Boise and mom came with him.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: Mom always went wherever he went.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So --

AL: Was she interested in politics also?

BC: No, but she was interested in pop. So they went down -- she went down to the Mexican border, which made the man who was in command very, very mad, because she told all the wives they should come on down. There was a good hotel there where they were all encamped and she thought that it wasn't going to be any fun to be away from my father that long.

AL: Oh.

BC: And so when they came back and he was trying to get well, they homesteaded the ranch and then with this man who had come for the summer, they -- he was an engineer and he engineered the pools. And so they had a wonderful time.

And after I was born, I spent my first winter when -- I was just in a snowsuit, on a big fluffy animal skin in the front yard, the snow was high. I got pictures of it.

AL: Oh.

BC: It was perfectly wonderful.

AL: Oh.

BC: And from that time on, every summer we went there --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and pop would drive up from Mackay where he was a lawyer, and at that time, Mackay was a boom town, it was a cooper -- they had a cooper mill, there were fights between the sheep men and the cattle men and he was always involved with litigation, but he'd come up the river, up over what we called Five Points, that was the -- the road was on the other side of the

river, that was on the ranch side, and it was just mountainous on the other side of the river, of the Salmon.

AL: So you kind of came up sort of what now would be considered the back way from Mackay to get to the ranch?

BC: Yeah, well, actually, we came up -- we didn't go to Challis, but we came up through the -- what was then sort of a little draw and over to the Salmon River, and then came up the Salmon on the left hand side of it, up to the ranch, --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- because there was a road there.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And --

AL: Just a gravel road, gravel road.

BC: Oh, yeah. Oh, it -- and very twisty. They called it Five Points, because it was like threading a needle to get up it. And my father told everybody that if they met a car, they had to be the ones to back up, because whoever they were meeting probably wouldn't. And so you'd have to back up to a turn out, because it was not a two way road, but they had many turnouts. And you'd back up.

And then he also said, and my Aunt Buela actually had it happen to her, he said now if you ever meet anything coming too fast, you're going to hit it, hit it square on so you don't go into the river.

AL: Oh.

BC: And she did. It was a brand new car and she said, pop, I hit this truck straight on. And he said, was anyone hurt? And she said, no. He said, well that's fine, you did good.

AL: Yeah. I wouldn't have thought about that. Most people would try to swerve, --

BC: Yeah.

AL: -- probably, out of the way.

BC: Yeah, and you do that, you probably get knocked right into the river.

AL: Oh.

BC: And it was way, way down. And I'd always know when pop was coming in the summer, because you could hear in those mountains so well, and those old cars had so much noise, when they shifted the gear to go up around Five Points, you could hear it go rrrr, and they'd come up and I'd always be out by the front rock and the front gate to meet him.

AL: So did he stay in Mackay and work and --

BC: Yeah.

AL: -- come back and forth to the ranch.

BC: He came up every weekend.

AL: Oh.

BC: Uh-huh. And my mother ran the ranch and she could cut up a steer, because her father had been in a butcher shop in Mackay.

AL: Oh.

BC: And so there wasn't anything my mother couldn't do.

AL: Well, how big was the ranch, how many acres?

BC: 123.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And when Frank wanted to make the SNRA, first they talked about making a park, but it got -- it just got too complicated and they thought for the small acreage, having all the facilities to take care of park people, wouldn't be a good idea.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So they wanted to make it a Sawtooth Recreation Area --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and while I was fighting that, our ranch was on the far side of it, the --

AL: Yes.

BC: -- the Boulder White Clouds were right behind us, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and Stanley was 19 miles from us, and there were the Sawtooths. So we were right in between and we were in God's Green Valley, it was by Warm Springs Creek and it ran into the Salmon River.

And there were so many salmon that my father, when he'd come up from being in the law office, he'd be in his suit and all he'd do is take off his topcoat, he'd get in the waders, and he'd go fishing on a fly rod for salmon, --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- and you could just see them down at the end of the meadow, our lower meadow -- we had an upper meadow and a lower meadow, and at the end of that meadow, was where the Salmon River made the bend around --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- to meet Warm Springs Creek. And as it made the end around, the salmon would just be thick there --

AL: Oh, wow.

BC: -- and pop would catch them on a fly rod.

And he liked diamonds and it was the boom day in Mackay and he got diamonds for mom and he had a diamond stick pin. And my mother would, while he was fishing, and chasing this salmon up and down, so he didn't break his fly rod, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- my mother suddenly saw his tie floating down the river. So she grabbed it and it had the stick pin in it. So she had it made into a ring for him.

AL: Oh, great.

BC: And later Frank had it and later we gave it to Chase when he was born.

AL: Oh, wonderful. Well, did you have -- so you had livestock there, too?

BC: Actually, not much. We had -- after -- it was strange how it became a dude ranch, was -- it was a stage station and then the stage station, when they homesteaded it, quit.

AL: Oh, okay. So --

BC: And so then all they had was a few chickens and they had some horses.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: But my mother finally said, we're going broke feeding people who drive up to here and say we can't go on up the road, it's too dark and too late and we can't find our way. And she said, we're going to go broke putting them all up and feeding them. So she -- it became a dude ranch --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- and she ran it.

AL: Oh, I see.

BC: And then that was when I was little, it had already become a dude ranch.

AL: Oh, okay.

BC: And mom was running it.

AL: Bethine, you mentioned that you had an older brother that didn't survive. Did you have any other brothers and sisters?

BC: No. I was an only child.

AL: Only child, oh.

BC: Uh-huh. And I just came along by accident, because they told -- they'd been told by a doctor that they couldn't have any more children, mom had been terribly ill, trouble with her kidneys and everything else and almost died. My pop took her out of Mackay on a special train to California. And that was about the time that he spent all the money that year in California getting her well.

And when he got back to Arco, he went in to see the banker there and the banker said, Chase, there are some cars down on the railroad track, if you take one of them and drive back into Mackay as though you got money, you'll probably do fine. And so he gave him money enough to do it.

(Break for telephone call)

AL: Okay. We're recording again.

BC: Okay. Where were we?

AL: We were talking about the car that your father picked up in --

BC: Oh, yes. And went back to Mackay and then he had a -- he managed to have a really fine law practice until he -- the depression closed the banks, it closed the bank in Mackay and he was one of the directors. And he said the little old people that had money there would not be able to get any of it back nor make enough.

So he sold everything he had in Stanley Basin, he had a lot of property in Stanley Basin, -

AL: Oh, really.

BC: -- with a friend from Salt Lake. And they sold all the cattle they were running on it. And he put the money back into the bank so that people could have the money that they lost.

AL: Oh, really. So the --

BC: So then --

AL: -- property sold wasn't Robinson Bar property, it was property down at --

BC: The only thing --

AL: -- Stanley Basin.

BC: The only thing he kept was the ranch.

AL: Oh.

BC: He sold all of Stanley Basin and all of the cattle.

AL: Oh.

BC: Everything else he had.

AL: So he and his partner had been running cattle --

BC: Uh-huh.

AL: -- here in the Basin,

BC: A lot of them.

AL: Oh. Do you remember who his partner was?

BC: Yes, his name was McCarthy, and Judge McCarthy was with Denver and Rio Grande Railroad and had lots of money. And pop made a deal with him that they could sell off

part of the cattle and be able to stay -- keep the Basin. And Judge McCarthy wouldn't. So they just sold the whole thing. And pop took his half and helped bail people out. And then --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- we moved over to Idaho Falls, because my grandmother was there.

AL: Oh, okay. So you moved. Now, when you were -- before you moved to Idaho Falls, did you go to grade school in Mackay?

BC: Yes. Up till the third grade.

AL: Oh.

BC: And then when we went over to Idaho Falls, I went to school there for 17 years, that is, I -- until I was 17. I was in high school --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- when we left for pop to become governor.

AL: What was grade school like in Mackay? There probably weren't very many kids, were there?

BC: Oh, it was pretty full, because --

AL: Oh, really.

BC: -- everybody from all around the area came in to Mackay to go to school.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And I had a terrible experience there, because there was a slide that you went down and at the bottom there was a big mud puddle, and I -- we were -- it was recess, and I made someone promise to catch me when I got down there, and they didn't, and I landed in the puddle. And I was madder than a white hen. So I went to my aunt, who was down at -- about a few blocks away, and just left school for the afternoon. I was so furious. And then my aunt called my mother.

AL: Oh, no.

BC: But the ranch was wonderful. And we had the ranch after my mother ran -- didn't run it anymore, but she was down there, so I -- by Aunt Buela, who was my mother's half-sister and had been raised from the time she was about 14 -- 7 or 14, I don't quite -- she'd been raised by pop and mom. So she always seemed like she was my big sister, --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- and she was 20 years older than I was.

And when Frank sat as a Senator, we thought it would be improper for him to have an in holding in an area where he was trying to make part of the Sawtooth Recreation Area, because it was right on the edge of it.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And it could be put under easement and he said it would be a terrible thing for that 123 acres to be developed. And as -- he felt the same way about the whole Stanley Basin. I remember when we drove over Galina one time, stopped on the viaduct, we saw -- down below we saw them cutting roads and putting up telephone poles and making a very big mess in the valley. And that's when Frank decided that they had to make an SNRA.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And he was such -- such a purist about taking any money, he said, there are people who get rich at the federal trough, but I'm not going to be one of them. And so he -- we sold it for 140 -- \$140,000, and we split it with Buela and myself.

AL: Oh.,

BC: And everybody said afterward, including Orval Hansen, who helped make the SNRA, that was really a silly thing for Frank to do, your children and grandchildren could have loved it.

AL: Oh, and they would have.

BC: It just -- yeah, they would have. But Frank thought that it was important. And, of course, Carole King put it up for \$19 million, and I thought it was pretty bad, because she never would put it under easement. So if anything happened to it, it could be developed.

AL: Now, when your family -- you and Frank sold it, did you sell it to her or was there --

BC: No.

AL: -- intermediaries?

BC: No, we sold it to a consortium here in Boise --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- that had my cousin in it and several other people.

AL: Okay.

BC: But it didn't work out. And then they sold it to LaFavre who had a restaurant there for awhile. And then he and his wife broke up and eventually it ended up in Carole King's hands.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And she always said she was a great environmentalist, but I always wondered because not putting that under easement --

AL: That's odd.

BC: -- so it can be later developed --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- didn't seem great to me.

AL: Yeah. Well, when your father became governor and you moved over to Boise, then your Aunt Buella, she continued to operate it as a dude ranch?

BC: She ran it, uh-huh.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: For years after that.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And we'd go up there in the summer whenever Frank could get away and the kids. And she took -- our sons were two year and nine years apart, but she'd take the two of them for the summer up there.

AL: Oh.

BC: So both Forrest and Chase had a chance to enjoy it, --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- but not my -- any of my other grandchildren and --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- so it was too bad.

AL: Yeah, yeah. Well, when you were a child there, were you a tomboy, were you a real outdoors person?

BC: Actually, I was always a -- my father's confidant, should we talk politics, we talked law, we talked every case he was in.

AL: Oh.

BC: It was wonderful. And at the same time, I was his princess, because I was the only girl.

AL: Yeah.

BC: So I can remember once he got me a riding outfit that looked like the one that Jacqueline Kennedy used to ride in, and it was so out of place on our ranch, and it was sort of a green twill, I remember. And you know how those were made, those eastern riding outfits.

AL: Right.

BC: Well, my mother said -- she never objected to anything pop bought for either of us, but she said, this one may have been a mistake, and I think if she wears it very much, they'll laugh her out of the county.

AL: Probably so.

BC: We had a guy there who was a -- who lived in a little cabin across the -- across Spring Street. And he always thought he got along fine with a great bull we had. I remember one of the most terrifying times I ever had was he was going to show everybody how he and the bull got along. And he put his arm around the bull and didn't have the nose thing, didn't have hold of it.

AL: Yeah.

BC: He had his arm around the shoulders of the bull and the bull went up and down and up and down, dragging him with him and pop rushed out from the ranch and said, Bethine, stand behind the poles that were around the place we used to hang clothes, and don't come out. And then we went up with a tiny little stick and made that bull march off and he got the guy free. He had pretty banged up ribs, but --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- he lived. And it was just because pop took that little stick and went after the bull.

AL: Wow.

BC: It was really something.

AL: Oh.

BC: But when Frank was senator and had done the SNRA with McClure and Hansen and, of course, Cecil Andrus, and all of the people who were involved in making this SNRA.

After that, for a long time, we didn't have anything in that area. And then he decided he wanted to do the River Return -- No Return Wilderness. And I went to every one of these hearings with him, and he had hearings in every part of the state; near Stanley, in fact, in Challis, all up in the north, because the River of No Return Wilderness reaches up over a huge portion of that part of Idaho.

AL: Yes.

BC: So we had hearings everywhere. But the hearing I remember most was the hearing in Challis -- or Stanley. It was in Stanley. And they had a -- sort of a building that was just made out of wood and had wood steps, an aisle, and they set up chairs, and the people from the senate were there at the end to hold a hearing on whether they should make it into a wilderness.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And this man got on a horse and rode it up the wooden steps, and down the aisle, and turned around, and rode back out. And it turned out the man who was running the newspaper there in Salmon said, well, Mrs. Church, what did you think of that? I said, it's a mighty fine looking horse. And Frank said, I'm glad he asked you that.

AL: Well, was the person -- were the people in Salmon, were they opposed --

BC: Oh, yes.

AL: -- to all that.

BC: Deeply.

AL: Deeply.

BC: Deeply. And in Stanley -- well, Stanley was so adamant about the SNRA that they just were awful. And, in fact, one of the worst of them was a cousin that I had, who had a little motel that was down in Lower Stanley.

AL: Oh.

BC: But that was the year it hit Frank right against Dee Simm's old assistant, who was a Smith. And they were adamant that Frank was going to ruin the whole area, it was going to take away their livelihood, that he was going to get rich out of it, all 140,000 that we split.

AL: And that was most -- that was mostly about the SNRA then?

BC: Yeah, that was the reason.

AL: Yeah. Yeah

BC: Yeah, because it was right there in it. But when we did the River of No Return, it had a connection, he also did Wild and Scenic Rivers for the whole United States and that --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- included the Salmon --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and that Middle Fork area.

AL: Middle Fork.

BC: And when Frank was dying at home for three months of the second cancer he had in his life, he had a bad cancer 36 years before when our son Forrest was born. And they said he was going to die then. So he always says he had 36 years to do what he wanted to do. So he was never going to put his finger up in the wind and say, will this get me reelected or is it the right thing to do?

AL: So he was able to do what he wanted to do.

BC: He did, from then on. After surviving that first cancer, he said, I've been given a lease on life, so I can do what I think I should do. And so he thoroughly enjoyed being senator. I think up until the last year or so when everything got so contentious in Washington, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- because before that, he worked with both sides of the aisle; he worked with Len Jordan, who is from here, who is a republican, he worked with Jack Javits from New York, he worked with Aiken, he worked with the senator from Kentucky, John Sherman Cooper, and with a senator from New Jersey Hansen, and Irene Case. He just worked with everybody across the aisle.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And after that, Jesse Helms was in the senate and everything became of mode of contention.

AL: Oh.

BC: But -- and I think it's gone that way ever since maybe.

AL: Uh-huh. Tell me about when and where you met Frank.

BC: I actually met him -- I was in student government in Idaho Falls, he was in student government in Boise. And we had a student government association meeting in Boise. And my best friend, who was the student body president, Gaudette Piper, who is now still in Idaho Falls, she was out at Hammond, she and I went over for this -- I was the Supreme Court judge and she was the student body president. We went over and she went out with the student body president over there.

I met Frank, he asked me out, but a young man who was a basketball player asked me first. So I said, I'm sorry, but Frank wasn't deterred at all. He said, that's fine, we'll just go on being friends. And so --

AL: Now, how old were you then?

BC: About 16.

AL: Oh.

BC: But --

AL: And you were living in Idaho Falls then. Was he living in Boise?

BC: Oh, yeah.

AL: Okay.

BC: He was born and raised in Boise.

AL: Okay.

BC: Born in St. Alphonse's and was raised there. And he then -- the year that I graduated, I was a year ahead of him, he became the student body president in Boise, and I went on to Boise Junior College.

AL: Did you finish high school in Boise then?

BC: Boise and Idaho Falls. I got two diplomas and I've been --

AL: Oh, really

BC: -- looking for them ever since. I had them, both in hand. Our superintendent of schools said that I was so involved in both schools -- I was only here a half a year.

AL: Oh.

BC: But I got so involved with Boise that I graduated there, but then they let me graduate with my class in Idaho Falls, too.

AL: Oh, great. That doesn't happen very often.

BC: Not very often.

AL: So you stayed in touch with Frank after that first meeting?

BC: Well, actually, we went together at -- while he was the student body president and I was at Boise State. We went together to the dances at high school, Boise High. We went out together and his four friends, Stan Byrnes, who just died, who helped make the Green Belt here, and was a really good outdoors man, and who ended up in the Boulder White Clouds with Frank. He and Carl Burke, who's a lawyer, and Waite Fleetwood, and as I say, Stan Byrnes, they used to come over on Sunday night, ostensibly to talk to pop, who was governor, because they were all interested in politics.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And talk to me. And Stan Byrnes said for years afterward, that during those year -- those two years, he hadn't realized I was a girl. But everybody called me Frank's girlfriend, but we never made that anything but I would go to dances with him and he was in the ROTC .

AL: Oh.

BC: And so we'd go to the ROTC dances in Oliver.

AL: Now, did Frank -- was he familiar with the Sawtooths and the White Clouds before he hooked up with you or did you kind of introduce him?

BC: No, I introduced him to that and -- because I took him to the ranch --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- and poppa would take him, Carl Burke to show them the mine on the other side of the river, way up the mountain. And we'd go up Warm Springs Creek to the 12 Mile Meadow and we'd all camp out.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And so that was it. But when he was kid, here in Boise, he used to go up to Warm Lake with his parents, up near -- out of McCall, you know the Warm Lake area.

AL: I do.

BC: And he'd go up there with them and they'd go fishing and hiking and all around. And that's where he wrote me, the first thing he wrote me, and he wrote me over the years, he wrote a postcard and he wrote it, as he would often do, Dearest Bethine, and then he gave me a story about a German who had had a -- it was near the time that there were big, big doings in Germany, and the Germans thought they didn't have enough humor. So he said, there was this desk that this military German had and it had a big hole in it. And it was from a bomb, of course, he said, it was a mouse hole, ha ha. And then at the bottom he said, and today I have a 17.

AL: Oh. Did you keep that? Do you still have that card?

BC: Oh, yeah. I have -- and then I have all the letters he wrote me from India, Burma, China Theater when he was over there in the war.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: He became an intelligence officer.

AL: Now, he was in World War II and was that before -- that was before you were married, wasn't it?

BC: Yes. And he came back and he hadn't finished college. So he finished college. Then we were married. And we went on a two month honeymoon or three months almost, down to Mexico.

AL: Oh

BC: And my poppa had given us a blue convertible. And so we drove all the way down to New Orleans and down to Mexico City, down the North South Highway, --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- and all down into Acapulco and Taxco and everywhere. Came back and we went out, almost immediately packed the car, and left for Boston. He went to Harvard for a year. And he got on the --

AL: And he was still in undergraduate school then?

BC: No. He was going --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- he finished just before we were married.

AL: Okay.

BC: He finished the week before we were married.

AL: Oh. Did he go to Stanford?

BC: Well, he went to Stanford, but then he went to Harvard for a year and then he got -- he was having horrible back pains and we were about to have Forrest. So I said, we can't do this winter in Boston again. Let's go back to Stanford. So he transferred back to Stanford to get his law degree.

AL: Oh.

BC: If he hadn't, he probably would have died because he had this terrible cancer. You know, his backache wasn't just from studying, it was a testicular cancer. And they told him that he was not going to live, but he went to Stanford, to a fine doctor in the city, who said, oh, yes, we'll put you on -- we've got a new deep radiation. So they really burned him up for about 6

weeks, from here down to here, and I think that's what probably caused his pancreatic cancer 36 years later. But it gave him 36 years.

AL: Yeah.

BC: So he was fine.

AL: Yeah. Now, where were you married?

BC: On the front porch of the ranch.

AL: That's -- I thought so.

BC: Yeah. And it just snowed madly over Galina two days before -- we were married on the 21st of June, and it snowed two days before, and all of our friends had to go up over Galina, which wasn't fixed then.

AL: Right. It was still --

BC: It --

AL: -- a gravel road then.

BC: It was awful. And it was twisty, --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- you know, just like that, and --

CHASE: (Indiscernible) cut the grass and check (indiscernible).

BC: -- just a minute, honey, we're doing a filming. And -- that is Chase who came in. But he's used to it, he's always doing a filming. And he also was taking some death certificates up to our family that, Stan Byrnes, who died.

AL: Oh.

BC: But I remember most of my family and most of his family didn't know each other.

AL: And they had to access -- at that point, they were accessing the ranch over Galina.

BC: Over Galina, uh-huh,uh-huh, and it was horrible, and it was a big snow storm. And the lady who was bringing the cake up, sitting in the back of the car, Dr. Norse, who was driving the car, and his wife was a very formidable woman, and she said to him, Doctor, you should get on the side of the road. He said, I'm going to drive right down the middle or we'll slide off in the canyon. And so they got there with the cake.

The night before, we had salmon, which my cousin had caught and everybody who was at the ranch and caught salmon, and my grandfather, who was alive then, great big western man, cut up all the salmon for salmon dinner the night before the wedding.

AL: Was it a big wedding?

BC: It was pretty big.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: About, I don't know -- I remember we had every room in the lodge filled, every room in the outer cabins filled, and the boys and girls who came with their friends, had a -- excuse me.

(Break for telephone call)

AL: Okay.

BC: We had a tent out back and my dad greeted everybody, he invited everybody to come and stay at the ranch.

AL: Now, the ranch was still a dude ranch then.

BC: Uh-huh. But it was fall -- I mean, spring, and it hadn't opened yet. You know, we never opened until almost the 4th of July.

AL: Right.

BC: And it always ended up by Labor Day. So it wasn't a very lucrative thing. It just barely made it. In fact, I think during the Depression, when my mom ran it, was the only time it ever ran on what she made. Always had to throw extra money into it.

But pop had an envelope that was made out of a paper bag and he put where everybody was going to sleep. And you remember Spencer Tracey having the bad dreams the night before his daughter's wedding, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- well, pop had a bad dream that he had put all the husbands and wives in with each other and they're not in the right places and all the kids together, they shouldn't have, and he had a terrible dream. My mother had to wake him up.

AL: Oh.

BC: And we went from there to -- the night of the wedding, we -- Stan Byrnes put rocks in our hub caps, but that wasn't the worse thing he did, that was -- we had this new Desoto and it had this -- these two heads on it and he moved the spark plugs so we had only about one spark plug or two power.

AL: Now, was this the car that your father had bought you --

BC: Yeah.

AL: -- to drive to Mexico? This was a convertible.

BC: Uh-huh.

AL: And it was a Desoto.

BC: Uh-huh. And we left the ranch and the hub caps sounded terrible, and Frank said, don't worry, Bethine, I'll fix it, I'll take the rocks out of the hubcaps. I said, there's something else wrong. So I opened the front the car, looked in, and saw that they'd switched all these things. So I switched them back. And we pulled out and I always said that was the thing that I really and always known about Frank, he was so secure he didn't even mock my savviness.

AL: Well, you must have been pretty mechanical.

BC: Well, I had --

AL: Cars were a little simplir then maybe.

BC: Well, they were. And besides, they were fixable by hand.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And we -- I remember I had looked at it down here, because a cousin of mine was so excited about it, and I looked in and I knew it looked different, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- what I saw was wires going other ways. I knew it wasn't right. So I just switched them back. And we went to -- I think we went down to Salmon and stayed all night and -- in a motel and two of my father and mother's friends from Idaho Falls ended up in the same motel and we had cleaned up our car from all the rocks and all that stuff. They just plastered it with white shoe polish.

AL: Oh.

BC: Yeah, with just married. And then we started out and I always thought I knew that area well and I said, let's take a shortcut going to -- because we were late after we had to clean up the car. So I said, let's take a shortcut on our way to Yellowstone Park, that's where we stayed that second night. And we got stuck and abandoned. A truck came by and said, looks like you guys are having some trouble. And he pulled us out. I think those are the days that everybody was so -- he laughed at us, but he got a kick out of it pulled us out.

AL: But he saved you.

BC: Yeah.

AL: Got you back on your --

BC: Yeah.

AL: -- way.

BC: Yeah. So then we went on and had this long honeymoon. And then my -- went back east to Harvard, then back to Stanford, and survived the first cancer, and then he died of the second one 36 years later and he had 24 years in the senate. So he said he had a good run for it.

AL: Yeah, yeah. You were talking a short while ago about people having to go over Galina to get to Robinson Bar to your wedding. Do you remember the first time you went over Galina?

BC: Yes. But it was a Thanksgiving and I was learning to drive. I think I was about 14.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And we drove out of Ketchum and up over Galina.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And we -- as we started out, I lost traction.

AL: Oh.

BC: And my pop said, well, there's no way we're going to go on down now. And he got out and I got out and he got back in and backed up to where we can get a little traction to make it back down the hill.

AL: Wow.

BC: So we didn't get to the ranch that time.

AL: Oh.

BC: And one other time we were driving with my Uncle Barzil, we were going up the road that I reminded you was on the other side of the river and it had --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- Five Points, --

AL: Right.

BC: -- and we almost slipped off of one of them. And Uncle Barzil and pop were holding the car on, my mother was driving, and they managed to keep it from sliding off the hill. And so everybody walked in and they sent a horse and a sleigh back and picked up everything and then we had our Thanksgiving dinner there.

AL: Oh, oh.

BC: And I went in the hot water pool that one time in the winter when it was 45 below zero up there.

AL: Yeah, I wanted to ask you if you spent -- I know it was -- you know, for the dude ranch, it was a summer facility, but did you guys spend some wintertime up there?

BC: Well, we did spend the wintertime when I was a baby.

AL: When you were a baby.

BC: And when I was really very young. In fact, I got --

AL: Now, was that because of the homesteading?

BC: Well, no, it was because they thought -- there was a lot of whooping cough and they thought they ought to get me away from it.

AL: Oh.

BC: And a little girl came through one night and they said they needed to stay and my mom let them, and when she heard him cough -- her cough, she knew we were in trouble. And I

got whooping cough and that was the second time in their lives they had to take the family down to California to get over something.

AL: Oh, wow.

BC: My mother had and then I came down with the whooping cough and I was so sick.

AL: So you went all the way to California.

BC: Yeah.

AL: Oh.

BC: Because we had to get the warm air.

AL: Oh, oh. Well, normally, did you just kind of shut the ranch up for the winter?

BC: Yes. Usually we had a caretaker there.

AL: Oh.

BC: Somebody who -- usually we weren't paying caretakers, they wanted to stay in --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and they stayed there just to have room and board.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And --

AL: Do you remember any of those people?

BC: Oh, I don't -- really not. I can tell you some of them, I guess. I think my cousin, Lois, who is now on the Sawtooth Society board, could tell you more about some of the people who were there at the ranch. And she helped run it one year.

AL: And this is -- what is Lois' last name?

BC: No, I'm sorry, it's -- her mother's name is Lois, it's Patricia Young.

AL: Patricia Young.

BC: Uh-huh.

AL: Oh, okay.

BC: And she ran it one summer, too.

AL: Oh.

BC: So it was pretty much of an enterprise --

AL: Yeah, yeah.

BC: -- you really had to keep it going.

AL: Yeah. What were the -- well, I know you weren't there much, but were the winters pretty extreme?

BC: Oh, yeah. In those days, there were just tons of snow. And in Idaho Falls, my police dog was -- loved to chase cars. And we had drifts that had been plowed out, that were way up above the street, that high, and he was chasing cars on it, and he ended up slipping off and ending up on the top of a truck, that was how high the piles of snow were.

AL: Did he survive that?

BC: Yeah. He got off at the other end.

AL: Oh, oh.

BC: But I don't think he chased cars after that.

AL: Maybe not, maybe that was a good thing. What -- after Frank got into politics and you were -- was in the senate, did you get back to the ranch much?

BC: Well, there were several years that the kids stayed there with Buella and we would go for a week or so.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And then there were years after that that we would just go visit it --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- like, when the LaFavres had it, we were there one year as guests and eating out and enjoying it.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: But after Frank was in the senate, it got very hard to do.

AL: Yeah.

BC: And finally, we got to the point where our vacations, we'd come out here and campaign in the summer. But our vacations were really usually at Easter time. We'd go down fishing in the Caribbean or something. It was just too hard on Frank to go to the mountains because they were always mad at him over wilderness.

AL: Oh. Well, in the early years, were you and he able to spend quite a bit of time there?

BC: Not really. Sometimes -- I spent quite a bit of time in high school, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- but not really. Chase is putting up a ladder, he's going to clean out our gutters.

AL: Oh. Did you -- when you were there, what -- did you do -- did you do a lot of fishing, did you ride, did you --

BC: Well, they always said that it wasn't any fun fishing with me, because I usually went swimming --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- and it scared the fish

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: I loved getting in the water in the Warm Springs Creek. And as a kid, we just swam all the time in the -- for hours a day.

AL: Did you have cousins that were there --

BC: Oh, yeah.

AL: -- with you?

BC: Yeah. I had one cousin, Dale Paterson, who's son Scott just called me a few minutes ago, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- he lived with us, because his father died during the First World War of the flu epidemic that was a lot like this HI hine flu or whatever it is.

AL: Swine flu.

BC: Yeah. She -- he died of it. He was a doctor. And so my Aunt Mabel and Dale came and lived with us. In Mackay, she -- well, he was in the war, she was pop's secretary. But later on, even when we lived in Idaho Falls, and here in Boise, they often lived with us. And after he was married, she lived with pop and mom.

AL: Uh-huh. So even though you didn't have siblings, you had --

BC: Oh, we had --

AL: -- lots of kids.

BC: Yeah. One of the reasons I came home to Idaho, besides the fact that I really wanted to do something other than what I was doing out there, after Frank died, I stayed for about four years and worked with the Democratic National Committee. And that was loads of fun and I helped handle the foreign visitors to the Georgia Convention. And that was fun.

AL: Yeah.

BC: But I really wanted to come home. But I didn't have any idea what I was going to do or where I was going to live. And when I found this house, I immediately fell in love with it and I put a contingency on buying this with my selling the house that we had in Bethesda, which we paid on for 20 years, and it was paid off. And we were very lucky. We sold just before the crash in Washington and bought just before everything went way up here.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So that helped.

AL: Frank passed away in '84.

BC: '84. Uh-huh. And I came back '99.

AL: Uh-huh. Let me -- I was going to ask you a little more about the SNRA. I know Frank was, you know, very instrumental in that, along with a few other people, but --

BC: Actually, it was his idea.

AL: Uh-huh. And that sprang from --

BC: From just my pop saying that was the most wonderful valley in the world and our having been over there when it was pristine and beautiful. And he saw all the building in Sun Valley and all those places, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and he just thought if they can protect that area, and make it like a ranch area, --

AL: Right.

BC: -- so that it looked like it had looked back in pop's day, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- it would be worthwhile.

AL: And you were starting to see a lot of development.

BC: Well, what happened was, we first saw, they were going to build a new little city down there, they put roads and everything. And that's when he decided to do the SNRA.

AL: Was that Obsidian?

BC: Uh-huh. And then when I came home and was here, I saw this article in the Sawtooth -- in the paper here that they were planning all sorts of building up in the Sawtooths, and there's someone who is thinking of making a major development again. And so that's when I called everybody to make the Sawtooth Society.

AL: Right.

BC: And it was fine. I called republicans, and I called democrats, I called former county commissioner from Challis who was a republican, and I called Bob Hayes here, who had just retired from Boise Cascade, and he said he would be my executive director for free, for about nine months or so, or even more. And I accepted, because what I had done was get in over my head, because I had no idea how you set up a 501(c)3, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- but we had to do it right away.

AL: Yeah, yeah.

BC: And we had a lot of help doing it. We managed to raise funds under the auspice of a national forest group and then we made our appeal here and people really cared so much, Idaho, they always have loved that area.

AL: Yeah.

BC: And I think it stayed very viable simply because we did work with the Forest Service, when we didn't agree with them, we told them so, but when we agreed, we backed them up hardily. So we really came out very well on it, I think.

AL: Yeah, yeah. Do you remember who -- I know there were, you know, a lot of local people that were opposed to the SNRA, but who were some of the political opponents? Do you remember?

BC: Oh, most of the people who were in the legislature and such, in the republican leg. were against it.

AL: The Idaho.

BC: Uh-huh.

AL: Yeah. What about nationally?

BC: Well, nationally, they didn't -- actually, they didn't know Idaho existed.

AL: So they didn't know what the Sawtooths were anyway.

BC: No. No. No, they really didn't. They didn't know where Idaho was.

AL: Yeah.

BC: Every time they'd say that Frank was a national figure, they'd say, where is he from, and he'd say Idaho, where's that? And there were people when I went to University of Michigan for school, I graduated there, I was there three years, and graduated there, I went to Boise Junior College first, but I'd say I was from Idaho and they'd say, well, now, is that near the Mississippi or is that near -- what is it near?

AL: Yeah.

BC: And they never knew.

AL: Yeah.

BC: I said, I know where you are, why don't you know where we are? Don't you know any geography? I'd get --

AL: Yeah.

BC: -- so mad.

AL: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I was going to ask you, you know, through the years, the Forest Service has been, you know, very instrumental in the Sawtooth, Salmon River Country, because they manage such a big --

BC: Yeah.

AL: -- chunk of Forest Service --

BC: And they haven't had enough money.

AL: Yeah. I was going to --

BC: And that's why I think it was important for us to be a private group who could help them, help them with our senators so that we could get the land and water fund monies running again. After Frank went out in '80, they just decimated the land and water fund monies. They put it into everything else.

AL: Now, and that money -- I'm not familiar with that, that money --

BC: That money --

AL: -- would have historically been used --

BC: Yes. For the Forest Service and for the land improvement.

AL: Oh.

BC: But it stopped coming in. That's what put -- 90 percent of the easement was done with land with that kind of monies.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And when the U.S. found itself going broke, they went into those funds and took them to use for every other thing. So they weren't available to Forest Service.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So the Forest Service was cut down -- though they had more people to cope with all the time, they were cut down from the amount of monies they had. And they really needed a advocacy group that was local, who could help them.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And we went national and we made appeals and it worked nationally, too.

AL: Yeah.

BC: And people who run the river, like Dave Mills and Sheila and people like that, became a good part of the Sawtooth Society --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and cared a lot about the river and how it was kept up. And, you know, even though some of the things they did seemed sort of onerous, like, having to take in something to take out your ashes, and take out your waste, that's what kept it pristine.

AL: Right. And you're talking about Middle Fork.

BC: Yeah.

AL: Uh-huh. In the wilderness, right.

BC: Made all the difference.

AL: Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

BC: And, of course, the one reason they were able to get the SNRA is they let Stanley be itself. It's --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- a self --

AL: Stanley's pretty independent.

BC: They're very independent. But -- and they thought the Sawtooth Society was just going to be a terrible thing. But I think they've finally come around to thinking it's a pretty good idea.

AL: Yeah. Sawtooth Society has funded a lot of local products. Yeah.

BC: Which is very smart to do.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And helped them with search and rescue things, --

AL: Oh, yeah.

BC: -- with monies for all sorts of things to help them go out and rescue people who are stranded and -- oh, I think they've just done a great job.

AL: Yeah, yeah. Were the -- are -- were there any particular individuals in the Forest Service that you remember that were really instrumental or helpful at -- in regard to the SNRA or --

BC: Oh, Tom Kovalicky was always wonderful. He ran the Nez Perce --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and cared very much about the SNRA. And he'd bring a whole group of people in to build those log worm fences.

AL: He still does that.

BC: And he does that, yeah.

AL: Yeah.

BC: I know. And he's living in Stanley during the summer.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: But that's where I just heard from him. And also Paul Reece and the radio man from Ketchum, when I first got the idea and they had the idea they -- we met, all the three of us

then over in Ketchum, and talked about what could be done and if we can make a group like the Yellowstone group, what kind of group, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- how we should be in terms of -- and Paul Reece was a forester.

AL: Right. And he's based out of Ketchum, isn't he, or was?

BC: He was. He and his wife both.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: But he's now -- I don't know, I heard from him just the other day. He's in the east somewhere. He's got a pretty big job with the forest service and she does, too.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: So they've done very well.

AL: Right.

BC: But we stayed very good friends. He had the Wilderness Society, he told them all to be sure tell me hello.

AL: Yeah. What about Forest Service people back in the early '70s, when Frank was working on creating the SNRA, were there -- was -- were there people in the Forest Service that were very involved with that, as well?

BC: Well, you know, I tried to think back to the ones that I met in their office back there, and there were those who were rather big supporters and those who I think thought that putting more money into Twin Falls and into Idaho was a mistake.

AL: Oh, really.

BC: Well, you know, you have people you were battling against, then there was Jim Lyons, who was just a terrific supporter.

AL: Uh-huh. He's on the Sawtooth Society board, --

BC: Yeah.

AL: -- I believe.

BC: Now he is.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And then he was working with the Forest Service in Washington, he was a -- I guess he was a department -- can't remember, I think he was a -- he had a big job with the Department of Agriculture back then.

AL: Uh-huh. I was going to ask you a few more things about Robinson Bar before I forget. Did you have -- what was -- you know, when you were a child there, did you have -- I mean, did you have indoor plumbing, did you have power?

BC: Well, we had a -- they had a dam and they put a municipal power -- I mean, a power hub in the river.

AL: Okay.

BC: That was run by the dam, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- it was a flume --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- that carried the water down to it.

AL: Okay. So that's how you got water there.

BC: Uh-huh. And once in awhile sticks would get caught in it and all of our lights would go very dim and everybody have to go out and clean the thing off so that the water could flow through again.

AL: So you sort of had your own little power system there.
BC: Yeah, yeah.
AL: Oh.
BC: And we had indoor plumbing, but we didn't have toilets, we had the toilets down by the river --
AL: Oh.
BC: -- that were outdoor.
AL: Okay.
BC: Right down the hill.
AL: Yeah. And you obviously wouldn't have had phones back then.
BC: Well, we had the old phone that you went like this.
AL: The crank.
BC: Uh-huh.
AL: Oh.
BC: And we were on a line that everybody was on.
AL: Uh-huh.
BC: And you'd hear them and occasionally you'd have to say, if you can get off, I'll be off in a few minutes. And I remember how many rings we had.
AL: Oh. Now, did you have that from -- do you remember that from the very early days when you were a child, having that phone system?
BC: I just don't remember.
AL: Uh-huh.
BC: But I remember most of my life we had it --
AL: Uh-huh.
BC: -- on the river. And, you know, then the rural electrification came in --
AL: Yeah.
BC: -- later on and then we had our power that way.
AL: Would that have been in the '50s or so?
BC: Probably. I can't remember. I -- when I wrote my book, Thane Williams used to say when was it, and I'd say, you'll have to look it up.
AL: Yeah, I think Stanley got power in the early '50s.
BC: I don't know when it came to the ranch.
AL: Uh-huh. When you were at the ranch, did you ever go visit places like Custer and Big Horse?
BC: Oh, once in awhile we'd go up to Custer, because we thought -- the dredge boys came down and would date the girls that were working at the ranch --
AL: Oh.
BC: -- and then they'd go up to Stanley on Saturday night for the Stanley Stomp.
AL: Did you do that?
BC: Uh-huh.
AL: Oh.
BC: But I was too young to really be a big part of it.
AL: Uh-huh.
BC: But I did it later on with Frank. And he said when we went to Poland one time, and the -- they -- the Polish, when we'd get to a place where they had a dance floor, all they could think of was that we were English, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- because of how we dressed and so they'd play the Bridge over the River Kwai and Frank would say, the only reason we can dance to this is we can dance to the Stanley Stomp.

AL: So you and Frank went to the Stanley Stomp.

BC: Yeah, yeah.

AL: Was that kind of a wild time?

BC: No, it was just fun.

AL: Yeah.

BC: And the Mahoneys were up there then, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and once when a cousin of mine's husband wanted to buy into the ranch to run it with Buella, and they'd have done it very well, but the cousin, the woman, was a little bit uppity and she was in the -- watching them play cards one night and, of course, Mahoney always played cards at the Ace of Diamonds --

AL: Are you talking about Dan Mahoney?

BC: Uh-huh. Dan Mahoney's father.

AL: So -- Dan Mahoney, Sr.

BC: Yeah.

AL: Yes.

BC: And of course he was a big -- owned the big newspaper down in Florida, and this uppity cousin said -- he asked her to dance with him and she just turned him down flat. When she found out who he was, she tried to wiggle back and he would have nothing of it.

AL: Was that when he was a real young man?

BC: Well, I think it was when he and his wife had that big acreage that Dan Mahoney, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- Jr., had.

AL: Uh-huh. They spent a lot of time in Stanley --

BC: A lot of it.

AL: -- didn't they?

BC: A lot of it.

AL: Yeah.

BC: And he was there almost every summer for a lot of summers.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And she'd be there part of the summer.

AL: Uh-huh. Was her name -- is her name Jean?

BC: No. Her name was Florence Mahoney, she was a mover and doer in health with Mary Lasker in Washington --

AL: Oh.

BC: -- and knew all the senators and worked hard on health matters.

AL: Oh, oh. Did you -- so when you were spending summers at the ranch, did you go into Stanley much?

BC: Oh, just on occasion, --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- but we also -- when I was young, really young, we used to go camp at Red Fish.

AL: Did you?

BC: Yeah. Here we were in a rustic setting of our own, in our own beds, and we'd go camping at Red Fish.

AL: Oh. Well, Red Fish is so beautiful.

BC: Yeah.

AL: Still.

BC: Still.

AL: Still lovely.

BC: Yeah, it still looks wonderful and whoever has that facility seems to run it with loving care.

AL: Yes, yes.

BC: We're lucky.

AL: Yes, yes.

BC: Yeah. Well, I think --

AL: So do --

BC: -- we ought to stop, don't you?

AL: We can stop.

BC: I'm getting a little hoarse.

AL: Okay. We can stop any time you're ready.

BC: Well, I think -- you know, I always had friends up there, because families came to the ranch.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: All the families came with their children and the whole McCarthy family had five or six children that would come at a time. And we'd all swim together, and we'd all play together all day long, and Mary McCarthy and I were the same age and we would design big plays to be played down in the -- we had a area down below that had a -- was sort of like a big auditorium, but it was open --

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: -- and it had some bedrooms in the back. And then the -- so the open part of it, we would put on plays.

AL: Oh. Were the McCarthy's guests at the ranch?

BC: Uh-huh. And I always used to beg to go in and eat with them, so occasionally I would. And we had lots of families. I run into people when I was out selling the book, I ran into people in Twin Falls, in Idaho Falls, all around, who said we just hated it when the ranch was sold, our wonderful summers up there with our family were so important to us.

AL: Uh-huh.

BC: And there was always someone to play with. I mean, I never felt alone up there.

AL: Yeah

BC: And we had a rule, it was like in the Samoan Islands, I found when I took them -- studied the Samoan Islands, and how the hierarchy was the adults. Well, at the ranch, there was one rule of thumb, if any adult, any adult at all, told you to do something, you were to do it. And so we never had a drowning in the river, we never had a drowning in the pool. We were very lucky, because they had this rule of thumb that it didn't matter, you didn't have to respond just to your parents, you had to respond to everybody.

I guess we better let Chase come in.

AL: Okay.

BC: Okay, dear.

AL: Well, thank you very much, --

BC: Thank you.

AL: -- it's wonderful to talk with you.

BC: I'm going to turn it off.

AL: Yes. I will.

(Interview concludes)

