

**Robison, Anderson, Welsh, Sullivan and Welsh Interview
(Transcribed by David Morin)**

- 0.1 Pat:** ... nothing to do with...
- 0.2 Norma:** With religion, ya, and that's, but that's what's nice about those things.
- 0.3 Pat:** Anybody got up and told a story, you know, and a lot of singing, no kneeling down [???].
- 0.5 Norma:** They're non-denominational, and that's the way it should be, because if you read the bible, there isn't any religion in there.
- 0.6 Pat:** That's right.
- 0.6 Norma:** Just ah, I don't know who started religion, but somebody did.
- 0.7 Cheryl:** Do you remember a lot of singing though, when you were growing up?
- 0.8 Pat:** A lot of singing? Oh ya.
- 0.8 Pauline:** In church ya.
- 0.8 Pat:** I actually, I think, the majority of us enjoyed that because it was Latin. Even if I couldn't understand, but it was...
- 1.1 Norma:** We said all masses in Latin.
- 1.1 Lawrence:** We said the hymns, ah the hymns in French.
- 1.2 Norma:** But the mass was Latin.
- 1.2 Lawrence:** The mass was Latin.
- 1.2 Pauline:** And some of the hymns were Latin too, and ah, I don't remember...
- 1.3 Norma:** Lot of the hymns were French.
- 1.3 Pauline:** Cause ah, I used to sing in the choir.
- 1.4 Norma:** I think all, the whole family sang in the choir, you know, you did too probably.
- 1.5 Pat:** Probably when, when I didn't play hookey from church.
- 1.6 Cheryl:** So you would have learned songs then in French and in Latin? [All reply, "Ya."] And so if the mass was in Latin, did you understand any of it?
- 1.7 Pauline:** In our, in the prayer books like, [Pat says, "You memorized it."] ... it wasn't in English so, you could tell where you were in the book just by what you're doing.
- 2.0 Lawrence:** You used to answer the priest, you know, you answer the priest in Latin and if you were knowledgeable.
- 2.1 Cheryl:** You didn't have to actually know any Latin then, just enough to answer?
- 2.2 Lawrence:** No, well just the parish, just the parish part.
- 2.2 Norma:** We learnt it, like the, the singing we learned, ah in church we learnt it more.
- 2.4 Pat:** Not only because person lived in there [???] seem like...
- 2.4 Pauline:** We're more in church than anywhere else eh.
- 2.5 Norma:** And actually the nuns were good teachers because they, they got us, you know, and it was a choir, not just a bunch of people singing.

- 2.6 Lawrence:** But the Latin we learned was all religious, it was nothing to do with education or language, and...
- 2.8 Norma:** You're good at that ah, teaching everybody to sing, and we'd sing, you know, we'd harmonize and all that kind of stuff.
- 3.0 Lawrence:** Oh have the girls sing that are harmonizing, Louise, Cookie, and Mickey.
- 3.1 Norma:** Well we did too.
- 3.1 Pauline:** We did too.
- 3.1 Lawrence:** I guess so, ya.
- 3.1 Pat:** So do you believe all the stuff that happen, you know, with all the different ah, like this, the residential schools where they're giving these huge payouts to students who were, [Norma says, "Molested?"] Oh, were just so abused, you know do you think that ever happens here?
- 3.5 Norma:** Oh for sure. [Pauline says, "Yep."] If you talk to a lot of ladies my age and older who lived it, who were... [Pat says, "Like at this convent?"] [Pauline says, "Yes, yes."] Not at the convent, at the Indian School.
- 3.7 Pat:** Oh, okay, I was, I was talking about the convent.
- 3.8 Norma:** Oh, I see.
- 3.8 Pauline:** There was abuse there too.
- 3.8 Pat:** The Roman Catholic priests, the way they're being put on trial for something that happened forty years ago.
- 3.9 Pauline:** Well this happened in organized convents, Indian schools, like ah, foster homes, it happened, you know.
- 4.1 Norma:** There was abuse.
- 4.1 Pauline:** But nobody talked about it.
- 4.2 Lawrence:** Well why?
- 4.2 Norma:** Well we didn't really know what abuse was anyway, at least I didn't.
- 4.2 Cheryl:** So you didn't know, when you were young, you didn't know that kind of stuff was going on then?
- 4.3 Norma:** No, no.
- 4.3 Lawrence:** Well I didn't know that kind of stuff went on until after I, till lately, I mean, it's just been the last ten years.
- 4.5 Pauline:** Well you'd hear things, it was unbelievable, I mean that was just... Ya, it's all coming out now.
- 4.6 Norma:** Yes, I thoroughly believe it.
- 4.6 Pauline:** [???] stories there was people that would put in the Indian school, just, ya, just [???].
- 4.8 Billie:** They should get money though because [Talking at same time]. That's what they need is healing.
- 5.0 Cheryl:** What do you remember about the nuns? Like you were saying, you remember about them teaching you to sing. What else do you remember about them?
- 5.1 Norma:** Oh, I thought they were excellent teachers.
- 5.1 Lawrence:** They were, they were. It's just the way the system was, there was too much religion involved.

- 5.3 Norma:** And they were, some of them were kind of miserable, you know, but, I'll tell you, you learnt, you learnt your lessons.
- 5.4 Billie:** They were disciplined, especially, kids don't have discipline these, nowadays.
- 5.5 Pat:** That's true; the teacher has no control. You do this to a student, that student runs home and says, "He touched me."
- 5.6 Pauline:** Never mind when you have no, no touch for kids, kids can't even touch you at school. You know, they want to play football but they, ah, you know, play games like we used to play tag and, anything at school and now the kids can't even touch each other. If they do they're in their principal's office. It's stupid.
- 6.0 Lawrence:** We played baseball, we played ah, rugby, we played ah...
- 6.1 Pauline:** Dodgeball.
- 6.1 Norma:** We had track ah, track and field, and we did very well.
- 6.2 Pauline:** And it was the nuns that put on track and field.
- 6.3 Lawrence:** So in general, the nuns at the school here were pretty good. I mean if, if they were really teaching education, left the religion out, it would have been all right you know. But they were, generally they were pretty good.
- 6.5 Norma:** But they were good, I mean, I sang, very few kids ever failed in their classes.
- 6.6 Lawrence:** They were good educators.
- 6.6 Cheryl:** So they were, they were more than educators, they were involved in your, like outside of school and the church, between the...
- 6.8 Lawrence:** Ya, so he go to school at nine o'clock in the morning, and sometimes you wouldn't get home till six o'clock at night because you had to go to benediction. You had catechism after school and then you'd have to go to benediction, so you know, you'd spend quite a few hours in school. And if you went home without going to benediction, you get, you get into trouble. So I [????].
- 7.3 Norma:** For the most part, like ah, I, I was always treated very well by them, by the nuns.
- 7.4 Lawrence:** Well I had chores to do when I get home because, because always milk and stuff like that, you know, so.
- 7.5 Norma:** We all did, like I said, we, something had to be done, somebody did it, you didn't have to tell us, you know. If you saw it, you did it. But ah...
- 7.7 Lawrence:** Because Dad wasn't always home, so, you know, it wasn't [????] to us to do, to do chores.
- 7.8 Norma:** I milked cows when at the Métis Farm. That's where I had a lot of fights, squirting milk.
- 8.0 Lawrence:** Oh ya, milk fights.
- 8.0 Pauline:** Open your mouth, you'll drink the milk, open your mouths.
- 8.1 Cheryl:** So if, if um, you know, as children in school, you were always, you know, always in church, or, or whatever, what about your parents? Like when did they, did they just go on Sundays or did they go...

- 8.3 Pauline:** Dad went to church every Sunday. Mom would be home visiting with little ones...
- 8.4 Billie:** Or she'd be pregnant, ya.
- 8.5 Norma:** Mom went to church when she could but, she wasn't overly religious either. Like she had...
- 8.6 Lawrence:** Well she didn't have time to be religious to us or, she was raising kids.
- 8.7 Pauline:** We have to say rosary every night you know.
- 8.7 Lawrence:** Not really with Mom; with grandmother we did.
- 8.8 Pat:** She was probably [???].
- 8.9 Lawrence:** Oh ya.
- 8.9 Norma:** Oh ya, we said the rosary every night.
- 8.9 Pat:** Ya, so did we.
- 8.9 Norma:** Well, and of course, you couldn't, you couldn't nurse your baby in church because that was a sin.
- 9.0 Pauline:** Ya, that was.
- 9.1 Lawrence:** Well I remember Mom, always going to midnight mass.
- 9.2 Norma:** Ya, ya.
- 9.2 Pauline:** And we were all angels.
- 9.3 Norma:** We'd always have costumes, angel costumes and...
- 9.4 Pauline:** And nuns.
- 9.4 Cheryl:** At Christmas time?
- 9.4 Pauline:** Midnight mass.
- 9.4 Norma:** Almost every occasion, you know.
- 9.5 Pauline:** Ah, First Communion and ah...
- 9.5 Norma:** First Communion.
- 9.5** [Talking at same time].
- 9.6 Pauline:** ... banners and...
- 9.6 Norma:** We'd have all the little kids who were gonna be at the First Communion that would be dressed in all white, and that cape and thing, and the older ones who were con, having confirmation have red capes, red.
- 9.9 Billie:** The little ones had red ones, the bigger ones had blue.
- 10.0 Norma:** Well, talk about the First Communion classes, they always wore white. [Talking at same time]. But there were different stages, like you know, where you were in, in religion. Go up the hill to the ah, do the Stations of the Cross after that.
- 10.4 Lawrence:** I remember this hideous time in my life was when I fell off the sleigh on, on the way home from Christmas, from midnight mass. I fell off right at where the boat launch is there, and nobody missed me. [Laughter] And I had to walk home.
- 10.7 Cheryl:** How old were you?
- 10.8 Lawrence:** I don't know, probably about five or six there.
- 10.8 Pauline:** Oh my goodness that's a long walk.
- 10.9 Norma:** Well I don't remember that.
- 10.9 Lawrence:** Well you were probably just a baby.
- 10.9 Norma:** Well I don't think I was...

- 11.0 Lawrence:** Anyway, I was sittin on the, on the end of the wagon, and the horses lurched for some reason, and I fell off the sleigh, and nobody had missed me. I had to walk all the way home, and I was scared, I was scared to death.
- 11.2 Norma:** Didn't you do that to one of your daughters too? [Talking at same time].
- 11.3 Lawrence:** No, no, I left her at the farm, when we visited Danny.
- 11.4 Norma:** Oh, I see, ya.
- 11.4 Pauline:** What you forgot her?
- 11.4 Lawrence:** Well ya, nobody [Talking at same time].
- 11.5 Pauline:** We were at the beach, at, at [???] beach.
- 11.6 Billie:** I thought you were at the farm?
- 11.6 Pauline:** Could be.
- 11.6 Lawrence:** No, no, Cindy was, was a baby and she stayed with you and Debbie, or was it Debbie or?
- 11.7 Pauline:** Probably.
- 11.8 Lawrence:** Cause you babysat Cindy when we went out to the farm to visit Danny.
- 11.8 Pauline:** Oh, okay.
- 11.9 Cheryl:** So when you went to church on Sundays was that the day that you got all dressed up and, and ah, had your bath the night before whatever, got dressed up...
- 12.0 Norma:** Well ya, we had a big tub, and you know, we'd have to haul water and heat it up and had to wear hats and, ya, have our baths and, we used ah, [???] soap.
- 12.3 Pauline:** I still like that soap. Mom used to make her own.
- 12.4 Lawrence:** Some of the boys had to use potasse. [Talking at same time]. They made ah...
- 12.5 Pauline:** Homemade soap, laundry soap.
- 12.5 Norma:** Laundry soap, ya. It was made with lye and fat and ah, I remember washing my hair with sunlight dish soap.
- 12.7 Lawrence:** Oh ya.
- 12.7 Norma:** Boy your hair was nice and shiny. You know, isn't that funny like, our hair used to be so nice, and we never had shampoo.
- 12.8 Pauline:** That's right.
- 12.8 Norma:** I think we had soft water though I guess.
- 12.9 Lawrence:** Soft water all the time, especially...
- 12.9 Pat:** Oh, that's what I'm doing, I've got...
- 13.0 Lawrence:** Especially when Pauline washed her head in a barrel, hair in a barrel.
- 13.1 Norma:** That's when Billie and I pushed her in.
- 13.1 Lawrence:** Ya, that's right.
- 13.2 Pauline:** I still think you guys [???].
- 13.3 Lawrence:** Ya, but around the corner of the house and all you can see is [???] getting out of the barrel. She was in the barrel head first.
- 13.4 Billie:** If you hadn't been there she would have drown.
- 13.5 Lawrence:** Ya, that was the scariest moment I ever had when I fell off the sleigh and had to walk all the way home and they didn't even

- miss me when I got home. I said, jeez these people just deserted me completely. Maybe I'm an orphan now.
- 13.8 Pauline:** That would be scary.
- 13.9 Norma:** I used to be terrified of thunder and lightning. Mom would go around with holy water and [Talking at same time] mirrors and...
- 14.1 Cheryl:** When there was a thunderstorm?
- 14.1 Pauline:** Say the rosary.
- 14.2 Lawrence:** But remember the way they decorated the horses?
- 14.2 Pauline:** Ya, Christmas.
- 14.2 Lawrence:** Then we went to midnight mass and had the [???) and the [???) with bells on them. [Talking at same time].
- 14.4 Pat:** They had severe storms back then. [Talking at same time].
- 14.6 Lawrence:** Ya, I remember when I was home from, I forget what year that was, I think it was after the floods in Winnipeg.
- 14.8 Norma:** Oh I don't remember when that was.
- 14.8 Lawrence:** Well it must have been 1950.
- 14.9 Norma:** Well that's the year Mom died.
- 14.9 Lawrence:** Ya, I was here in August then, you know, I stopped off in August and we had a severe thunderstorm. I didn't know where everybody went but all of a sudden...
- 15.1 Billie:** Probably all under the bed. [Talking at same time].
- 15.1 Norma:** I would have been under his bed that's for sure.
- 15.2 Lawrence:** Everybody, and it struck the hydro pole right beside the house.
- 15.2 Pauline:** One person would get scared, then all of us would get scared.
- 15.3 Lawrence:** Set the top of the hydro pole on fire. But that was a severe thunderstorm.
- 15.4 Norma:** We could be saved by running under the bed.
- 15.4 Cheryl:** And the holy water. [All respond, "Ya."]
- 15.4 Lawrence:** Well Mom was terrified. She was the one that got everybody nervous I think.
- 15.5 Norma:** I think that's why I was afraid, cause I noticed my Mom was.
- 15.6 Lawrence:** Ya, she was terrified of them.
- 15.6 Cheryl:** Do you remember anybody in the community, or going to ah, like on pilgrimages and, pilgrimages, like to either Lac St. Anne or up to um, by Duck Lake there or anything, no?
- 15.9 Norma:** No.
- 15.9 Lawrence:** The only one I went on, I don't know that it was called, you'd call it a pill, pilgrimages was old Uncle Frank, he, he walked everywhere, all over the country. They claim he walked all the way to Peace River, but I doubt that.
- 16.1 Pauline:** He never had a home, like, he just would go.
- 16.2 Lawrence:** I think he hitchhiked as a hobo on the trains.
- 16.3 Norma:** He was a vagabond.

- 16.3 Lawrence:** Because ah, I can remember Uncle Larry telling me that ah, old Uncle Frank visited what was, Uncle Rene, no, not Rene, no... [Norma says, "Joe?"] Ah, from French name, the one that ah, had the trap line up in Peace River?
- 16.7 Billie:** Well that was ah, what's his name.
- 16.8 Norma:** That was Dan Amyotte.
- 16.8 Lawrence:** Dan Amyotte, Daniel, ya, we called him Daniel ya, ya. Ya, they claimed that old Uncle Frank walked all the way up there to visit him.
- 17.0 Norma:** Oh I believe that.
- 17.0 Lawrence:** You think so?
- 17.0 Norma:** I think it was a Rugaroo, I don't [????].
- 17.1 Lawrence:** Maybe he was.
- 17.2 Norma:** He was, I don't know, he would just all of a sudden appear out of nowhere kind of thing.
- 17.2 Pat:** With lots of money.
- 17.2 Lawrence:** Ya.
- 17.2 Norma:** Ya, oh I know he got his mo, his money from...
- 17.3 Pat:** The States?
- 17.3 Norma:** From, ya, the reserve down there, ya.
- 17.4 Lawrence:** Turtle Mountain?
- 17.4 Norma:** Ya.
- 17.4 Billie:** He still lives in the bush.
- 17.5 Norma:** And, you know, we'd walk up, we lived, used to live up the hill there, and we'd walk up the hill while we're, Grandma, Grandma and Grandpa lived there was a path there we used to take. And sometimes he'd be asleep in the bush there.
- 17.7 Lawrence:** Oh ya.
- 17.8 Norma:** You'd almost step on him.
- 17.8 Pauline:** Sometimes you'd see him with a fire in the middle of the, someplace, eating, having a gopher on a stick and roasting this...
- 18.0 Lawrence:** I didn't know that he did that.
- 18.0 Pauline:** Ya, at the Métis Farm, when we lived up there...
- 18.1 Cheryl:** And he was your uncle?
- 18.1 Lawrence:** He was great Uncle, he was Grandpa's brother.
- 18.2 Pat:** We walked up those paths three weeks ago.
- 18.2 Billie:** You did?
- 18.2 Pauline:** Was it still there?
- 18.2 Lawrence:** Ya, it's still there.
- 18.3 Pat:** Ya, gather round up there and...
- 18.4 Pauline:** I always want to go up there so I can find something of Grandma's.
- 18.4 Lawrence:** Ya, it's so overgrown, the grass, I mean, we'd have to go up there after all the grass died, you know.
- 18.6 Norma:** Ya, we used to go up there and you know, you know, you had to watch yourself if you ran into a partridge, especially if it had little ones, boy. Those things will chase you.
- 18.7 Pat:** Really?

18.7 Lawrence: They would ya.

18.7 Norma: Oh, of course, they were vicious.

18.8 Lawrence: I never ah, got chased by a partridge.

18.8 Norma: I did. They were, or grouse whatever it was but they are vicious little creatures.

18.9 Lawrence: Oh the grouse would, but not a partridge.

19.0 Norma: Well maybe it...

19.0 Lawrence: Grouse would...

19.0 Norma: I don't know the difference between grouse and partridge.

19.1 Lawrence: There is, but they're, they're aggressive, prairie chicken. They are real aggressive.

19.1 Norma: Little buggers, speared ya.

19.2 Lawrence: Partridges, you scare them up and they fly up in the tree and you could almost go up there and grab them, they didn't move.

19.4 Norma: [???] in the partridge in the pear tree, ya.

19.4 Lawrence: Ya, we used to snare them with a snare at the end of the pole. Flip it over the neck and pull it down.

19.5 Pauline: Boy you guys were mean.

19.5 Lawrence: Well we were hungry. [Laughter]

19.7 Pauline: Ya, I remember having partridge, grouse.

19.7 Lawrence: The, the, the grouse, the prairie chicken, they were good. I mean, they all had all white meat in them.

19.8 Pauline: They were good then; I don't think I'd want to eat one now.

19.9 Pat: I don't think so.

19.9 Lawrence: Because they, they fed in the hay, and after the threshing crew left and there was all kinds of this grain where the threshing machine was parked so, I mean they'd eat that rice from...

20.1 Pauline: We ate good food then.

20.2 Billie: Now speaking about eating, I'm hungry. [Talking at same time].

20.3 Cheryl: We were talking about food yesterday and we were actually talking about fish soup. Do you remember any other kinds, any else that your mother would make or?

20.4 Lawrence: Oh, Grandma always made the best rabbit pie I ever tasted. She made rabbit pie. And she made ah, also ah, fish... [???] says, "Fish pie?" Well, something like that, but she could make a jackfish taste good, where nobody else could, you know.

20.8 Norma: But we used to have, what we called [???]. You'd cook rabbit and put some of your potatoes in.

20.9 Lawrence: Make gravy, ya.

21.0 Pat: And [???].

21.0 Norma: Chokecherries.

21.0 Pat: I used to love the, I remember Grandma making [???].

21.1 Norma: Oh ya, [???] we called it.

21.1 Lawrence: Ya, [???], ya.

21.2 Norma: I loved it.

21.2 Pat: Oh I liked that.

21.2 Lawrence: I never tasted it.

21.2 Norma: I bought some in the store once and it was gross. But the way they made it was, it was great; I liked it.

21.4 Pauline: We used to eat things now, when we talk about it now, it's yuck, like you know... [Talking at same time].

21.5 Lawrence: Well you see things, the reason why it was so good is because they used the intestines of the cow, or whatever they butchered. [Talking at same time] ... they have the artificial sack now, that's why.

21.8 Pat: I remember Grandma putting it over a, like a broom handle. [Billie says, "Clothesline."] Ya. To turn them...

21.9 Lawrence: Inside out, ya.

21.9 Pat: And then boil them.

21.9 Lawrence: Ya, and clean them.

22.0 Pat: And that horrible stuff, you could smell it from here.
[Laughter]

22.1 Norma: We could [???].

22.1 Pat: It's like stomach? It was aww...

22.2 Lawrence: It was one of the stomachs, the cow has two stomachs, I guess...

22.3 Norma: I think they have three stomachs don't they?

22.3 Lawrence: I don't know...

22.3 Pat: I remember this thing looking like ah, reminding me of an accordion or something.

22.3 Norma: Ya like an accordion. A book, we used to call it the book.

22.4 Cheryl: And what was it used for?

22.5 Norma: We used to eat it.

22.5 Cheryl: Oh.

22.5 Pat: You could smell that.

22.6 Norma: You'd have to boil the heck out of it, but it was good.

22.6 Cheryl: After, once you boiled it, the smell would go away?
[Talking at same time].

22.7 Pauline: It didn't taste like it smelled. Oh my God, ya.

22.8 Norma: I remember they used to cure meat.

22.9 Lawrence: Pork ya.

22.9 Norma: Ya, pork.

23.0 Pat: At midnight they'd go take, I remember them always leaving at midnight to go and pull out the nets, and thinking about it, ya, it was probably illegal.

23.2 Lawrence: Ya, probably the reason why they went at midnight, ya, cause it was illegal. When, when we were kids, it was legal for them, like the Métis people could, you know...

23.4 Norma: They had hunting rights and stuff like that, but...

23.5 Lawrence: What I remember is the, a really, about food is the dried meat, when they ah, hung it on a... [Norma says, "Pemmican."] Ya, on a vine to dry it out.

- 23.8 Norma:** And we used to make a dish called taureau. [Talking at same time]. Your Mom was, oh she used to make good taureau.
- 23.9 Cheryl:** And what is that?
- 23.9 Billie:** It was crushed chokecherries with ah [???].
- 24.1 Pauline:** And that was like a jam to us.
- 24.2 Norma:** Oh it was good.
- 24.2 Cheryl:** It would have, it had a consistency of jam then?
- 24.2 Pauline:** Well they used to put berries in, like Mom or Grandma would put ah, [Norma says, "Chokecherries."] ... chokecherries or saskatoons in it and it like was, made it sweet so.
- 24.4 Norma:** But it wasn't like jam, like you know you wouldn't spread it.
- 24.5 Lawrence:** But it tastes like, kind of a thickness...
- 24.5 Pauline:** They used to fry up this, or put it in the oven until it got nice and crisp and then ah, they'd take it out and mix berries in it, and that's what they did.
- 24.7 Norma:** It was really good; I liked that.
- 24.7 Pat:** Did you eat it?
- 24.8 Cheryl:** What's it called again?
- 24.8 ???** We call it taureau.
- 24.8 Cheryl:** Taureau?
- 24.9 Pat:** Ever hear the story of about [???] you know [???]. [Bille responds, "Ya."] Well they were having a dinner last summer for the Fayant family, and fabulous ah smorg, everybody's to bring something, so she said I'll bring the pies, so she made three pies. Ah, she lives at [???] right? [Billie says, "Ya."] So she made three saskatoon pies. She got confused, they were chokecherries, and they were old. [Laughter] [Talking at same time].
- 25.5 Norma:** I did that here a couple of years ago, but I had saskatoons already cooked, and I thought, oh that's not enough to make this pie. So I went in my freezer and got what I thought was saskatoons, and I didn't even look cause, and I put them in there, and I made my pie and it was real nice, and Darryl took it, and he took it to work at the police station, [Laughter] and gave it to the girls and the girls there were, they are, he calls them the coneheads, but they work at the [???] thing, and ever since then they're all saying, telling your Mom to make some more of that pie with the stones in it. Oh I was mad at that asshole.
- 26.5 Cheryl:** Do you remember your Mom though, did she make a lot of stuff like that, with the pies and saskatoons, and...
- 26.6 Lawrence:** Oh ya. Bread, she used to make good bread.
- 26.6 Pat:** Everyday I imagine eh?
- 26.6 Norma:** We had matrimonial cake all the time. We used to make thirteen, fourteen loaves in a batch, and you'd have to do that every three or four days.
- 26.8 Lawrence:** And she made lots of bangs too. I remember that. I don't know what you call them.
- 26.9 Billie:** Fried bannock.

- 26.9 Norma:** We used to call them bangs, but ah...
- 27.0 Billie:** Bangers, bangers.
- 27.0 Norma:** She made bannock.
- 27.1 Lawrence:** She ma, she made the best chow chow I ever tasted.
- 27.1 Norma:** Ya, she used to make...
- 27.1 Lawrence:** Because most people make it too sweet. Hers was a little bit sour, on the sour side, and I like it that way. She made beet pickles that way too, sour.
- 27.4 Cheryl:** So she did a lot of canning then I guess hey?
- 27.4 Lawrence:** Oh ya, well we went picking, maybe three or four days.
- 27.5 Norma:** We'd can the saskatoons, she canned the saskatoons, and, and piled it up, jars and jars of them, and then I remember every, every summer, we would get a box of McIntosh apples, one of those big apple boxes. Oh my God was that a treat. I betcha I could eat ten in a day at that time.
- 27.9 Lawrence:** If you weren't such a thief. [Laughter]
- 27.9 Norma:** That was an orange.
- 27.9 Lawrence:** Oh that was an orange, ya.
- 28.0 Norma:** How old was I then?
- 28.0 Lawrence:** I don't know, I forget ah...
- 28.1 Norma:** I wasn't very old. I remember living up in the hills somewhere and...
- 28.1 Lawrence:** We lived in that little house.
- 28.1 Norma:** Ya, and my Mom had bought some oranges and ah...
- 28.2 Lawrence:** That was a rare occasion.
- 28.3 Norma:** Ya, and she told me I couldn't have one, you know, cause we had already eaten or something. I can't remember, but anyway, I stole an orange, and I went...
- 28.4 Billie:** Well you had the whole bag.
- 28.5 Norma:** No I didn't, I just took one. And I took this orange and I went behind the house and I hid between, I don't know if it was barrels, or whatever it was...
- 28.7 Lawrence:** It was barrels ya.
- 28.7 Norma:** I hid between them, and you couldn't see me eh, and I guess it came to bedtime, and they started looking for me, and they're all hollering, "Norma! Norma!" My Mom was getting frantic you know. I can't even remember who, who saw me.
- 29.0 Lawrence:** I don't know, I can't remember.
- 29.0 Norma:** But I know I gave her a pretty good scare when she didn't give me a lickin [???].
- 29.2 Pauline:** I remember just sittin underneath the table eating a orange and we had, we all had whooping cough, and that's when you guys said that Mom gave me the orange and you guys got the peelings.
- 29.6 Norma:** Well I guess I'm gonna have to take Billie home I think.
- 29.7 Cheryl:** Ya.

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