

Jeanne Pelletier, Clementine Longworth, Maria Campbell
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Start: 2.19.48 Maria Campbell: Yeah, and how did your parents make a living? Your dad, did the, did he do the same kind of work?

Jeanne Pelletier: Yeah, all farm-, working for farmers and in the wintertime.

Clementine Longworth: They were fishing.

Jeanne Pelletier: Men fishing, hunting. Hunting and fishing was survival for them...

Maria Campbell: Did they sell the fish or was it just for yourselves to eat?

Clementine Longworth: Most of the time just ourselves.

Jeanne Pelletier: The only time they'd sell fish without the, anybody knowing was close to Christmas or New-, New Year's, so they ...

Maria Campbell: Oh, so give them extra money.

Jeanne Pelletier: Yeah, no, they change it for other kind of food, like for pork or, yeah, potatoes and corn. That's what my people did like my mom and dad.

2.20.34 Maria Campbell: So, what was it like growing up there? You were talking about at Christmas time they would trade that for, for different things. What do you remember about Christmas, Clementine ... ?

Clementine Longworth: Mind you, Christmas we used to have good time, I'll tell you. We were very poor, but we had a good time.

Maria Campbell: What did they do? Did you have to get ready a long time for Christmas?

Clementine Longworth: Yeah, get ready for some, for Christmas is coming, you know?

Maria Campbell: What did you do, what kinds of things did you do?

Clementine Longworth: Well, we do a lot of cooking and make bread, you know, things like that. All kinds, we'd clean up, that's what we used to do.

Maria Campbell: Did you make any, like, pies or special things?

Clementine Longworth: Oh yeah, yeah. Raisin pie that's what we used to
(inaudible)

Maria Campbell: Did you make any other kind of pies?

Clementine Longworth: Well, we had apple pies, and raisin pie. You could buy cake like, you know, Christmas cake. All kind of stuff like that. Yeah, we used to do a lot of that stuff. Well, you had to if you got a big family.

Maria Campbell: If you think back, what, what kinds of things did you eat? Did you have turkey, like, for Christmas dinner? What kind of food did you have?

Clementine Longworth: Mostly we had meat, you know. They'd kill a beef in fall. Then you have that for the winter, like, you know **(inaudible)** and we also had the, a garden, you know, potatoes and onions, things like that, so. Well, we had to, there's no way about it, you know, you just had to do it.

Maria Campbell: What about your Christmas, your Christmas dinner? Did you have turkeys? Did you go, you raised turkeys and ...

Clementine Longworth: Oh, yeah, they'd try whatever they could, you know.

Maria Campbell: What do you remember about getting ready for Christmas?

2.22.21 Jeanne Pelletier: Like she said, baking, whatever. We had whatever my parents could afford, is baking. My mom would bake some pies, some cake, and, she was very good at making fruitcake, and that was the specialty, I guess was the fruit cake that I remembered good, and we had fish or, or pork. We didn't have turkey. If we had chicken, well, that was, that was, it would have to be traded. Like, you know, we'd have to get from a farmer and trade for fish, and it was mostly trading, where I lived at when I was growing up.

Maria Campbell: When we were interviewing, some of the, of the men, the same kind of interview, they were talking about Christmas dinners, and what they remember, like...

Jeanne Pelletier: Boulette Soup?

Maria Campbell: Yeah. So, what, what do you remember about all of that? 'Cause you would have cooked all that stuff yourself.

Jeanne Pelletier: Yeah, that came on at New Year's.

Maria Campbell: On New Year's?

Jeanne Pelletier: Like, everybody used to go and visit one another from house to house. That's where you'd see the tables full of goodies. The cakes, I could remember Mrs. Flamont's cake, there, what was her name? I can't remember her name, but her, her, George Flamont's sister. George Flamont's sister, you don't remember her name? Lafiche [?].

Clementine Longworth: Lafiche[?] yeah.

Jeanne Pelletier: She used to make these beautiful pinks and, you know, they had that coconut that came out just like frosting. I remember seeing that with lots of little gold, gold candy trimmings around. I don't know how she's able to do it like ...

Clementine Longworth: They done, done more cooking for New Year's than Christmas. Wasn't too much at Christmas but New Year's, oh god, we used to do all the cooking.

Jeanne Pelletier: Christmas was church.

Clementine Longworth: 'Cause people, they'd go around and eat from 12 o'clock until the next day, so **(inaudible)**.

Maria Campbell: What kind of food did they have for you?

Clementine Longworth: Mostly they had, they make some soup and, what you call those things there?

Jeanne Pelletier: Boulette soup, les boulettes?

Clementine Longworth: Yeah. That's the kind, yeah. Used to feed the people, you know. They'd eat then go, and eat and go. Yeah.

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