

Harry Morin

Wayne Morin: Where did you go? You, you just stayed on your own?

Harry Morin: Me? Oh yeah. We had to stay on our own the whole summer. Finally, we start doing a little work in winter time, fishing for real small wages, but we survived. Finally, I got married. My uncle told me, if you don't get married, he said, you'll never have anything. Every time you work all summer, you still don't have anything. Find yourself a wife and get married, and he's right too. I made a good living after that cause I don't run around all over the place, all night; I stayed home. There used to be dances every night.

Wayne Morin: Oh yeah. What did they do in those dances?

Harry Morin: I was playing the fiddle every night, pert near for a year.

Wayne Morin: They used to go in a hall or...?

Harry Morin: In a hall yeah, could always find a house. We didn't have a hall, but we find a house all the time, every Friday night. We work, we had to go work Saturday, but those days, we work six days a week eh, only Sunday, we had to work Saturday too, ten hours.

Wayne Morin: Do you guys used to have dances Friday?

Harry Morin: Yeah.

Wayne Morin: Who used to come there like?

Harry Morin: Oh lot of people, filled up eh.

Wayne Morin: From all over, or just...?

Harry Morin: Around town, Beauval eh. There was enough people, lots of young guys.

Wayne Morin: Oh yeah. And you used to play the fiddle?

Harry Morin: Yeah. That's why I don't learn to dance; I didn't have no time.

Wayne Morin: Oh yeah...you don't...I see, okay. And what did they do there? Did they drink?

Harry Morin: What?

Wayne Morin: Did they drink at those?

Harry Morin: No, there was no liquor.

Wayne Morin: No liquor at all?

Harry Morin: You never see any liquor when I was young. That's why I never drink in my life; that's one thing I don't do. I told that, I don't know what, some of them told me, I got sick, I drink too much, I don't what it means, I never seen that kind of stuff in my life and I'm old enough to learn now. I won't do it.

Wayne Morin: I guess.

Harry Morin: I quit smoking thirty years ago.

Wayne Morin: Did you guys ever ah like, celebrate Christmas, New Year's, things like that?

Harry Morin: Not very much, no. When I got married your grandpa come and play fiddle for me...were dancing for three nights.

Wayne Morin: Oh that long, and there too?

Harry Morin: Yeah, nobody drinking, everybody was happy.

Wayne Morin: You used to play every night, then go to bed like, then get up again?

Harry Morin: Two, three, six o'clock in the morning sometimes we danced.

Wayne Morin: Was my grandpa a pretty good fiddle player?

Harry Morin: Oh yeah.

Wayne Morin: That's good. Who taught you to play fiddle?

Harry Morin: Well, I always watch him all the time eh.

Wayne Morin: Cause he was older than you eh? He was a little older than you, Ambrose?

Harry Morin: Oh quite a bit. I was born 1914, he was born 1905 eh, that's...

Wayne Morin: He'd be nine years older.

Harry Morin: Nine years older than me eh.

Wayne Morin: So you kinda learned off him? You watched him?

Harry Morin: I steal his violin once in a while when he's away eh. He didn't like that eh. I still doing it eh, every time he's gone.

Wayne Morin: I wonder where he got his, where did those things come from, those violins and stuff?

Harry Morin: I don't know where the hell they come from. There was very few of them, no guitars around eh.

Wayne Morin: No?

Harry Morin: Record player, just, you have to crank eh, you know, the one we had, your grandpa had it. Used to crank and winding, used to. Louis, my son Louis, and they took it to Regina to get it to get fixed and cleaned and they lost it. I don't know what happened to that...they couldn't find it.

Wayne Morin: Who? The people that were fixing it couldn't find it?

Harry Morin: No, the people that were fixing it, they said they left it there, they sold that shop eh, but I think they took it along. They moved to BC someplace.

Wayne Morin: That's an old, that's old that thing, about 100 years old.

Harry Morin: He still got the radio. Your grandpa give him the radio and record player. He still got the radio and power pack battery yeah.

Wayne Morin: So those dances, what did they do? Did they square dance?

Harry Morin: Mostly square dances, few waltzes eh.

Wayne Morin: And who used to call then? Did they have callers?

Harry Morin: There had to be a caller all the time. I know lots of callers, not like today; they don't call now any more.

Wayne Morin: They don't call no more?

Harry Morin: Kinda poor last night. A lot of people come from Buffalo. They want a, they want square dancing eh, but them guys they won't play the fiddle eh, just guitar, they singing, they all went home. Bruce Clark was there. He like dancing but he couldn't dance, only one square dance they dance.