

Charlie Lane

This recording is of an interview conducted by Dr. Alvin Jackson of Charlie Lane. The interview takes place on April 15, 1993, at the home of Lane, in Butts/Jenkins County, Georgia. Topics discussed within include family genealogy and ancestor's lives during slavery.

Alvin Jackson: Today is April 15, 1993. We're in Butts, Jenkins County, Georgia, at the home of Mr. Charlie Lane and his daughter and son-in-law, and basically going to ask Mr. Lane some information on his past history, his life, and some of my relatives that have lived in the Butts area for a number of years. Now first of all Mr. Lane let me learn a little bit about you. Now how old are you?

Charlie Lane: Oh, I'm about 80.

AJ: About 80. What year were you born?

CL: Well um, I don't want to [unclear] to you, I born in 1905.

AJ: 1905. Ok, now what was your mother and father's name?

CL: My father name Sam Lane, My mother name [unclear] before.

AJ: She was a Jones.

CL: Before she married.

AJ: A Lane.

CL: After she married she was [unclear].

AJ: Ok now your, now as far as your daddy, what was his mother and father's name?

CL: [unclear] mother, Scott Lane and Harriet Lane.

AJ: Harriet Lane?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And what was Harriet Lane before she married Scott Lane?

CL: Um, before that [unclear] she was a Bennett.

AJ: She was a Bennett.

CL: Yeah, she comes from [unclear] now, she my grandmother, she was born at slavery time and my granddaddy was too, and my granddaddy was born down on [unclear], then Lanes, and my grandmother was born on Bennett [unclear]. [unclear] Bennett is as far I can go back.

AJ: Who?

CL: [unclear] yeah.

AJ: Now who is Poland Bennett?

CL: He was a white fella, he owned some people up there, way back on [unclear] he is, in the [unclear] I don't know him like I know do old man Lane, but I heard of him.

AJ: Ok so -- and Poland Bennett was a white man.

CL: That's right.

AJ: And he owned Harriett Bennett?

CL: Right, Harriet Bennett, before my granddaddy married her.

AJ: Ok. Now did you ever see Harriet Bennett?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: You remember her?

CL: My grandma?

AJ: Uh Huh.

CL: Yeah I remember her good.

AJ: Ok, now did you know any of Harriett Bennett's brothers and sisters?

CL: Yes I knew one of her brothers.

AJ: What was his name?

CL: Nuh-uh I had it wrong. I know one of her sisters

AJ: Uh huh.

CL: Her sister's name Cherry.

AJ: Cherry?

CL: I don't know the last part of her name.

AJ: C-H-Cherry?

CL: Cherry.

AJ: Bennett?

CL: Yes [unclear] I would swear that she was a Bennett.

AJ: But her name was Cherry?

CL: Cherry, and she lived in Rucker [unclear] with [unclear] down there somewhere.

AJ: Um hm.

CL: You see that [unclear] for many year, but I know [unclear] when she died she's a [unclear].

AJ: And that was your grandmother's sister?

CL: Right right.

AJ: Now did you know any other brothers or sisters of your grandmother on that Bennett side?

CL: No sir, that's the only sister I knew grandma had was Aunt Cherry. [unclear] one another great [unclear] then one of them got sick this morning, get that wood [unclear] right her name was Cherry, if she had another I don't know nothing about it.

AJ: Now, how was she related to Mrs. Dolly and Annie Bennett?

CL: Oh, man you know them?

AJ: Yes

CL: Well now here where that come in, I don't say she related to them, but my grandfather related them. And he, his sister you might say the [unclear] of them. Now Grandpa's sister [unclear] know them, they mama and they mama's mama was grandpa's sister. Grandpa Scott Lane.

AJ: Ok now their mother's mother, you're talking about Mrs. Whiggs?

CL: Right, right.

AJ: Whiggs.

CL: You, got [unclear] with them. Yeah, Mrs. Whiggs was and she was, well she had to be, now she was the grandmother of them.

AJ: And she was Harriett too, wasn't she? Harriett Whiggs?

CL: I do believe she was my granddaddy's yeah, Harriett, [unclear] grandpa's sister, and uh huh, and Whiggs married her [unclear] I, I know that now grandpa told us that a lot of times.

AJ: Ok.

CL: Grandma ain't had married a Whiggs,

AJ: Ok.

CL: And [unclear] Whiggs [unclear] told my daughter Annie, was Aunt Harriet's grandchildren.

AJ: Ok, Now how, so Aunt Harriet was a Lane before?

CL: No, Aunt Harriett, I don't know what she was before she married. I don't know whether she was a Lane or a Bennett or what. It's possible she could be a Bennett, cause Grandma [unclear] grandpa's sister Harriett. I can't tell you.

AJ: It was Grandpa's sister? Your Grandpa Ben Lane, uh?

CL: You mean Harriett? The Whiggs found [unclear] children, when grandpa's sister.

AJ: Was your grandpa?

CL: That's right.

AJ: Sister?

CL: Yeah [unclear] he called her big Harriett.

AJ: Now tell me once again for my own sake, what was your grandpa's name?

CL: Scott Lane.

AJ: Scott Lane.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: Now Scott Lane had a sister named Harriett?

CL: Yeah right, right.

AJ: And she married a Whiggs?

CL: Married, right. She married a Whiggs.

AJ: Ok so that means she must've been a Lane because your grandfather was a Lane.

CL: Well, nah [unclear] I keep saying now this was slavery time, you can't tell who raised grandpa, but [unclear] it's possible that she could be a Lane, but now and I know grandpa had brothers [unclear] grandpas brothers but old man Ben Lane he couldn't [unclear] he didn't come outta lane.

AJ: Ok now what was his name?

CL: [unclear] Osby.

AJ: Osby?

CL: Grandpa half-brother.

AJ: That was Grandpa Ben Lane's half-brother?

CL: Right.

AJ: Now, did they have the same father, or the same mother?

CL: [unclear]. They must have had the same mother because he, grandpa was a Lane, and uncle [unclear] was a Osby, and so it had to been their mother [unclear].

AJ: Yeah right. Ok were there any other half ones other than that Osby?

CL: That's all I know about [unclear] he has some [unclear] sisters [unclear] brother that grandpa had.

AJ: Now who were the other sisters that your grandfather had? Aunt Harriet was one.

CL: Yeah and Aunt Sally

AJ: Sally? Now let me finish with her. Who did she marry?

CL: Who?

AJ: Sally, Who did Sally marry?

CL: [unclear] generation [unclear] they were Johnsons and let's see let's see let's see, [unclear] she must have married a Johnson from her generation, now Cousin Susan, all them were Johnsons before he married, he married, but he married [unclear] but they was Johnson before they married so undoubtly she had to be, to marry Johnson.

AJ: Ok.

CL: But it's been way back now.

AJ: Now who was another sister, other than Sally of your grandfather?

CL: I don't know but two.

AJ: One name was Harriet?

CL: Aunt Harriet and Aunt Sally [unclear] sisters.

AJ: Ok and he had one half-brother?

CL: Right, Uncle [unclear].

AJ: Ok now as far as your grandpa is concerned, did you know anything about his mother and father?

CL: No, no getting too far back for me.

AJ: Ok.

CL: I know [unclear] call a name a lot. Know they had to have one, but I never [unclear] he's cut stay cut me, but I never heard him call their name, that's one thing I never did know where grandpa's daddy and grandma's [unclear].

AJ: Ok can you describe your grandfather to me? What did he look like? Was he a dark skinned man, a light-skinned man?

CL: Yeah, yeah. He sort of dark, he wasn't real dark.

AJ: Was he as dark as I am?

CL: Yeah, yeah.

AJ: He's about my complexion?

CL: Yeah about your complexion.

AJ: Now what about your grandmother? Was she a dark woman?

CL: Same thing, she's a little darker than grandpa.

AJ: She was darker than he was?

CL: [unclear] a little darker [unclear] a little darker than you are.

AJ: Ok, so your grandfather's name?

CL: Scott.

AJ: Scott Lane?

CL: Right.

AJ: And he married?

CL: Harriett, at that time Harriett Bennett she called.

AJ: She name was Harriett Bennett?

CL: Right.

AJ: And Harriett Bennett was a darker woman?

CL: Was a what?

AJ: Harriet Bennett was a dark-skinned woman?

CL: Yeah that's right.

AJ: Ok now we talked a lot about Scott Lane. You said he had one half-brother?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And he had two sisters?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And one of the sisters was Harriett and the other one was Sally?

CL: Right.

AJ: Ok and do you know anything else about Scott's people other than that? Any further back?

CL: No, not for sure. He has some more [unclear] Jack, Cousin Jack Johnson, I just don't know where he come in. [unclear] Grandpa and Uncle Samson, Uncle June was all kin to Grandpa, but just where they come in.

AJ: Now what was Uncle Samson's last name?

CL: Johnson.

AJ: Johnson. Now what was Uncle June's last name?

CL: Johnson.

AJ: These are all Johnsons.

CL: His brothers.

AJ: And they were cousins of your grandpa?

CL: That's right.

AJ: Ok.

CL: Way back now.

AJ: These were old people?

CL: Oh, they old.

AJ: Were they all slave people?

CL: Well more like they had to because they came out from the church [unclear] down there, they all had a church down there and...

AJ: What church?

CL: [unclear] Cold Creek, that time number one at that time [unclear] church but it's called number two now.

AJ: Ok and you said that Ben Lane was a white man that owned them?

CL: Yeah that's right, owned my granddaddy.

AJ: Ok now where did they, were they born in Georgia, or did they come here from another state?

CL: My grandad?

AJ: Yeah.

CL: Born in East Georgia.

AJ: Ok, so Scott Lane was born in Jenkins County, Georgia?

CL: Jenkins County.

AJ: He was born there?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: But you don't know where his mother and father came from?

CL: No, I can't remember [unclear] I don't know why he never called their name. He might didn't know them to tell you the truth.

AJ: Ok, ok did you ever hear them say anything about slavery time?

CL: Oh lord yeah!

AJ: What did he say about slavery time?

CL: Well he said they a time there (laughter) he said they'd eat meat once a day, and [unclear] that was corn, shelled corn in a bowl and breakfast they had grits and sometimes that same bowl of corn and dinner they had meat for dinner and bread [unclear] guess it was.

AJ: Did he ever say anything about they were mean to them when they were in slavery time, did they ever beat them or anything like that?

CL: No. Now my granddad mentioned that though. He mentioned that the old man he went with, didn't ever beat them, he cuss them, but he never beat them. I ain't never hear grandpa say he hit one of them, and he had a bunch of them. He said he had a heap of them.

AJ: A lot of slaves?

CL: A lot of slaves, good god yea and [unclear] ditch all that stuff, but he grandpa said he ain't ever hit them. [unclear] hit them.

AJ: Now where was the place your grandfather was raised at?

CL: [unclear] Emma Lane.

AJ: He was at Emma Lane?

CL: Emma Lane, you know where that is?

AJ: Who has that place now?

CL: John Cleave Huton. He got it.

AJ: Is any of the old slave houses still there?

CL: No, they all torn down now, bunch of them there, but [unclear] tore down. I don't see none of them down there.

AJ: Now let me go back and talk a little bit more about Scott's wife, and you said she was a Bennett?

CL: A Bennett before he married her.

AJ: And what was her first name?

CL: Harriett.

AJ: Harriett Bennett?

CL: Before he married her.

AJ: Before he married her. She became Harriett Lane, and now did you know who Harriett Bennett's mother and father were?

CL: No, [unclear] I knew grandpa and grandma but I never hear grandma call her ma name, either her daddy name. I don't see why, sometime be they don't know them because my granddaddy would have called it. [unclear] everything he could think of bit I never hear him call his daddy's name or either his mama.

AJ: Now your grandmother, now where did she come from, was she raised on Ben Lane's place too?

CL: No sir. She, far as I know, she was born at Bennett Place. That's up above Emma Lane would, talking about 4 mile above Emma Lane.

AJ: Ok now but she was a Bennett?

CL: Right.

AJ: Did you, of course some of these of course, I've asked before, but it's for my own benefit. Did you know her sisters and brothers?

CL: No, I knew Aunt Cherry, you talking about Harriett now?

AJ: Yes.

CL: Now she had one sister.

AJ: Now you know one sister?

CL: That's right, Aunt Cherry.

AJ: But you didn't know any others?

CL: No, I didn't know [unclear].

AJ: Now you know that Cousin Dolly Bennett and Cousin Anne Bennett, they had, their mother name was Harriett Whiggs.

CL: Hold now, I think their grandmother name Harriett Whiggs. Their mother's mother Cousin Bush, her mother was grandpa's sister. Now the children you talking about and my daddy would've been first cousins, but Doll and Annie and my daddy would have been first cousins [unclear] Aunt Harriett and [unclear] grandpa

AJ: Right, now they were first cousins on that Whiggs side, but what I am trying to establish is the Bennetts...

CL: Well now...

Aj: ... because Aunt Harriett Whiggs married a Bennett.

CL: That's right.

AJ She married...

CL: [unclear].

AJ: Now what was his name? Bennett was it?

CL: Wait now, Harriett Bennett, wait a minute, now. Harriett, Harriett Bennett, she married Grandpa [unclear] Grandma name Harriett. She married Grandpa, you know she was a Bennett before she married Grandpa and she married Grandpa

AJ: Right but, but what I'm trying to talk about.

CL: His sister?

AJ: His Cousin Dolly Bennett's daddy.

CL: Yeah huh.

AJ: What was Cousin Dolly Bennett daddy name?

CL: Oh, his name Ben Bennett.

AJ: He was Ben Bennett?

CL: Ben Bennett.

AJ: And he had a brother named Joe Bennett?

CL: That's right you got it

AJ: Now what I'm trying to figure out is Ben Bennett and Joe Bennett.

CL: They brothers.

AJ: They were brothers.

CL: I know that.

AJ: And they their fathers name was Hendy Bennett.

CL: Yeah heard that. I didn't know [unclear].

AJ: Hendy Bennett and what I'm trying to understand is Hendy in a relationship to Lane's wife. He married a Bennett.

CL: Yeah yeah.

AJ: He married Harriett Bennett?

CL: I believe that's right, I got you.

AJ: Is Harriett Bennett any relationship to Hendy Bennett, because they're all Bennetts.

CL: All Bennetts. Now I tell you, it's possible, but I didn't ever know it to be true, uh but it's possible they all Bennetts. But now Uncle Ben Bennett, Uncle Joe Bennett, my daddy, and my grandpa, all big friends as long as they live, but now just what it be kin, they weren't too kin. My sister married Uncle Bennett's boy Eugene.

AJ: Now you know that Uncle Joe Bennett is my great grandfather because Suzie Bennett is my grandmother?

CL: I know her.

AJ: Right.

CL: [unclear] Know her.

AJ: That's why I'm trying to figure out these Bennetts because I want to know since I'm related to the Bennetts.

CL: I got you, you related to them.

AJ: I'm trying to figure out is these Bennetts because I'm related to Doll Bennett, Anne Bennett.

CL: Yeah. You kin to them?

AJ: Yes. That's why I came down to her funeral when she died in '88 and I met you there.

CL: Oh.

AJ: That's where I first met you.

CL: You be kind of close kin to them.

AJ: I'm real close kin to them.

CL: Yeah. See Uncle Ben, Uncle Joe...

AJ: They're brothers.

CL: Brothers. Uncle Ben is Doll and Anne's Daddy.

AJ: That's correct.

CL: And Uncle Joe your mamma daddy.

AJ: That's right my granddaddy.

CL: Y'all close kin.

AJ: Right, right but what I want to know is where they in a relationship to Lane's wife

CL: Uh huh. Aunt, grandma, grandma, now...

AJ: That, which is your grandma, that's what I want to know.

CL: I don't know, must have been a different set now because I [unclear] my particular about that mind business and I ain't never heard them say we was kin. And I know Eugene married my sister and that was her daughter, which is Grandpa's granddaughter, see my sister was [unclear] said about kin, I don't know he said anything about that. And Uncle Ben [unclear] Uncle Ben Bennett married grandpa's sister daughter, you know Cousin Bush now, was grandpa's sister.

AJ: Now Uncle Ben Bennett's daughter. Which one is his daughter?

CL: Wait wait now. All the daughters, what you mean which one his daughter?

AJ: You said Uncle Ben Bennett's daughter married somebody.

CL: Yeah [unclear] Ben Bennett married grandpa's [unclear] Uncle Ben Bennett

AJ: Uncle Ben Bennett?

CL: Married...

AJ: Married Harriett Whiggs?

CL: Yeah but that was grandpa's...

AJ: Lane's sister that was.

CL: Her mother, no I believe really, Aunt Harriett was Uncle Ben's mother, that's what it was. Aunt Harriet got grandpa's kin [unclear] grandpa's sister was Uncle Ben's [unclear] must have been his grandma now [unclear] uncle Ben Bennett married her daughter see Cousin Bush was grandpa's sister's daughter.

AJ: Now who is Cousin Bush?

CL: That's Dolly's mama.

AJ: They call her Bush?

CL: That's a nickname

AJ: Ok.

CL: Now Doll and Anne and Cousin Tom's mother, which is Aunt Harriett's grandchildren and Aunt Harriett was grandpa's sister. See [unclear] where the Bennett will be kin at [unclear] kin possible, Aunt Harriett was [unclear] kin and didn't know it that way back there. Let's see now grandpa, Uncle Ben's daddy...

AJ: Was Hendy Bennett.

CL: he must have married Aunt Harriett.

AJ: Hendy Bennett? No, Hendy Bennett married Nancy Bennett.

CL: Right [unclear] mom, I know it.

AJ: Right.

CL: I know it.

AJ: That's Nancy Bennett.

CL: You got it, you got it, that's right. Well now let's see.

AJ: Now I interviewed Cousin Anne and Cousin Doll before Anne Before she died. She was 100 years old...

CL: [unclear] that's right...

AJ: And she told me that.

CL: [unclear]

AJ: Her, well she told me that her grandmother was Nancy Bennett, who married Hendy Bennett and Nancy Bennett came from Virginia over to [unclear] County during slavery time...

CL: Yeah, yeah.

AJ: ... and she said that Hendy Bennett died years ago and she was by herself.

CL: Yeah who did she say married Aunt Harriett? Aunt Harriett got in that family somewhere I know.

AJ: Aunt Harriett?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: Aunt Harriett, I mean Aunt Harriett who? Which one?

CL: Well she would have been Whiggs.

AJ: Aunt Harriett Whiggs married Ben Bennett.

CL: That's who she married.

AJ: Yes.

CL: Well you might [unclear] right. I know she married in that family somewhere.

AJ: Aunt Harriett Whiggs married Ben Bennett. Who is Cousin Doll's Mother?

CL: Oh yeah [unclear] they wouldn't be Aunt Harriett's grandchild. They'd be Aunt Harriett's children.

AJ: And Cousin Doll [unclear] has children

CL: [unclear] children, well see I had that been so long [unclear] I said their grandchildren.

AJ: No those are their children.

CL: Yeah. Well Cousin Annie would know more than i do.

AJ: So What I'm still trying to figure out , Aunt Harriett was Cousin Doll and Anne's mother but she was a, a, She was your Grandpa's sister?

CL: Yes sir. That's right, I know that.

AJ: And the other thing I'm trying to figure out is your grandpa Lane's mother was a Bennett?

CL: No, I didn't know that.

AJ: Wait a minute was, I thought you said that she was Harriett Bennett?

CL: Well that was the wife to Grandpa's wife.

AJ: Oh your grandpa's wife was a Bennett?

CL: That's right.

AJ: What I'm trying to figure out is that related to Doll Bennett?

CL: Well I see your point, but I can't, I can't say [unclear] kin could cause Uncle Ben or you must have had the same mom.

AJ: They had the same mom?

CL: You see.

AJ: And their mother's name was Nancy Bennett?

CL: Nancy Bennett , well alright that's Aunt Harriett's what, granddaughter?

AJ: Aunt Harriett Whiggs married Ben Bennett so that she would've been a daughter-in-law.

CL: Yeah, yeah she married, but that Uncle Ben, [unclear] name after the old man. Uncle Ben he married Cousin Bush.

AJ: Well Cousin Bush's name Harriett Whiggs?

CL: Her name was Harriett?

AJ: Isn't her name Harriett Whiggs?

CL: Yeah I didn't know [unclear] I always call her Cousin Bush, maybe so well [unclear] you some of it too. Now let's step back a little bit, Uncle Ben married...

AJ: Harriett Whiggs.

CL: But Grandpa say Harriett was his sister, and not his niece or nephew.

AJ: That was his sister.

CL: That was his sister?

AJ: Uh Huh.

CL: And I think his sister married a Bennett and Bennett [unclear] on the Bennett side a little.

AJ: That's what I'm thinking.

CL: Yeah because my sister and her husband, y'all be kin.

AJ: Well I found a lot of times doing my research where people were related.

CL: And didn't know it?

AJ: And did not know it, I've found it over and over again.

CL: Well see I didn't know [unclear] on something here now, yeah I didn't know that [unclear] kin, Uncle Joe Bennett, and Uncle Ben Bennett are brothers and I know uncle Ben Bennett married, I mean I thought his dad married grandpa's sister and where you got me there. He might've been his daddy too, he might be named after his daddy.

AJ: No, his daddy name was Hendy Bennett, because Hendy Bennett married Nancy Bennett.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And see Hendy Bennett married Nancy Bennett.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: They had children.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: Their children were Ben Bennett, Joe Bennett, and then there were some other ones.

CL: That's right.

AJ: Did you know any of Joe Bennett and them other brothers and sisters?

CL: No. That's all I know of them.

AJ: They had one name.

CL: I know their children.

AJ: Ok.

CL: But I didn't know them.

AJ: But I think I have a list of their names someplace.

CL: Yeah, well you come pretty good there with Aunt Harriett. Now Aunt Harriett ain't exactly what I thought was, but I know she grandpa's sister. I -- Cousin Bush named after Aunt Harriett I believe though and Cousin Bush name, I call her Cousin Bush, but I knew Cousin Bush's children and my daddy were first cousins but kin.

AJ: Your daddy?

CL: That's right, my daddy.

AJ: Now your daddy's name was?

CL: Sam Lane.

AJ: Sam Lane and Cousin Dolly Bennett were first cousins?

CL: First cousins.

AJ: To be first cousins, that means that your daddy and mama would have to be brothers or sisters.

CL: That's right.

AJ: So that means your daddy's daddy was Scott.

CL: That's right.

AJ: That means that Scott and their mother Harriett were brothers and sisters.

CL: That's right.

AJ: So that's why they would be first cousins.

CL: Uh huh, yeah.

AJ: And I think we got that point pretty well established but I think what we can, what I'm confused about is, Harriett was a Whiggs?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: But before she was married?

CL: She what she was, but I couldn't swear what she was.

AJ: Her mother, her daddy was a Whiggs, but her mother was a Bennett. Did you tell me that? Cousin Harriett's mother was a Bennett? Or you don't know that?

CL: I know the Whiggs though. I know grandpa's sister, had to marry in because Cousin Gus and Cousin Jim were her boys, and me and Paul are first cousin and I now she had to marry Whiggs cause Cousin Gus was Gus Whiggs and Cousin Jim was Jim Whiggs. They got grandchildren all around here now. But I know that [unclear] them and Pup and they boys is Cousin Bush's brothers.

AJ: Ok now let's... We'll probably come back to that again. Let's see if we can move on some other points. Now your daddy was named?

CL: Sam.

AJ: Right, now how many brothers and sisters did he, your daddy have?

CL: Let's see, Aunt [unclear], Aunt Jo, Eddie, then Aunt Chaney, then Aunt Joe, then Aunt June, that's four. I thought he had five children, Eric one, Aunt Chaney two, Aunt Jo is three, Jim would be four. I know he had four children. If he had more I can't think of them right now. I didn't count my dad. I thought he had five, let me do it again. I'll get it, and Aunt Chaney, Aunt Joe, my daddy and Uncle Jim, five.

AJ: Ok, now your daddy had how many children?

CL: Eight. He had eight.

AJ: Now, who were your daddy's children?

CL: Appo was number one Lane then Megan Lane, and then Carrie Lane, that's three ain't it? And then Scott Lane's four, then Cal Lane is five, Tom Lane is six, Charlie Lane, that's me is seven, Harriet Lane is eight.

AJ: Ok now, and you said your sister Carrie married Eugene Bennett?

CL: Eugene Bennett and your Mama's [unclear].

AJ: Ok right, my grandmother, her sister and brother. Ok were there any other Lanes who married in the Bennett that you know of other than that?

CL: I don't believe I've got no more marrying the Bennetts.

AJ: Ok now let me just change direction a little bit now. Who did you marry?

CL: I married Ruby Jones.

AJ: Ok that's Ms. Eva Jones' sister?

CL: Yeah you know Eva?

AJ: Well, well I just know the know through the history from doing part of the research.

CL: Oh, I got you. Yeah that's her sister.

AJ: Okay, so you married Ms. Ruby?

CL: Jones at that time, she was a Jones. She married me, she's a Lane.

AJ: Now they're related to me also because Ms. Ruby Jones and Cousin Eva Jones their father's name was George Jones.

CL: That's right.

AJ: And George Jones married Sarah Parrish?

CL: Right, right.

AJ: And Sara Parrish's mother's name was Aunt Bess?

CL: That's right, I called her Grandma Bess.

AJ: And she married Mose Parrish and Aunt Bess and my great grandfather were brothers and sisters, Ben Donaldson.

CL: [unclear].

AJ: Uncle Ben Donaldson.

CL: I know Uncle Ben!

AJ: That's my great grandfather.

CL: I used to eat dinner with him.

AJ: Did you?

CL: Uncle Ben, yeah.

AJ: Well that's how I know about that. I've been studying this about 15 years. I've never seen these people but I kind of know them.

CL: Yeah but you [unclear] them though you [unclear] them I tell you now.

AJ: Ok so you married who? Ruby Jones, ok.

CL: That's Eva and them's sister.

AJ: Ok. Alright, now where did you go to school?

CL: I went to school down there at Emma Lane.

AJ: Ok what grade, how far did you go in school?

CL: I went to seventh grade.

AJ: Who, Who was your teacher?

CL: Well I had [unclear]. Ms. Collywood was first one I had, and then the next one I had [unclear] and then the next one I had is Attis Lewsis, and the next one I had was Madison Sapp, and the last one I had was Emma King.

AJ: Ok. Now who were some of your classmates when you went to school down there?

CL: Well let's see. Ebo [unclear] one of my school mates, [unclear] and then [unclear] now most of them dead. Ebo my school mate [unclear] living now

AJ: Now you didn't go to school with my grandmother Suzie now did you?

CL: No, no she older than I was, she I was.

AJ: Did she live in this neighborhood?

CL: Yeah, she did now, she lived um, I don't know exactly high she in but she up that road somewhere. I have two for another [unclear] and the moved. No, they a place in Bulloch County. Your daddy's in that to. They moved down there late and stayed down [unclear] a few years but now when she first married, no she run away, [unclear] didn't give her to your daddy, your daddy stole her and I think really [unclear]. I just don't know exactly where she came from but I was little then.

AJ: Ok now you remember Uncle Joe Bennett?

CL: Yes.

AJ: Did he live up here somewhere?

CL: Yeah, he lived up the road there a long time, let's see now, [unclear] where it at, you might have never know.

AJ: Nuh-uh. This is the first time I've ever been up here.

CL: Yeah. He lived up there on, who owns that place now, I think that [unclear] woman, John [unclear] bought that.

AJ: Who?

CL: John Dewey bought that place. Oh, he stayed there a good while up there.

AJ: Did he own the place or just live there?

CL: No, no he rent there. He never owned no land. He rent it, rent it mean you got your own mule, own stuff and you pay a man rent so much a year.

AJ: Ok who did he rent from do you know?

CL: That's what I'm trying to say now. Old man John Dewey now really want have that place over there a while and I say [unclear] I was young when it was yours. [unclear] son Rob and [unclear] Eugene who married my sister, he [unclear] I go to school with him.

AJ: Ok so you went to school with Uncle Joe's children?

CL: Yep, right.

AJ: How many of Uncle Joe's children did you know?

CL: Oh I know about all of them. I know [unclear] he said he had Eugene [unclear], no, your mama I think number one. Suzie, Eugene, Joe [unclear] and then Hendy were all, yeah five I know.

AJ: Did he have one named Zeke? I don't know, I'm just asking.

CL: I don't believe he did, now is Zeke in your family but...

AJ: No that's my daddy's name. My daddy' named Zeke but I was just wanting to know is, is did Grandpa Joe have any children named Zeke too.

CL: No I don't.

AJ: You don't remember then.

CL: I don't remember know, thinking about he might have one by Mrs. Alice. Mrs. Alice was his last wife, she [unclear] Uncle Joe had three or four, two or three wives.

AJ: Oh he had more than one wife?

CL: Oh yeah. Oh yeah, I don't [unclear] Zeke sound familiar to me but I was thinking your daddy.

AJ: My daddy's name is Zeke.

CL: Uh huh.

AJ: Ok now so when Mr. Joe Bennett was he married to grandma, who was he married to when he lived down there, Joe Bennett?

CL: Well now he married [unclear]. They call Mrs. Susie, I believe it was first, first I believe that's her sister name Ella. I believe she's [unclear] Bennett's mom

AJ: Who's mom?

CL: Eugene, my sister's husband, no [unclear].

AJ: Ok.

CL: I kin to my sister [unclear] up there [unclear] and see I [unclear] too that was my sister's boy. Gene's boy now I, back to the point, you was talking about who did he...

AJ: Who did Joe Bennett marry?

CL: Yeah I guess, can't recall, I believe a name though was Suzie. I know them. I didn't know her though. She had a sister named Ella and um, I went to school with Ella, but Mrs. Suzie and the rest was older than I was.

AJ: Now the first wife Joe Bennett had name was Hattie wasn't it?

CL: Hold a minute, that's the one I'm talking about now. Why that's the one I know.

AJ: Hattie?

CL: Hattie, Ella, had a sister named Ella, that's Eugene Bennett's mom.

AJ: Right, Now did you know Mrs. Hattie?

CL: I didn't know her.

AJ: You never knew her?

CL: I knowed of her. That's the name though Hattie.

AJ: That was his first wife?

CL: That's his first wife. That's your grandma too. That's Susan's mama. Mrs. Ella was and then uh, well that's all, all y'all's grandmother. Uncle Joe Bennett's yeah, yeah he married her, and Suzie, I mean Hattie and Ella were sisters. I can remember Ella but I couldn't remember Hattie that's her name you got it.

AJ: Ok now is people of them still living that you know of? Hattie and Ella?

CL: No gone, all I know.

AJ: Where they buried at Ella and [unclear] Hattie, you know where they buried?

CL: No, I was a little [unclear] then and I don't know their church. [unclear] I don't.

AJ: Now do you know what they were before they married Joe Bennett? What Hattie was? I heard they were Taylors.

CL: That's what they was. I know, I know them as Taylors. They had a brother named Juansa Taylor. I know him.

AJ: Juansa Taylor?

CL: Juansa Taylor. You don't know him?

AJ: No.

CL: You don't know of him?

AJ: Nuh-uh.

CL: Hattie's brother name and had two. Another named Frank

AJ: Frank Taylor?

CL: Frank Taylor.

AJ: Now where do they live? Where they people live?

CL: [unclear] uh I just don't know any people.

AJ: You don't know where they are?

CL: No [unclear].

AJ: But they was up around here then?

CL: Yep, raised right up here.

AJ: So Hattie Taylor and Ella Taylor, they had one brother named Frank Taylor?

CL: [unclear] was it, [unclear] day once I said Frank, Ella and Hattie. That's what I know.

AJ: But you're not sure about Juansa?

CL: No not sure.

AJ: But who is Juansa Taylor?

CL: He dead now. He was a good friend around here. Pretty good man too. He stayed around here a long time. I kind of thought he was a [unclear], but I didn't know that you [unclear] what I think, what I know. I don't know that boy, he [unclear].

AJ: Okay but you heard they were Taylors.

CL: Yeah, I heard that. I heard that was their brother too, but I don't [unclear] that much.

AJ: Now you don't know who Hattie Taylor's mother and father was?

CL: No, no that's too far back for me. I wouldn't know that. I don't think that was slavery time but I wouldn't know that.

AJ: Now what did Uncle Joe look like? What kind of looking man was he?

CL: Tall, liked the liquor good.

AJ: He loved to drink?

CL: Loved to drink, tall fella, nice old man too.

AJ: Was he taller than me?

CL: Yeah, he was taller than you. Taller than you, and a king. You know a big man, [unclear].

AJ: Ok was he a dark or light man?

CL: He was kind of dark, on the dark side.

AJ: Was he darker than me?

CL: Yeah, he might have been a little bit darker than you. He, you know Uncle Ben?

AJ: Do they favor?

CL: Yes sir. They favor, but he's tall. Uncle Ben's just ordinary. Uncle Ben's about at me. Uncle Joe was above average tall. He loved his liquor, I mean badly. My brother-in-law was saying he [unclear] he wasn't too bad at whiskey Uncle Joe. Anybody had whiskey Uncle Joe drank that stuff.

AJ: He drank, he used to make it?

CL: [unclear] he make it, he bought it, he [unclear] land, he rent it, big renter and he made good crops.

AJ: Now, who was Uncle Joe's second wife?

CL: I [unclear] you got me tangled up there, now I think Mrs. Alice Bennett.

AJ: Mrs. Alice Bennett?

CL: Yeah, was his second wife cause he finally married Ella, Ella Lovett. He died I think with her. Well, I think she was his third wife that he had.

AJ: Now who, who, what was Mrs. Annie Bennett before she married Joe Bennett?

CL: Mrs. Annie?

AJ: Yeah, you said Annie Bennett or Ella Bennett? What was her name, Annie?

CL: Wait now, it is Annie Bennett. I don't know a Nelly Bennett.

AJ: Oh, Annie Bennett?

CL: Annie. Annie, that's Uncle Ben's daughter.

AJ: No, but I mean what was Joe Bennett's second wife name?

CL: Oh yeah, her name was Alice. That's what you thought.

AJ: Alice, now what was her name before she married Joe Bennett?

CL: Now, she must have been a Walker. Now I tell you [unclear] why I've said this now, uh she had some children. Willie Walker, we call him Frog. I went to school with him but he's dead now and so undoubtly that was her first husband. I can't [unclear] what her name was but I know after she married Uncle Joe. We called her Mrs. Alice [unclear].

AJ: Was that Cousin Nathaniel's mother? Nathaniel Williams?

CL: Right, right that's exactly who you're talking about.

AJ: So that was Cousin Nathaniel's?

CL: Mother, that's right.

AJ: Ok and Cousin Nathaniel's brother was Willie Walker?

CL: Right he had a brother named Willie Walker, that's right.

AJ: And so Joe Bennett married her?

CL: Yeah, that's right.

AJ: Mrs Alice?

CL: Yeah he married her, I know [unclear] first or last, I don't know exactly where it is but he married her.

AJ: Ok, now when he, now Mr. Joe died before she did didn't he? Who died first?

CL: I believe it was Alice who died first.

AJ: Did she die first?

CL: She been dead along time. I think she died first.

AJ: Ok and then after she died he married again?

CL: Yes sir.

AJ: And who was the last woman?

CL: Ella.

AJ: Ella?

CL: Ella Lovett she was before she married.

AJ: Lovett?

CL: Ben Lovett's daughter.

AJ: Ben Lovett's daughter?

CL: Right.

AJ: Ella Lovett, is she related to Ernest Lovett up by Portal?

CL: I believe that's a different set.

AJ: That's a different set of them?

CL: I believe it is, a different set [unclear].

AJ: But the last one was Ella Lovett?

CL: That's right.

AJ: And that was Ben Lovett's daughter?

CL: Daughter.

AJ: Now he never had any children by any of those did he?

CL: Uncle Joe?

AJ: Yeah.

CL: No, I don't remember the children. Uncle Joe had [unclear] Alice. I don't think they show him up, but he had one favor him good. Mr. Alice had a boy named Joe [unclear] but someone said wasn't his and I never did ask him. I don't, I don't know any children he had by the other ones.

AJ: Was he going with Mrs. Alice before he married her?

CL: Mrs. Ella or Mrs. Alice?

AJ: Mrs. Alice.

CL: I don't believe he was, he could have been to [unclear]. I didn't hear that. In fact I was young then see [unclear].

AJ: Ok now Willie Walker, so Mrs. Alice was a Walker she had.

CL: Must have been.

AJ: She must've been married before.

CL: yeah Oh yeah I knew she'd been married before because she had some children. She had Willie Walker and Heady. We called him I believe and one more, he got killed. I think they were born when Uncle Joe and Mrs. Alice got together.

AJ: They were born before?

CL: Yeah, I know they were born before they got together. Henry [unclear] was step brother.

AJ: Rob Jackson?

CL: No, Rob Bennett.

AJ: Rob Bennett. They were step brothers?

CL: That's right.

AJ: Ok now, Cousin Nathaniel. Why was he a Williams and Willie Walker was a Walker? Weren't they brothers?

CL: Yes sir, they were brothers or half-brothers. I can't tell you that now. I can't tell [unclear] they had to be half-brothers, I don't know. I know Willie Walker though.

AJ: Which one was oldest?

CL: Willie, Willie.

AJ: Willie was older than Nathaniel?

CL: Willie was the oldest.

AJ: Ok.

CL: Well see now, she had another daughter too named Mammie. I think she might have been next to Willie. She's been dead along time.

AJ: Now what was her last name?

CL: Well she married a Que. Whether she married [unclear], I don't know. She married Willie Que way back yonder. I don't know whether she married any more or no.

AJ: Her name was Mammie?

CL: Mammie.

AJ: Did you know any other ones other than Mammie, Willie Walker, and Nathaniel?

CL: No, [unclear] she had another one though. He got killed, I think. We called him Heady or [unclear] something like that, but I don't know [unclear] but I know she had one more. Let's see, Willie, Mammie, and Nathaniel, and she had one more then but got killed, but I think we called him Tickum. He got killed hunting and they had the gun, [unclear] to have a gun and the gun [unclear] and got killed.

AJ: Ok alright now, you don't know what Mrs. Alice other name was before she married, she was a walker, I guess.

CL: yeah I guess that's the only one I know. [unclear] she had children before.

AJ: Do you know who Mrs. Alice's mother and father were?

CL: No.

AJ: You don't know that. Where did Mrs. Alice come from?

CL: As far as I know she come from around here, and I'll tell you and Mrs. Alice had some people, kin [unclear] Jackson and his wife kin to Mrs. Alice, and I don't know exactly.

[break in audio]

AJ: Ok. Alright now, we were just talking about Mrs. Alice and you were saying she's related to Arnold Jackson?

CL: Yes sir, I don't know how but she's kin to him.

AJ: You don't know how she was related?

CL: No sir I wouldn't know that.

AJ: But you're sure she was related?

CL: She's kin to him.

AJ: Mrs. Alice was?

CL: That's right.

AJ: Could've been, you don't know if it was cousins, or...

CL: No. Well now, your daddy was kin to Alice too?

AJ: Now, how were they related? You mean Lindsey Jackson was related? How was he related to Mrs. Alice?

CL: I understood he was Alice's sister's youngin. He was her youngin, but she helped raise him another one. She helped raise and that was big boy we called him, his name was Thomas Jackson.

AJ: Ok. Now, Tom Jackson was raised by Mrs. Alice?

CL: She helped. I wouldn't say raised him [unclear] I did, but, she helped. She stayed there along time with them.

AJ: So now, where were they living when she raised them?

CL: That's a, see I was little then, it might have been right around here but I couldn't tell you where they were living at.

AJ: Now so, Mrs. Alice she wasn't, was she married to Joe Bennett when she was help raising them? Raising Lindsey Jackson?

CL: No sir. She, Tom, the older of Mrs. Alice's children and your daddy older than her children too. And she hadn't met Uncle Joe then. She met Uncle Joe while some of them children with her, because I know Robin [unclear] Walker was at the same school house a long time ago. Yeah and I know their raised...

AJ: They used to say the same speech?

CL: Yeah, Robin, tell you what it was. Work while you work. Play while you play. This is the way we have to [unclear].

AJ: He say it real low huh?

CL: Yeah said the same thing. They must've. I know they wrote it together then.

AJ: Now, so Baby Boy and Willie Walker would say the same thing you said? Or was that...

CL: Wait now that was Rob Bennett.

AJ: Rob Bennett?

CL: And Eugene's Uncle Joe had Mrs. Alice see.

AJ: Alright now hold on let me make sure I'm not missing something. Ok now that's interesting so, Arnold Bennett...

CL: Alice Bennett.

AJ: Alice Bennett?

CL: A-L-I-C-E.

AJ: Is related to Lindsey Jackson some kind of way and you said that you think Mrs. Alice and Lindsey's mother were sisters?

CL: That I be, that I be.

AJ: Now you don't know what Lindsey's mother name was?

CL: No, I didn't know her name. I don't know, Baby Boy and Lindsey could've had the same mother and they could have not. I don't know about that.

AJ: You don't know if they had the same mother.

CL: No.

AJ: But you know they were half, they were at least half-brothers.

CL: They both about the same kin to Mrs. Alice.

AJ: But they were brothers weren't they?

CL: Yeah, they were brothers, could have been either whole or half.

AJ: But you're not sure which one?

CL: Nope, not sure.

AJ: Did you know any other people that Lindsey Jackson had other than Baby Boy? Do you know any other brothers he had?

CL: No, Baby Boy was the only one I know. Said he was Lindsey and Angela's brother

AJ: And you don't know where they came from?

CL: No, but they but all means they around here somewhere. I've known them all my days. I knew them right around here. I don't see Jenkins county but [unclear] Jenkins. Now your daddy, you know they're in Bulloch County. [unclear] but I think the rest of the time he was in Jenkins county.

AJ: What kind of looking man was Lindsey Jackson?

CL: You didn't know him?

AJ: I never met him.

CL: Oh, he's smart as a cricket. He was a little taller than I was and about the size of me.

AJ: What complexion was he?

CL: Oh he was a little lighter than you. He about between me and you.

AJ: And what did Baby Boy look like?

CL: Well, he about darker than you was, and he about the size of me too. Now Lindsey about the size of me, he was higher than I was, but daggum [unclear] he was smart as a cricket. Man, he [unclear] sometime [unclear] on that singer right there and play out of knives. Oh he [unclear].

AJ: Hard working man?

CL: Oh [unclear] his daughter had a match, Anna Walker.[unclear] work and I would. And work longer and harder. I didn't work that much breaking ground. I break ground at about eight o'clock at night, but the rest of the time I would cook. [unclear] him and [unclear] hard workers.

AJ: So they were hard working people huh?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: So now did you remember when Mr. Lindsey married Suzie?

CL: Yes, but I can't tell you too much about it because I was too little, but I remember them. The old folks talking about it still. Joe's daughter Suzie, that's how I know he stole her, and Uncle Joe wasn't going to let him have her but he got her, and he stole her but I was little. I was only about 5 or 6 years old then.

AJ: Now, Uncle Joe, Uncle Joe...

CL: That was Suzie's daddy.

AJ: Right, had married Mrs. Alice and Mrs. Alice raised Grandpa Lindsey so was he

CL: Well now, wait now, I think Mrs. Alice had raised your Grandpa Lindsey. Help raise him before this, I don't [unclear] she had smart to do with raising Baby Boy, but looked like to me from what I can remember. Somebody else helped raise Lindsey. Lindsey a lot older than Baby Boy and I don't think Mrs. Alice had that much shared, but after he got grown, Mrs. Alice had a pretty business, and she got doing pretty good business, and both of those boys kind got with her but, Lindsey, your daddy stayed with her better than Baby Boy did how she got in business. Your [unclear] daddy he still got water, they bought land, a place there together.

AJ: Now what kind of business did Mrs. Alice have?

CL: Farming.

AJ: She was a good farmer?

CL: She was a good farmer.

AJ: And so Grandpa Lindsey worked with her?

CL: Got right with her [unclear].

AJ: But you think he might've been raised by somebody else?

CL: Yeah, I don't believe she raised him. I believe she partly raised Baby Boy though.

AJ: But you're pretty sure that Mrs. Alice, Mrs. Alice and Grandpa Lindsey's mother were sisters?

CL: Yeah, yeah I do think that.

AJ: These are her nephews.

CL: Yeah, I do think that because they're half-brothers. Let's see one of them was a Jackson and Lindsey, no both were Jacksons.

AJ: They were Jacksons?

CL: They [unclear] Lindsey's Jackson and Baby Boy is a Jackson. Could've been whole brothers. Can't tell you.

AJ: So now that means that their daddy was a Jackson.

CL: Yeah, that's what it means.

AJ: So I wonder, you don't know who their daddy was?

CL: No, I didn't know their daddy.

AJ: Now, I wonder who their mother was. Unless their mother was a Jackson.

CL: I don't know who she was.

AJ: But you said their mother was Aunt Alice's sister though.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: Or was their daddy Aunt Alice's brother?

CL: No I don't. It would seem that somebody's told me they're Mrs. Alice's sister's children and she took a hand in them and helped raise them because she helped raise both of them, but I don't think she raised, she what you called raise one of them, up put to size.

AJ: Now, what happened to Mrs. Alice sister, did you ever hear what happened to her?

CL: I didn't ever hear about what happened to her sister, but she must have been dead way back because

Mrs. Alice helped raise them children I know that.

AK: Now what did Mrs. Alice look like? What kind of woman was she?

CL: She was a hard worker too. She had a good education though. She taught school awhile

AJ: Did she?

CL: Yeah. She about the color of me but she wasn't taller than me. The boys she worked too, good God she worked day and night.

AJ: So a smart woman huh?

CL: Oh, she's smart, she's smart. She had a place down [unclear] where she's at right now.

AJ: Who has the place?

CL: Hunter Lovett. He finally bought it when she died. Her children were kind of [unclear] and your daddy's in it too. They want sod, but just didn't catch on there. He had a share in that place, and them children, Mrs. Alice's children, they would [unclear] and old man bought them. [unclear] good policy would have taken care of that [unclear] so he would get it when it sell, [unclear]. So, they let it, [unclear] by paying the bills and old man Calver I believe it was, finally sold the place and then, when he sold it Caesar Gay bought it and after a while people talk about it. [Unclear] about why they cut up their land so much that he sold it to Kitchen, what was his name? He was a preacher from [unclear] Kitchen, and so he sold it to him and he kept it until he died and he left it to the Lovetts. He married Anna Lovett's mom and that's how the Lovetts come by it.

AJ: Who married Anna Lovett's mom?

CL: Kitchen.

AJ: Kitchen?

CL: That's right.

AJ: And married Mrs. Mutt?

CL: That's right, you know what, yeah he married Mutt.

AJ: And, and ok, and so that's how Ernest Lovett got the place. Now Kitchen's bought the place from who?

CL: [unclear] spot now, now far as I know, far as I know, Caesar Gay sold the place to him, Kitchen. Kitchen kept the place as long as he lived, and then he, I don't know, I don't see how, honest Kitchen could have left it to his wife and she let [unclear] have it. I don't know why that was but I know, [unclear] Lovett got it now, but I did here this, [unclear] got one sister and maybe a brother. They still in that place, and honest [unclear] part of it, but I know they still in it. [unclear] might but I don't know if he ever done it. So I can't tell exactly how they come by it, but he got it, now he's got it fixed nice. He's got a [unclear] on it and all that stuff.

AJ: Ok now as far going back to the Bennetts, you said there is a Rob Bennett.

CL: Yeah, Uncle Joe's boy.

AJ: Who did he marry?

CL: I don't know who he marry. No, [unclear] honestly don't know what they call that, a short woman who she's kind of [unclear]. Why do I know this, might have been [unclear] here. Lois, Lois! Lois, Lois. Oh, I see that's all right.

AJ: Ok so Robert, now who did Hendy Bennett marry?

CL: No, he's unfortunate.

AJ: What happened to him?

CL: Well he wasn't born exactly right. His mind, it's somewhere nerve, some weird nerve it must be something [unclear]. Uncle Joe had a young one was unfortunate, Eugene. That's my brother-in-law. He had one unfortunate and has got another unfortunate now, Tom. Tom gone bad after he got New York, and Sonny Boy was born kind of wrong. That's two then and Uncle

Joe had Hendy and Hendy was born [unclear] and didn't walk right
AJ: Was something wrong with his hands or anything?
CL: His hands were alright but his feet... He'd hop and drag his foot all the time. He drag a foot, but the main thing he wasn't quite normal.
AJ: So he didn't ever marry?
CL: No, [unclear].
AJ: Is he living still?
CL: No, he been dead
AJ: Hendy died?
CL: And this has been a long time.
AJ: So he died long ago? This is Uncle Joe's son?
CL: Yeah.
AJ: Now this is Suzie Bennett's brother?
CL: Right, now you got it, now you got it.
AJ: Ok, so he's gone?
CL: He gone.
AJ: Now Eugene, he's gone?
CL: He's gone.
AJ: Now when did he die?
CL: He died about 20 years ago.
AJ: Ok, now when did your sister, is she dead too?
CL: Yeah.
AJ: When did she die?
CL: Well, Gene must've died about 25 years ago. My sister died about 20 years ago. That's right, Gene must have died 25 years ago.
AJ: Ok now, where they buried at?
CL: They buried right down there at Emma Lane right down there [unclear].
AJ: Whats the name of the church, Skull Creek?
CL: I buried them at Skull creek.
AJ: Ok, now do they have any children, Eugene?
CL: Yeah, yeah. [unclear] one of them, Sonny Boy in the nursing home at [unclear] city.
AJ: How old is he?
CL: Oh, close to 70, and then.
AJ: Is his mind good?
CL: Nuh uh. It ain't good at all. He don't know about me, he don't know, I couldn't make him know you. He don't know my brother, I got one brother left, he don't know about me.
AJ: Ok now this is Cousin Eugene's son?
CL: Son.
AJ: He got any other children?
CL: Yeah, he got [unclear]. She's alright, and he got, he had Geneva. She, Geneva, dead. She died a child way back yonder, but she got a daughter living, that'd be Louise and Gene and Hunter had. They would have had seven children. They had Daisy Bell one, Sam is two, Honey is three, and Amos is four, Thomas is five, Louise would be six. He really got seven though but two or three of them dead but he had seven children. I forgot one somewhere yeah he had seven children, he had Daisy Bell, Thomas, Sam, Amos, Honey, Heather, Geneva. He had [unclear] Sonny Boy. He make seven. Yeah.

AJ: Now let me go back. I keep jumping around here though. Now, Joe Bennett's children was Suzie, Eugene, Hendy, and Robert?

CL: Right.

AJ: Were there any other ones you know?

CL: He did, along time he had one called Joe.

AJ: Joe, but he died?

CL: I went to school with Joe.

AJ: Did he ever marry?

CL: No, no.

AJ: He died young?

CL: Yeah, that's right. He died young.

AJ: He got killed in an accident with a gun? How did he die?

CL: No, I think Joe got sick and died. I don't remember Joe getting killed by no gun. I was little though, Joe was older than I was, but [unclear] I never heard of Joe getting shot or nothing like that. Joe just died.

AJ: So he died, now did they, did Grandma Suzie have any other sisters other than her? Was she the only girl or was any other sisters? Was any sisters named Viney or Vinnie anything?

CL: I don't know.

AJ: You don't know any other sisters?

CL: No, no she had, [unclear] who you talking about Sue, Eugene's sister?

AJ: Yes.

CL: No.

AJ: Did Eugene have any other sisters?

CL: No, I don't know another.

AJ: You just know that one sister?

CL: Suzie, Suzie.

AJ: And the rest were boys?

CL: Boys.

AJ: And that was Robert.

CL: Yeah, Rob, Robert.

AJ: Now Robert you said never married?

CL: Nope. Robert never married. No wait I'm wrong, beg your pardon. Robert did marry, but Hendy ain't never married.

AJ: Ok, who did Robert marry?

CL: It's been such a while ago, I can't think. We called her Mud, I believe, they called her, a little short woman.

AJ: Did they have any children?

CL: No, I don't think so, she had some born, not his.

AJ: So who all had the children, Eugene had children.

CL: Suzie had children.

AJ: Suzie had children. Did anyone else have children other than those two?

CL: Uncle Joe had a boy named [unclear]. I told you about him didn't I?

AJ: Yeah.

CL: He was young when he died. I know Uncle Joe didn't have no more children. They had no children.

Eugene and Mrs. Suzie, had children, Robbie had none, Hendy had none, Joe ain't have none.

No, I don't remember no more children Joe had.

AJ: Ok and you don't know who the Taylors were? I mean you don't know?

CL: No.

AJ: Hattie Taylor, you don't know anything?

CL: They around a good while, they might've been born in Jenkins County. I don't know but they was here. I went to school with Ella.

AJ: Ella, you went to school with her?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And that was up at Emma Lane?

CL: That's right Emma Lane. Well, she older than I was but I went to school with her.

AJ: Is that old school still over there?

CL: No, [unclear] tore it down.

AJ: Ok, and then when y'all were kids the churches around here were Skull Creek?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And?

CL: [unclear].

AJ: [unclear]?

CL: And Skull Creek again down on the creek and that [unclear] close.

AJ: And Lane's Grove?

CL: Yeah. Lane's Grove and Fountain Spring, around here for [unclear] all the time. Fountain Spring [unclear].

AJ: Okay where is Fountain Spring at?

CL: It's up on [unclear] like going toward [unclear] but it's further down this way from Hunter.

AJ: And it's an old, old church, huh?

CL: Yeah, old church, oldest church in the vicinity.

AJ: What year did it start?

CL: Oh Lord, I don't [unclear] but it's about 125-130 years old.

AJ: Now where did Lane Grove get its name from?

CL: Well it got its name from Old Man Ed Lane, white fella. We had [unclear] I thought it come from my daddy but we hadn't joined back then. Old man Ed Lane give it down there they was using it then and old man Eddy he was [unclear] that place, after a while, old man he had got it, then he give us two acres of land over there. Church and cemetery then we changed the name from Sand Hill to Lane Grove.

AJ: To Lane Grove, after he gave the land?

CL: After old man Ed Lane, Ned Lane give it, yeah.

AJ: But it used to be called Sand Hill?

CL: Right, that's right. Started out Sand Hill.

AJ: Okay, now let me see if there's anything else. Now you don't know where my grandmother Suzie went to school at do you? Suzie Bennett?

CL: I think Suzie went some to Emma Lane, that might not be all of it though.

AJ: Did Eugene go to Emma Lane? Your brother-in-law, he went to Emma Lane?

CL: I know who you're talking about. You know Gene a lot older than I was, I don't know if I went to jingle school with them[unclear] we got about 12, 14 [unclear] out of school. I didn't go to school with Eugene. I went with Colin though, that's Gene's first cousin.

AJ: You went with him?

CL: Yeah and Anne Benson's brother.

AJ: Right.

CL: I didn't go with him, [unclear] Joe. Joe went to school, and Hendy and Rob.

AJ: Y'all all went to school together?

CL: [unclear].

AJ: Okay, and whose place did you say they were living on when you was going to school with them?

CL: I think before I know up here [unclear] pine spring. The best I can tell you where they lived up there, on I think [unclear] John Dewey's place.

AJ: Did you know anyone named Reverend Bookie, Reverend Bookie, what was his name, Bookie, Reverend, he was a preacher. Reverend, oh I can't think of what I'm trying to call right now.

CL: He wasn't [unclear].

AJ: Nuh-uh ok.

CL: Well hey, how about you know Ben Lane was a preacher?

AJ: He was a preacher?

CL: Ben Lane, old man Ben Lane. [unclear] Old man Ben wasn't that old, but he was older than I was. Eugene Lane, you know anyone by Eugene Lane?

AJ: Nuh-uh.

CL: [unclear] Julia's daddy?

AJ: Ok, well I guess when I come back next time, I'm going have to listen to this and try to put it together and come back and talk some more.

CL: You trying to get a history of us?

AJ: Yes sir. I'm trying to put all this together.

CL: You need, that's nice.

AJ: What I do I have to listen, answer all the questions and I try to put it in some kind of order.

CL: That's right, that's right, [unclear] that's why as far as I know [unclear]

AJ: Are there any old people in this area, other older people who know a lot of the old history? Who, that may know some of my people?

CL: I know who you're talking about, I know who you're talking about. I can't really remember them right now, because [unclear] probably the next oldest around here, but I don't think, well I know he can't hear good. He could hardly understand your questions if you asked him.

AJ: Um hm. How old is he?

CL: Oh, he's about 90.

AJ: And he's been here all his life?

CL: Yeah. He born here. I born here.

AJ: Now what was his name?

CL: Calvin Lane.

AJ: Calvin Lane, Is he related to you?

CL: My brother.

AJ: He's your brother?

CL: Yeah, whole brother.

AJ: He's your whole brother?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: And he's about 90?

CL: He about 90, yeah. He can remember but he can't hear you asking the questions. That might not do you much good.

AJ: Ok and his name is Calvin Lane?

CL: That's right.

AJ: Ok well I certainly thank you and thank your brother, I mean your son-in-law and your daughter for

having me in. You know they've got such a nice place here and it's awfully nice being close to you.

CL: Yeah, yeah. I wouldn't take nothing for myself.

AJ: Do you have any pictures of Eugene Bennett?

CL: No, I don't, I'll be shamed though I don't have it. My brother-in-law too, we got along good too.

AJ: So you don't have any? Do you have any old pictures of any of the Bennetts or anything like that?

CL: No, I don't, I wish I did. I don't have them. [unclear] and some of them living now. My nieces see Eugene's children would be my nieces and their kin. I don't have their pictures, I'm going to get some of them though,

AJ: Do they come to see you sometimes?

CL: Oh yeah, they got a place up there. I see Harriett.

AJ: They still have the place?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: Eugene Bennett's place?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: They still own that place?

CL: They still own that place.

AJ: You mean Daisy and them and all that?

CL: Yeah, my daddy give it to her and Gene, and they've got it right on now, [unclear] I know about it, I see that.

AJ: Well that's good, and I'm glad they still have it.

CL: Yeah, and they ain't so crazy about selling it either. Now I had one brother his children sold his [unclear].

AJ: Well I've got to get moving, because we've got to get out of here in the morning, but I'd appreciate you.

CL: Going back in the morning?

AJ: Going back probably about ten in the morning

CL: Well it was nice to see you again.

AJ: It was good seeing you and like I said. Last time I saw you was in '88.

CL: Yeah and you said [unclear] you looked sure had. I know your daddy good though and your Uncle Big Boy I know them.

AJ: And you knew Lindsey Jackson real good huh?

CL: Oh lord, yeah man he worked day and night. He sure would.

AJ: Now, you knew him when he was married to Grandma Suzie?

CL: What's that?

AJ: You knew him when he was married to my grandmother Suzie?

CL: Yeah, yeah I know when he married her. I was little though. I know what you're talking about; he stole her, talking about [unclear]. How many old boys is it?

AJ: Now, of me there's just my father Ezekiel Jackson, who was Lindsey's son.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: My father has 12 children.

CL: He do?

AJ: But they're by 3 different women though.

CL: Yeah, I got you.

AJ: By my mother there is only three of us. There is my brother, myself and my sister, but we lost my brother in '84 in a motorcycle accident up in Pennsylvania.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: So on my mother's side is just my sister and myself.

CL: Yeah I see.

AJ: Now you might've known my mother. My mother was Sol and Bonny Lee's daughter. She got burned to death in '51.

CL: Yeah I know them.

AJ: You remember that?

CL: Yeah.

AJ: That was my mother.

CL: Sure enough?

AJ: Yes sir, her name [unclear] they call her...

Background woman: Hazel's sister?

CL: She kin to my children.

AJ: Yeah that's my mother. Hazel's sister is my mother and they call her Gran.

BW: Yeah! Gran, yeah.

AJ: Yeah that's my mother.

BW: That's the one that little Tom used to like, [unclear] Tom used to like her.

CL: He did?

AJ: Now you know them? Oh, you look like, she looks like, tell me who she looks like Cousin Thelma and them?

BW: Thelma, that's my mama's sister.

AJ: Oh the way she walked around, I was like I have to give her a hug and a handshake.

BW: Hi. How you doing?

AJ: Oh my goodness.

BW: Hazel and I went to college together at Savannah State.

AJ: Oh did you?

BW: Yes, we sure did.

AJ: Now what's your name?

BW: Lois.

AJ: Lois?

LL: I was Lois Lane.

AJ: Lane?

LL : Yeah.

AJ: Oh, so we all kin people here!

LL: Yeah, that's what he say his mama was Sol Lee, yeah cause it was [unclear] Missy, used to call one Missy.

AJ: Miss. Rosebud?

LL: See my brothers like Rosebud.

AJ: Oh really?

LL: Yeah, you remember that? How Jimmy liked Rosebud, Rosebud Lee and Mama told us, "y'all related y'all got" [unclear] sure did that's why they stopped. Well I'll be darned.

AJ: Yes, this is a small world, I didn't even realize who you were.

LL: Yeah, and that was your mom?

AJ: My mother.

LL: Because when I was...

CL: He said Uncle Ben [unclear] your granddad?

AJ: My great-grandfather.

CL: Great granddaddy.

LL: Yeah so you know Aunt Sarah?

CL: [unclear]

AJ: Oh yes.

LL: Well, I'll be darned.

AJ: I know her real good because I was just telling him, Aunt Bess was Cousin Thelma's grandmother.

CL: That's right you got it.

LL: Yeah.

AJ: And Uncle Mose Harris was [unclear] grandfather.

LL: Yeah.

AJ: And Aunt Bess and my great-grandfather were brothers and sisters, Ben...

LL: What you doing, writing a book?

AJ: Well I'm putting it all together that, I've never seen these people but I know their names.

LL: Yeah I know, but that's good.

CL: He got them.

Background man: You find some pictures, you be alright.

AJ: Well I do have pictures.

LL: [unclear] got some pictures.

AJ: Well I've got pictures of Uncle Mose and Aunt Bess, Uncle Ben, I've got Ben Donaldson's picture.

CL: [unclear]

AJ: I got him. I got, they had a sister named Dora Donaldson.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: Married Aaron Love, and that's how those Loves in Statesboro relate.

LL: Well I be darned.

AJ: I got their picture too, they were real fair skinned people

CL: Yeah.

LL: Yeah, one of those Loves, one of those girls married, is that the one Woodrow Wilson brought Harvey?

AJ: Yeah. Mrs. Leah Bursa Love, and she's related to that line of the Loves.

Background person: Well see, I'm related to that set too.

AJ: The Loves?

BG: Yeah.

AJ: How are you related to them?

BG: Through the Curtains, through the [unclear].

AJ: Right, [unclear] so you're related to the Kirklands, right and the Kirklands are related to the Ricks but I don't know how they're related to the Loves. I know that, oh I know how they're related.

There was a Ned Love. Ned Love married Susan Ricks and that's how the Loves and the Ricks came together.

LL: Well I'll tell you it's a small world, have you been to see Hazel since you've been here?

AJ: Oh yes! Yes that's where I am, I'm over there staying with her.

LL: Well you tell Hazel you've been here and Cousin Lois, and I believe she call daddy Cousin Charlie, don't she? What Hazel call you?

CL: [unclear] I can't.

LL: I think she does.

CL: It's been a while.

AJ: [unclear] she's built just like them, you know [unclear]. You know what I mean?

LL: My mama look just like that [unclear] right there.

AJ: Let me see, now I've never seen your mother.

LL: She look just like she, and Aunt [unclear] look just alike.

AJ: Oh they sure do.

CL: That's me and her up there.

AJ: Whole family and Cousin Eva too.

LL: Uh huh.

AJ: Now I've never seen her. I wonder your mom's dead?

LL: My Mama died in '86?

AJ: '86? Oh I didn't, I should've known her then.

LL: You probably did, her name was Ruby Lane.

AJ: Now is she related to Henry Dale Harton's...

LL: Wife?

AJ: Wife.

LL: That's her daughter.

AJ: Is that your sister?

LL: That's my sister

AJ: Oh my God.

LL: Well you know everybody!

CL: Sure do.

AJ: Well, I just know it from studying it, you know I've been studying these relationships and it gets people.

LL: Oh ok [unclear].

AJ: You know I just try to put it together.

LL: [unclear] and that's my daddy's daughter.

AJ: That's your daughter?

CL: Yeah, they whole sisters.

AJ: Well, I didn't know. I'm just learning it now, but I didn't, oh my goodness.

LL: Yeah that's Mama and Aunt Della,[unclear].

AJ: Now who is this here?

LL: That's my father-in-law and that's, see I married a Handberry the first time.

AJ: Ok.

LL: So that's Reverend and Mrs. Handberry. That's my mother-in-law and father-in law.

AJ: Okay, well I declare, now let me look at some of these other pictures. This is you?

LL: That's of me and my husband when we got married.

AJ: Well that's awfully pretty, that's awfully pretty.

LL: That was last [unclear], November, now this is all, this is when I first got married but I was a young girl.

CL: You're still a young girl.

LL: I'm still young now.

AJ: Oh I see, isn't that beautiful.

LL: Yeah that's what we, that's the [unclear] over there that's their son.

AJ: I see that resemblance. Look at that ain't that pretty.

LL: That was at Aunt Thelma's house, she gave us a reception.

AJ: Was this when she was living up north?

LL: In Jersey.

AJ: In Jersey, I read that book that she and they put together when they had a reunion years ago.

LL: Yeah, I thought I had Aunt Eva pictures.

AJ: Oh that's interesting. Now who is this guy? That face looks familiar.

LL: That's my brother's son.

AJ: What's his name?

LL: His name is Ernest Groover.

AJ: Ohh! Ernest Groover, ok now that's Jan and Ozella's brother.

LL [unclear] How do you know them? That's they first cousin!

CL: You got it.

AJ: Oh I know them.

LL: Ok because Jimmy, Jimmy is your?

AJ: Brother.

LL: Brother, sure is.

AJ: So my daddy, Jimmy Goover...

LL: Jimmy Groover is his brother. See I know too.

AJ: Jimmy and Dad and Ozella just those three?

LL: [unclear]

AJ: I told you my daddy had 12 kids but he had three by mother.

LL: He got, when he was in Vidalia?

AJ: Yes.

LL: Georgia, you been out there?

AJ: I've been out there, but my grandmother Suzie moved over there and that's where she died.

CL: Yeah.

LL: Well daddy you took Jimmy to Vidalia to see who?

CL: I went to see her and she know me.

AJ: Suzie that's who it was.

LL: Yeah, so he and Ernest are first cousins.

AJ: I thought, I said I knew that boy, I've seen that face. I haven't seen him in years now.

LL: So I know who you are now.

AJ: I haven't seen him in years but I know him.

LL: He was here, we saw him last weekend [unclear].

AJ: Ok.

LL: And that soldier up there that's my daddy's brother Tom's son.

AJ: Ok.

LL: And the one back there is my brother.

AJ: Ok this is your brother?

LL: Nuh uh, that's my son.

AJ: Oh this one.

LL: That's my brother.

AJ: Oh that's your son.

LL: That's my son. That's my daughter.

AJ: Oh she's pretty, oh she's real pretty.

LL: and back there is Kurt's daughter one that married, that right there, the wedding picture.

AJ: Ok.

LL: That's his daughter.

AJ: Ok, and who is this?

LL: Those are my, that's my husband, first husband and his daddy and his older brother.

AJ: Ok.

LL: All the Handberrys.

AJ: Who plays the piano?

LL: Well nobody, and that right there is other, my oldest daughter right there from Georgia Southern, graduated from Georgia Southern.

AJ: Oh she went to Georgia Southern?

LL: Yeah.

AJ: What did she study there?

LL: Fashion Merchandise.

AJ: Oh how nice. Well I declare I can't believe this picture over here because that looks just like Mrs. Eva Moore. You know that is one person I wish I could've interviewed, but she has a great knowledge.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: She had a great knowledge.

CL: She did.

LL: Uh huh.

AJ: And fortunate enough that those pictures were saved from that house burning down.

LL: They was.

AJ: Well you know the pictures of George Jones was. That's were Cousin Thelma got those pictures.

LL: Yeah, Aunt Thelma got some. Mamma have some here somewhere

AJ: Old pictures?

LL: Yeah some here.

AJ: You don't know of who now?

LL: Grandma.

AJ: Which one?

LL: Grandma Sarah.

AJ: Sarah Jones and George Jones, ok yeah I know them. George Jones was the second chairman of the Board of Trustees at Willow Hill School.

LL: Yeah.

AJ: James Hall was the first.

CL: Uh huh.

AJ: Moses Parrish in 1895 donated the land where Willow Hill School was.

CL: Yeah uh huh.

AJ: And that was your grandfather?

LL: Yeah [unclear].

AJ: I've been doing that, that study too on the Willow Hill School.

CL: Yeah you doing a pretty good job of it.

LL Yeah [unclear] Jimmy [unclear] you never met him did you.

AJ: Yeah Jimmy, I keep in touch with Jimmy and we went down to Jan's funeral, maybe a couple years ago.

LL: Yeah.

CL: She got any grown children?

AJ: No my oldest daughter just turned 18, she's in college, and then I have 4 kids. My son is 14 and then I got one that's 10 and I got a little girl that's 8.

LL: We was in Columbus last year what, twice?

AJ: Ohio?

LL: Uh huh.

AJ: Really?

BG: I lived in Dayton [unclear] thirty, forty something years.

AJ: Oh well when you come back again ask my Aunt, she'll tell you how to get in touch with me.

LL: We live, we always be on Lexington, you know where Lexington is?

AJ: I know where that is.

LL: That's where Allie, my best friend, we grew up together.

AJ: Well next time you come, you have to come and see me.

LL: Yeah.

AJ: And tell her, you know and come right to my house and come stay with me.

LL: Yeah, cause we'll probably be up there in May.

BG: We're going to be there in May, I believe we might probably come through there.

AJ: Well if you do please, by all means stop

LL: Yeah

CL: Did you finish college or [unclear]?

AJ: Oh yes I finished college, I'm a physician, I'm a doctor.

LL: You are?

AJ: I went to medical school at Ohio State in Columbus.

LL: Oh that's good.

CL: My hat off to you that's good.

AJ: Thank you.

CL: That's good.

LL: That's real good.

AJ: I do family medicine and this is my hobby.

CL: Yeah, yeah.

BG: How long you been a doctor?

AJ: Well that's a second career for me. I went finished graduate for medical school in '89 but prior to that I was a toxicology technician. I got tired of doing that and went back and did medical studies and graduated and finished my residency and now medical director at a place in Toledo, the Community Health Center.

CL: Oh that's fine.

LL: That's good

CL: That's fine.

BG: Now I know a couple doctors, Doctor Carr, he died though, he died in '89.

AJ: Where was he in meaning Columbus?

BG: No he was in Dayton, he was [unclear] Doctor Carr was a psychologist.

AJ: no, I don't know him, I don't know a lot of doctors in Dayton.

LL: What was your name again?

AJ: Alvin Jackson.

CL: Jackson.

LL: Alvin Jackson, I have to tell Jimmy. See Jimmy, Jimmy and my husband Nathan just like son and father son. See when he finished high school, when Jimmy finished high school he came to [unclear] and when everybody came to [unclear] they had to stay with us a couple years to get back on their feet right.

AJ: Ok.

LL: So when Jimmy came in, he stayed [unclear] my husband was a [unclear] for the Board of Education and he hired Jimmy. The really got close when Jimmy first came to the house [unclear] wait a minute buddy what are you looking for, and they laughed and laughed [unclear] and Jimmy said he was looking for a job and blah blah blah, after a couple weeks he kind of knew who he was.

AJ: Hey, buster wait a minute now. I don't like the way your eyes are roaming here.

LL: And Jimmy laughed about that for a long time. They got very very close.

AJ: That's good. Jimmy's good people.

LL: He is, he's a good person.

AJ: Real good people yeah.

CL: I know Jimmy good.

LL: Because every time he come over cause [unclear] he hasn't been here since we got married.

CL: Nah.

LL: But when he does come he never come [unclear] see him.

CL: [unclear] half?

LL: Uh huh. Half-brother, that what he said, do you know he said who was that when they said that I put two and two together that's Timmy's brother?

AJ: I saw that, I know that guy, yeah when I was small.

LL: That's my brother's son on that wall there.

AJ: Ok, ok because I used to come up and see them when they stayed in that two story house.

CL: Yeah, that's still there.

LL: Ok down near the gate way right [unclear].

AJ: Right down from that dairy farm?

LL: Uh huh.

CL: That's right.

AJ: JC used to live there, used to work. That's one of the boys, I don't know who he belonged to but I know JC used to work up at the dairy [unclear].

LL: That's Jimmy's brother.

AJ: That's they're brother yeah but just the three of them, Ozella, Jan, and Jimmy those are the three [unclear] my father.

LL: Right, right, now your father dead to isn't he?

AJ: No he's still living, Zeke Jackson.

CL: That the girl that used to come down sometimes or was that Ella?

LL: Ozella ate dinner with us.

CL: Yeah.

AJ: That's my sister too.

CL: Yeah, she's smart too.

LL: About two or three Thanksgivings ago.

AJ: That's my half-sister.

LL: She always mom and daddy's little girl.

CL: Yeah, she's smart too.

AJ: Yeah, she's a smart girl. She's doing pretty good down there.

LL: She's doing real good. I didn't get to see them last week, but we saw Ernest, cause I usually call Ozella. Boy I will be in trouble. I should have thought about that and didn't call Jimmy.

AJ: Well next time I come I might because I'm going to get in touch with you.

CL: [unclear] Yeah what's going on, I'll meet you.

LL: You would be amazed at how many people will come to him for information.

AJ: Well he's a very knowledgeable person, he knows a lot, now what I've have to do is go study this and untangle and I've got to come back and do it more.

CL: Uh huh.

LL: Uh huh.

AJ: But I like to record it because you can't trust your memory on this stuff.

CL: That's right, that's right.

LL: I'm so proud that he can do things.

AJ: His memory is real good.

CL: That's right.

AJ: He's very knowledgeable.

CL: I'm proud of you too.

LL: Yeah I am too.

AJ: Thank you sir.

CL: I know your daddy even prouder than I am.

AJ: And he knows, he knows Lindsey Jackson, my grandfather, he knows Suzie Bennett, he knows all my relatives so he can help me connect.

LL: Well do you know whether what her name, is she still, she was real close to my mama

CL: Who?

LL: The girl that came here from New York, the Bennett girl, that came from New York and stayed with Mama for a week.

CL: Bennett... Oh I know who you're talking about Mrs. Ella.

LL: Uh huh, she was real close to Mama. She used to always send Mama something.

CL: Well she, she she,[unclear] Joe Bennett's daughter.

LL: What was her name?

CL: Is she still living?

AJ: Joe Bennett's daughter?

CL: Yeah.

LL: Can't remember her name.

AJ: Joe Bennett's daughter, it must've been a younger daughter he had then.

CL: [unclear] when I told you about Mrs. Ella, when i told you about her, the last wife Mrs. Ella.

AJ: [unclear] about Mrs. Ella.

CL: Yeah that's right.

AJ: Oh well I never knew this one then, this is something, y'all pulling one on me here.

CL: She's a fine girl.

LL: [unclear]

AJ: When was the last time y'all seen her?

LL: wait a minute and I'll tell you, Mama had all this stuff.

CL: She came to stay with us.

LL: She came to stay with Mama and Daddy.

CL: She sure did

LL: And she used to write Mama every holiday and send Mama something, let me see.

AJ: Hmm...

CL: [unclear] She's a fine lady.

LL: She is, she is cause I took her to Vidalia.

AJ: To see Grandma Suzie?

LL: Yeah.

CL: Well see your mother [unclear] Suzie?

LL: This [unclear] Bennett here.

AJ: Now who is Laurie Bennett?

LL: That's Aunt Wella's grandson.

AJ: Is that related to us?

LL: Melinda Bennett.

CL: That's her name.

LL: That's her right there, that's her right there.

AJ: Ok Melinda Bennett, 98-17 H.H.EXPY Apartment 7D Carana New York 11368, Do you have a telephone number?

LL: Nuh-uh.

AJ: No telephone number, but her name is Melinda Bennett and that was Joe Bennett's daughter.

CL: That's right.

AJ: Now is she a young woman or an older woman?

LL: She's older. She's about probably just getting 70, 68.

CL: [unclear]

AJ: And uh, when was the last time you've seen her, how many years ago?

LL: She was here, when was that because I took her to Vidalia.

CL: [unclear]

LL: Yeah because I took her to Vidalia.

AJ: So you've seen her in ten years, the last ten years?

LL: It's been ten or less. I'll put it like that.

AJ: Ok.

LL: Let me see this because she used to write Mama, trying to go through this stuff and see the letter, there's a letter here from her that's [unclear].

CL: [unclear] to today.

LL: Uh huh, she sure did.

AJ: And that was Joe Bennett's daughter?

CL: That's right.

AJ: Now she never married then, she's got a Bennett name.

CL: [unclear] she married.

LL: I don't think she never married.

AJ: Does she have any children?

CL: No, I don't think she does.

LL: [unclear] one time it was a lot of milk.

CL: She was an asset to our family though, she sure was.

LL: She used to write.

CL: [unclear] keep records of things.

LL: Yeah, Alice remember that name.

AJ: Give me your address and phone number and then when I get back I'll try to contact you again.

CL: Alright.

AJ: Now what is your address here?

LL: I'll give it to you.

CL: She'll give it to you.

AJ: No I'll put it on my tape.
LL: Oh, put in Charlie, Charlie Lane.
AJ: Uh huh.
LL: Route 4.
AJ: Route 4.
LL: Box 149.
AJ: Box 149.
LL: Millen, Georgia.
AJ: Millen, Georgia.
LL: 30442.
AJ: 30442, and the telephone number?
LL: 912.
AJ: 912.
LL: 982.
AJ: 982.
LL: 4641.
AJ: 4641.
CL: [unclear].
LL: He taping it.
AJ: Well I'm taping it.
CL: Yeah.
AJ: So what then I'll do is I'll have it here and I can just call back.
CL: Uh huh.
AJ: And if you find that, let me know because I would like to contact her. She might be able to tell me some information.
CL: Yeah, yeah she might.
LL: Yeah.
AJ: And that was Joe Bennett's daughter?
CL: That's right, that's right.
AJ: Well Joe Bennett must've been having, must have been kicking it as an old man here.
CL: [unclear] He's an old man now.
AJ: I mean Joe Bennett was born in...
LL: I tell you what, she came here when Hendy died. You know when Hendy died?
AJ: I don't remember when Hendy died.
LL: You remember when [unclear].
CL: He don't know Hendy.
LL: Hendy died approximately in... I moved back here in '73...
AJ: Uh huh and it was since then?
LL: He died approximately '78 or '79 something like that.
AJ: And she came then?
LL: Uh huh. Melinda came then, because she the one that buried him. She came and done everything.
CL: She sure did.
LL: She did everything for him.
CL: Right out of her pocket. That was her brother, it was.
AJ: And that was her brother?
CL: Yep, that was her brother.

AJ: Hendy was her brother, that was the one that...

CL: [unclear]

AJ: And he was the kind of afflicted one?

LL: Yup.

CL: He the one, he the one.

AJ: Ok and then she came back and buried him.

CL: That's right, that's right.

LL: Yup, took care of everything.

AJ: Ok well I'm going to try and get in touch then and...

LL: And then later on, she came back and visited Mama and Daddy, and stayed a few days.

CL: Sure did.

AJ: Uh huh, Okay.

CL: That's her half-brother too.

AJ: Okay, Melinda Bennett, I'm going to sure try to find her because she might be able to give me some information.

CL: yeah she'll [unclear] I don't think she dead, hope she isn't.

LL: [unclear] with letters.

AJ: Well I'm going to get on that as soon as I get back, and see if I can find her.

CL: Yeah, yeah.

AJ: Would Cousin Daisy know anything about her, you think?

CL: Daisy... Bennett?

AJ: Yeah.

CL: I bet she would.

AJ: Cousin Eugene's.

CL: Yeah, yeah i know who you're talking about. I'm not sure.

AJ: She might know.

CL: I believe she would, Daisy [unclear] somebody.

AJ: Okay, well...

LL: I had [unclear].

AJ: If you have any of those numbers, I'm going to give you a call back, maybe give you about a week or so to pull it together.

CL: Alright.

AJ: Then I'm going to call back and see if I can find that.

CL: Alright, alright.

AJ: Alright I've got to go because my wife...

LL: [unclear] Bennett now is their nephew. That's Daddy's nephew and their nephew

CL: Who you mean?

LL: Lou Reed Bennett [unclear].

CL: [unclear] Eugene, Harriett's brother's sister

LL: No, Lou Reed, is Aunt Honey's [unclear] son.

CL:[unclear] thought that was Eugene.

AJ: Uh huh.

LL: That's all I have

AJ: Alright well I had better get on, I know my wife...

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