

Leticia McCullough

This interview is conducted by Dr. Alvin Jackson of Leticia McCullough, along with several relatives, named within. The interview took place on July 29, 1985, at the home of McCullough, in Philadelphia, PA. Topics discussed within include family genealogy, including the slave status of ancestors, attending school at Polk's Academy and Willow Hill, church attendance at Free Chapel, Brown Chapel, and Banks Creek, as well as the Ku Klux Klan activities within Bulloch County.

ALVIN: [00:00] Let me just make an introduction. Today is July 29th, 1985, and we are in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the home of Ms. Leticia McCullough. We came here today to find some of her memory on the past of things that happened in Bulloch County, Georgia, and people that she may have known. Also present, we have two daughters of Ms. Leticia McCullough. We have Ms. Bea --

BEA: Dyson.

ALVIN: Ms. Bea Dyson.

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: And Ms. --

HELEN: Helen.

ALVIN: Helen.

HELEN: McCullough.

ALVIN: Helen McCullough. And so at this point, we're going to start asking her some questions, Ms. Leticia.

(background conversation or TV; inaudible)

ALVIN: She doesn't know as much as you know, you -- God has blessed you to live a long time, and you have a good memory we hear, and we know that you know some things that she could never tell me. And so we came to someone we felt that knew more. So we hope you would be kind enough to answer some of the questions. I'm doing a history of Bulloch County.

LETICIA: (inaudible) Atlantic City for 10 days, and a fellow was making a family tree down there.

ALVIN: I would just want to -- I want to ask you some questions about -- I understand you married George McCullough, is that true?

LETICIA: Right.

ALVIN: OK, and I wanted to know who -- what was your name before you married George McCullough?

LETICIA: Walker. Leticia.

ALVIN: You were a Walker. Leticia Walker. And what was your mother and father's name?

LETICIA: Millie.

ALVIN: Millie Walker.

HELEN: And Henry Walker.

ALVIN: OK.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

BEA: What was her mother's name?

LETICIA: Annie Millan.

HELEN: Annie Millan.

ALVIN: Annie Millan was her mother's name. And Annie Millan married a Walker.

LETICIA: Henry Walker.

ALVIN: Married Henry Walker. OK, thank you. Now, what about George McCullough, what was his mother and father's name? Did you know that?

LETICIA: Mary, and I don't --

BEA: Can't remember grandfather's name? I can't either.

ALVIN: OK. Her name was Mary. Mary McCullough. OK now, did you know what she was before she married a McCullough?

LETICIA: No.

ALVIN: Now, were they slaves?

LETICIA: No.

ALVIN: They weren't slaves.

LETICIA: (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK.

LETICIA: When I got married, my mother-in-law was dead. (inaudible).

ALVIN: What year did you marry?

LETICIA: Huh?

ALVIN: What year did you get married?

LETICIA: Nineteen ten.

ALVIN: In 1910?

HELEN: Nineteen eight, dear.

ALVIN: Nineteen eight? OK.

BEA: December the 31st, 1908.

ALVIN: December 31st, 1908. OK. Where did you go to school?

LETICIA: Jeru--

BEA: Jerusalem.

ALVIN: She went to Jerusalem School.

BEA: Right.

ALVIN: OK. Jerusalem. OK. Now, this was in what part of Bulloch County? What part of Bulloch County was that in?

LETICIA: (inaudible)

ALVIN: What was that?

LETICIA: (inaudible). It was down near Savannah.

ALVIN: It was in Scrivener County?

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

LETICIA?: (inaudible) Leefield. What county is Leefield in?

HELEN: Leefield and Rupert, what counties are they --

ALVIN: That's in Bulloch County.

HELEN: That's still in Bulloch?

ALVIN: That's still in Bulloch County.

LETICIA: Leefield?

ALVIN: That's in Bulloch County.

BEA: Well, that's where she married.

ALVIN: I believe you, because Brooklyn is in Bulloch County, Stilson is in Bulloch County.

HELEN: Yeah.

LETICIA: (inaudible)?

ALVIN: OK, now they're close to Bryan County, but they're still in Bulloch County.

HELEN: (inaudible) other place called Leefield.

ALVIN: Leefield. OK, great. All right, and do you remember the name of any of your school teachers? Or has that been too long for you? [00:05:00]

LETICIA: (inaudible) Princeton.

BEA: Prescott?

LETICIA: No.

ALVIN: Princeton?

HELEN: Preston (inaudible).

LETICIA: Mr. Preston.

ALVIN: Mr. Preston was the one first teachers you went to. OK. When you got married, did you live on your own place, or did you live on someone else's place?

LETICIA: No. My father lived on the Lee place.

ALVIN: On the Lee place?

LETICIA: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK, now was that the White van Lee?

LETICIA: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: OK.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

_: Mama, Grandpa had (inaudible).

BEA: -- ninety acres of his own place, grandpa had.

ALVIN: Grandpa McCullough?

BEA: No, Grandpa Walker.

ALVIN: Walker.

BEA: When she married, she went to Statesboro, Georgia, and lived on that MacDougall's place.

HELEN: That's in Clito.

BEA: Clito, yeah.

ALVIN: MacDougall's place. So Walker -- Grandpa Walker had his own place.

HELEN: Had his own place.

BEA: He was a slave, and they gave him land when they freed him, and he's about the only one in the family that their mother always spoke about being a slave, grandpa.

HELEN: That would be my great-grandpa, right?

BEA: Yeah, yeah.

ALVIN: OK, that was Walker, and he had land.

BEA: Grandpa Walker.

ALVIN: OK. Now how many -- do anybody know how many children he had, Walker?

HELEN: Seven daughters and -- how many brothers?

BEA: Three. Johnny (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: Johnny Walker.

HELEN: Ed Walker, Henry Walker.

ALVIN: Henry Walker.

HELEN: And Willy Walker.

ALVIN: OK. And who were the girls?

HELEN: Oh, dear.

BEA: She -- seven.

ALVIN: Seven girls, and --

BEA: Started with Leticia, Rosa, Laura -- Leticia, Rosa, Laura, Henrietta, Roxie, and Lana.
 ALVIN: Now, Ms. Rosa, that is the name -- she was a school teacher.
 BEA: Yes, she was.
 ALVIN: Because --
 HELEN: Roxie was a school teacher.
 ALVIN: Oh, was she? Because my uncle Beaufort said Ms. Rosa Walker was his first-school teacher.
 (inaudible)
 ALVIN: Yes. And that's how I remember that name.
 BEA: That's right.
 ALVIN: OK. Did you all know -- Ms. Leticia, did you know Ms. Gertrude Cunningham?
 LETICIA: Who?
 ALVIN: Ms. Gertrude Cunningham, she lives in Statesboro. Did you know her?
 LETICIA: Yeah.
 ALVIN: Was she one of your classmates, or just a friend, or...?
 LETICIA: Just a friend.
 BEA: (inaudible) two years old.
 ALVIN: OK, now, she said she lived on the Lee place. Did she ever live on the Lee place?
 HELEN: No, that was where the land -- they were close to the Lee place.
 ALVIN: It was close to the Lee place.
 BEA: Yeah, (inaudible).
 HELEN: Yeah.
 ALVIN: OK. All right. Did you know Jonas Lee Ms. Letitia, did you remember Jonas Lee?
 LETICIA: There went your friend, Papa.
 HELEN: No, not Jonas. Was his name Jonas?
 ALVIN: Jonas Lee was Sol's --
 HELEN: Sol's grandfather. Jonas Lee was his brother.
 ALVIN: No, Jonas Lee is Sol's father.
 (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
 LETICIA: My aunt (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Who was your aunt?
 LETICIA: (inaudible).
 HELEN: Lola Lee.
 ALVIN: Lola Lee?
 HELEN: Married to Sam Lee.
 ALVIN: Sam Lee. Now what relationship is Sam Lee to Sol Lee and Jonas Lee, do you know that?
 BEA: Who knows (inaudible), we don't know that Lee.
 ALVIN: OK.
 BEA: They was all Lees.
 ALVIN: They were all Lees and they were related. OK.
 BEA: Calata Lee.
 ALVIN: Calata -- Aunt Calata, yes.
 BEA: Bub Lee.
 ALVIN: Bub Lee. Now Bub Lee and Jonas Lee were brothers.
 BEA: That's right.

ALVIN: Yes. I knew that. Then there was a Jim Lee, Asbury Lee, all of those Lees. I want to ask her, did you know Mr. Polk who was a schoolteacher? You ever hear of him?

BEA: Oh yeah, we all (inaudible).

HELEN: Professor Polk.

BEA: Right. (inaudible) to him.

ALVIN: Oh, that was your schoolteacher?

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: OK. Now I heard that Professor Polk was born a slave, but he learned to read, and he went to Tuskegee and came back to Bulloch County as a schoolteacher.

HELEN: Yeah, I don't know about.

BEA: I know he went to college somewhere --

ALVIN: He went to Tuskegee Institute under Booker T. Washington.

HELEN: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK, so that -- he was all a teacher of yours.

HELEN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Now, Mr. Polk later married one of the Lees. He married a Molly --

HELEN: Molly?

ALVIN: Molly Lee, who was the wife of one of the Lees that died.

HELEN: Aunt Molly?

ALVIN: Aunt Molly was a Lee. See, her husband had died, and then later he married her.

HELEN: Yeah, because she had Maddie Sue.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible) [00:10:00]

HELEN: I didn't know she was married before.

ALVIN: Yeah, she had been married --

BEA: I did --

HELEN: But she did have two sets of children.

ALVIN: Yeah, Aaron Polk married Molly Lee, and they had two sets of children, because there was Cleo and Tucson Polk.

BEA: That was Polk. They were --

ALVIN: They were his children.

HELEN: Tucson still living. Cleo is dead.

ALVIN: Oh are they? Do you know where Tucson is living at?

BEA: In New York.

ALVIN: He's in New York? OK, you know which part of New York he's in?

BEA: No, in Brooklyn -- I don't know, Brooklyn, I think.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: He's blind?

HELEN: (inaudible) tell you more about them, (inaudible).

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

HELEN: -- 645 North 53rd Street.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

HELEN: This is a friend of Vivi and Uncle George.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, they're Lees?

HELEN: (inaudible) they were Moffitts.

ALVIN: Oh, Moffitts?

BEA: Alberta Moffitt.

ALVIN: Oh, I know --

BEA: Her brother was here last week, (inaudible)

LETICIA: Al Moffitt.

ALVIN: If they're Moffitts, then they are my grandfather's sister's children. OK, he had a sister that married a Moffitt, and they were -- a lot of them in Savannah, Georgia, the Moffitts.

BEA: Named Patty, yeah?

ALVIN: He had a funeral, one of the funeral home there in Savannah.

BEA: That's right. One of them died last year.

ALVIN: That is correct. The one that had the funeral home, he died.

HELEN: The one from California was here last week, the brother.

BEA: That was Alberta's brother, a Moffitt, but I can't think of his name.

ALVIN: Yeah, (inaudible), I can't remember, I have it written somewhere, but I know one of his

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HELEN: What do you do for a living?

ALVIN: I'm a medical student, but I'm doing this as an aside --

HELEN: Where do you go to school?

ALVIN: At Ohio State. Columbus, Ohio.

HELEN: Good for you, God bless you.

ALVIN: OK, did you know the Hodges? Wash Hodge who was a nurse, did y'all know him? You knew him?

HELEN: Aunt Maisanne Hodge married my uncle.

ALVIN: Aunt Maisanne, that is correct. Now Aunt Maisanne and Wash Hodge were brothers and sisters.

BEA: That's right, and another bother named --

ALVIN: Nichat --

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: All right, now, Aunt Maisanne married Ben McCullough -- Benji McCullough, and Benji McCullough and George McCullough were brothers. OK.

BEA: And another brother that's named James (inaudible), he lives up in Mt. Evans.

ALVIN: James McCullough?

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: Now who did James McCullough marry?

BEA: He's married to Inez.

ALVIN: Inez? What was her maiden name? What was her maiden name, do you know?

BEA: I don't know.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, now here's something I want to ask Ms. Leticia about. Did you ever here the story about Reed and Cato? Are you familiar with that story that happened in Statesboro, Georgia?

BEA: Yeah.

LETICIA: Reed and (inaudible)?

ALVIN: Reed and Cato. Have you ever heard of them?

LETICIA: No.

ALVIN: A story that happened in Statesboro, Georgia, about 1906. You're not familiar with that?

LETICIA: Nineteen oh-six?

ALVIN: It's around 1906, in the early 1900s.

LETICIA: What happened?

ALVIN: Well, Reed and Cato were two blacks who they say burned up the Hodges family.

LETICIA: Burned up the Hodges family?

BEA: Remember they set the house on fire?

LETICIA: That was 1906.

ALVIN: That was around 1906, yes. Do you remember that incident?

LETICIA: Yeah.

HELEN: Who were the Hodges, you mean Aunt Maisanne Hodges?

ALVIN: No, these were white Hodges.

BEA: White people.

ALVIN: They said that --

BEA: The only thing that was left a little girl. She hid over behind (inaudible).

ALVIN: That's correct. She knows the story.

BEA: (laughter) My mother told me the story.

ALVIN: Did she?

BEA: Yeah, my mother (inaudible).

ALVIN: And what they did, they took Reed and Cato out of jail, there was a mob in Statesboro, and they burned them alive.

BEA: That's right.

ALVIN: So this is a documented --

BEA: Tarred and feathered.

ALVIN: That's right.

BEA: Drug them up and (inaudible), drug them up the road, put kerosene on them --

ALVIN: Oh, they were alive when they did it, burned them alive.

BEA: -- and burned them up.

(inaudible)

ALVIN: No, no, but it's an incident that's relevant, because I was reading a story called *Following the Color Line*, I saw that story in there. I was shocked. And I started asking people, did they really remember that, you know, the story of Reed and Cato.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: Well, we want to bring it up because we want to you --

BEA: (inaudible)

ALVIN: -- to try to give us some insight and some information [00:15:00] so that when I write this all together, I can say I talked to Ms. Leticia McCullough in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on July 29th, 1985, and she was able to tell me that it's so. It is important because she lived at that time, and she know, you know, she was there firsthand, and this is why it's important for me to talk to older people to get this information, and to record it.

BEA: So like Hailey. What is that Hailey

ALVIN: Alex Hailey.

BEA: Alex Hailey, yeah.

HELEN: My mother's been sick, and her memory is not as sharp as it used to be.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. OK. Now --

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, what is -- ma'am?

BEA: I can tell what you told me. I remember the comet star. I was a baby on her knee during the time of the comet star.

ALVIN: OK, the Halley's Comet. OK.

BEA: Sitting on the steps when it's dark out.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

BEA: That's all history.

ALVIN: Yeah, she's relating these incidents to --

BEA: Just an incident.

ALVIN: So did you ever hear or tell any stories about the KKK?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: Not very much about --

BEA: (inaudible) don't do nothing like that.

ALVIN: OK. Now, what year did your mother come to Philadelphia?

BEA: Nineteen forty-three. Was it '43 you came here, Momma?

LETICIA: Nineteen forty-four.

BEA: Forty-four?

ALVIN: In 1944.

BEA: Nineteen forty-four.

ALVIN: Now, where were you living in Bulloch County when you came in '44? What was the place -- did you have your own place, or...?

HELEN: No, they were living at a son-in-law's house, because (inaudible) and they were living down near Leefield.

ALVIN: Near Leefield.

HELEN: Called the Night's Form.

ALVIN: On the Night's Form?

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: OK. OK, and so when you came to Philadelphia in 1944, all of you came together?

BEA: No. My sister was here, and my other brother Jimmy and I came together in '44, and the brothers was in the service. (inaudible) older brother, George, he just decided one morning this month, and he got a train and came to Philadelphia, and he never went back.

ALVIN: (laughter) OK, so y'all lived mostly in the Leefield area most of the time?

BEA: No. We just lived there for one year. We mostly lived off of -- around Polk's Academy, you remember that?

ALVIN: Oh, OK now, that is the part of the town my grandfather lived in to the Lees.

BEA: That's what I was saying. There's so many Lees (inaudible).

ALVIN: Yes. Now, you went to school at Polk's Academy?

BEA: I went to school at Polk's Academy, then I left Polk's Academy and went to school in Statesboro.

ALVIN: OK. Who were your teachers at Polk's Academy?

BEA: Professor Polk, and he had (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) Ms. Greaves from South Carolina, and Ms. Black from Savannah, Georgia. Another one from Columbus, Ohio, I believe.

ALVIN: Ms. Littles?

BEA: Little, Little.

ALVIN: You know her first name?

BEA: No.
ALVIN: OK.
(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
ALVIN: Is that Ms. Juniper O'Bryant? Oh, she left a long time, I remember her. She came --
that is correct.
BEA: (inaudible) Statesboro, went to school there.
ALVIN: OK. I remember meeting Ms. Juniper O'Bryant.
HELEN: My mother (inaudible).
LETICIA: Annie.
HELEN: Annie, what was her last name?
ALVIN: Sue Livingston.
LETICIA: Annie Liv--
HELEN: Annie Livingston was my teacher when I went to Polk Academy.
ALVIN: Oh, was she? OK. Now, is Polk's Academy the only school that you went to?
HELEN: I went to Jerusalem.
ALVIN: Jerusalem. Now, Jerusalem is the school your mother went to, too.
HELEN: That's right.
(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
ALVIN: OK, it was associated with a church?
HELEN: Yeah.
ALVIN: It was associated with Jerusalem Church.
HELEN: Yeah, the Church of the Cross of David.
BEA: AME Church.
ALVIN: Oh, AME Church.
HELEN: Across the road, that's right.
ALVIN: OK. All right, so you never left Polk's Academy. Did you live near a church called
Bryan Chapel?
HELEN: Brown Chapel.
ALVIN: Brown Chapel.
HELEN: That's right. That's a ladies' chapel --
ALVIN: That's a ladies' --
HELEN: -- where they went. We went to Bethel, Little Bethel AME.
ALVIN: Little Bethel AME.
HELEN: Brown Chapel was this way, and down the big road this way was Little Bethel.
ALVIN: Mm-hmm. What about [00:20:00] Free Chapel?
HELEN: Free Chapel was further up the road.
ALVIN: OK, so you're familiar with all of those old churches?
HELEN: Brown Chapel was in another -- in Bethel AME.
ALVIN: Now, you remember -- did you remember a Roxie Hodges then? Roxie -- see, Roxie --
HELEN: Roxie Maisanne --
ALVIN: OK, now, Roxie married Hodricks Hall, was that correct?
HELEN: Oh yes.
ALVIN: You remember Hodricks Hall?
HELEN: Yes.
ALVIN: What relationship is Hodricks Hall to Garfield Hall?
HELEN: I don't know.

ALVIN: You don't know. You don't know the Halls' relations? Who -- Hodricks Hall, who was his people? Who was he related to? Is he related to Jim Hall?

LETICIA: Jim's son.

ALVIN: He was Jim's son?

LETICIA: Jim was his brother.

ALVIN: Jim was his brother.

HELEN: Aunt Lily married Jim, Momma? That wasn't Mr. Hodricks Hall's brother, was it?

LETICIA: No.

HELEN: Uh-huh. It was Hodricks Hall's brother?

BEA: Yeah.

HELEN: Uncle Jim died, I'm messing you up.

ALVIN: Jim Hall?

HELEN: Yeah. He was Aunt Minnie --

ALVIN: Minnie Moore?

HELEN: Aunt Marley and Minnie Moore, and Marley's brother.

ALVIN: OK, yeah, Minnie Moore was a Hall, that's correct. Minnie Moore and Jim Hall --

HELEN: Mother just died last year, Sal -- Sally's in a home.

BEA: And Minnie Moore and Jim Hall were brothers.

ALVIN: Right, and so Hodricks Hall was a brother too?

HELEN: I would say so. I don't know.

ALVIN: OK, because I know Ben Hall was a brother too. Ben Hall was one of those brothers.

BEA: Uncle Jim married my brother's sister.

ALVIN: Jim?

BEA: My father's sister.

ALVIN: OK, Jim Hall married George McCullough's sister?

HELEN: That's right.

ALVIN: Aunt Lily May McCullough married -- oh, now I didn't know that, so that's some more information. See? This one over here who said she didn't know anything? (laughter)
But that's pretty back too, and that's good information.

BEA: Uncle Jim, Aunt Lily living in Atlanta.

ALVIN: Because the Halls --

BEA: Now we go back to (inaudible) Polks.

ALVIN: Polk.

BEA: (inaudible).

ALVIN: Your aunt? Now which (inaudible) is this?

HELEN: Aunt Ellen.

BEA: What was her name?

HELEN: Her name was Annie McCullough.

BEA: And Annie McCullough married Uncle (inaudible).

HELEN: Look, all I know was (inaudible).

ALVIN: Oh, she married Mr. Montoak, I remember his name.

BEA: (inaudible), and my brother married Uncle Montoak's niece.

ALVIN: Your brother?

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: Was that Ms. Johnny May --

HELEN: Johnny May is our first cousin.

BEA: Johnny May is our first cousin, but she's also (inaudible). Her father was named --
 (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
 HELEN: Many times I heard of him, but I can't think.
 (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
 HELEN: Johnny May is a retired teacher.
 BEA: -- immediate family, mother and father.
 ALVIN: OK. Sol Lee and Bonnie Lee.
 BEA: But they all lived right around each other.
 ALVIN: Warren Polk?
 BEA: Warren Polk. That's Oleen's father.
 ALVIN: Oh, OK. Warren Polk, yeah.
 (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
 ALVIN: Oh really?
 HELEN: Yeah, I think she got one brother living. (inaudible), and a brother, that's all that's
 living. Lee died two years ago here.
 ALVIN: OK, so Mr. Warren Polk married Ms. Pip Donaldson. One time -- and Pip Donaldson
 and my grandmother were first cousins.
 BEA: Really?
 ALVIN: That's right. So the families is interested in how they all intertwine --
 BEA: That's what I say.
 ALVIN: Into each other.
 BEA: They all intertwined somehow. And then my brother Oleen (inaudible).
 ALVIN: Well, he was really hitting it close there. (laughter)
 BEA: My aunt married Montoak.
 ALVIN: Right, OK, OK.
 BEA: And that was Johnny May's boy. Now they still live up there --
 ALVIN: That's right, she lives somewhere up there in Bulloch County, I don't know exactly
 where --
 (overlapping dialogue; inaudible)
 BEA: -- on Route 25.
 ALVIN: OK. Right, going toward north.
 (inaudible)
 ALVIN: I don't know if she's still teaching or not, I haven't seen her.
 BEA: No, she retired.
 ALVIN: Oh, she has retired. OK. My goodness, well you know a lot more about some of the
 things after that (laughter). You certainly keep informed. So, that was --
 LETICIA: That was a long time ago.
 ALVIN: Now, so, St. Mary's Church is also located in that area too where you were living. But
 those were basically -- the Lees were there.
 HELEN: That's right. Lee's Cemetery is there.
 ALVIN: OK. Well, the cemet-- the Lees was a large family.
 HELEN: It's a large family. [00:25:00]
 ALVIN: It's one of the largest black families in Bulloch County, the Lees.
 BEA: Now if you go along with the Lees, and the Loves.
 ALVIN: The Loves.
 BEA: A lot of people down in Bulloch County.

ALVIN: Now, the Loves are related to us also.

BEA: What I'm saying, all intertwined.

ALVIN: Not the Loves, my grandmother's father's name was Benjamin Donaldson. He had a sister named Dora Donaldson, who married the Love. And so all of those Love's descendants, basically, in Bulloch County are from them. So Sean married her cousin. You know Sean?

BEA: Yeah. (inaudible)

ALVIN: That's right, it's all the same family. We mentioned that to her before she got married, but they was -- you know (laughter) they all married down there anyway.

HELEN: Everybody is a cousin.

ALVIN: The Love. She married from the Love side plus -- cousin Fanny -- cousin Fanny who was the grandmother, and my grandmother were first cousins, they was related on that side, and they were also related on the Love side. They were related twice.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: I'm Sol Lee's grandboy. Sol Lee, grandboy, came from Bulloch County, and I'm studying the family history, and just trying to learn about people who lived in Bulloch County, some of the old stories. You remember Sol Lee, don't you?

LETICIA: (inaudible)

ALVIN: You remember Jonas Lee? That's Sol's father. Aunt Sarah Anne, Sara Anne was a Hodge, Wash Hodge's daughter.

BEA: Aunt Maisanne's sister.

ALVIN: Aunt Maisanne's sister, that's my great grandmother.

HELEN: Sarah Anne, Mary Anne, Maisanne.

BEA: And Maisanne's sister --

ALVIN: Is my great grandmother.

BEA: Your great grandmother.

HELEN: That's right.

ALVIN: Aunt Maisanne, I went over to Yellowstone where Aunt Maisanne's son and all live, and I got pictures from her of Wash Hodge and his wife, all that I've been collecting --

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: Now what relation is Thelma to --

BEA: Thelma is --

HELEN: Her father was named --

ALVIN: Nichat?

HELEN: Nichat? Wasn't that -- Momma, wasn't Thelma's father named --

LETICIA: (inaudible) Nichat.

ALVIN: Nichat has Matty or Matt and Geneva, these are all them sisters?

HELEN: Yeah.

ALVIN: Of Thelma?

HELEN: Geneva and Thelma are sisters. They got a little brother named Bussico.

ALVIN: Bussico. OK.

HELEN: Bussi still lives --

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: Well did y'all know Sam Williams from that area of Bulloch County? Sam Williams married Georgia Anne Hodges. I think Georgia Anne was one of the sisters of Wash Hodge, maybe? And they were sisters, Georgia and -- did you remember any of them?

LETICIA: That doesn't ring a bell.

ALVIN: So you don't know Sam Williams. OK. Did you any of the Donaldsons? Did you know any people -- did y'all know very many people from Willie Hill?

HELEN: When I moved here, the gentleman who lived across the street was a Donaldson.

BEA: (inaudible) the Polks.

ALVIN: The Polks, the Loves, the Halls --

BEA: A family of Halls lives right there in -- right across --

ALVIN: Garfield Hall, Mann Hall --

BEA: Mann Hall.

ALVIN: Mann Hall. You knew them?

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK. So you knew the Hodges?

BEA: Yes, just from my aunt.

ALVIN: Yeah, just -- oh you knew it just from that one, OK. OK, so you --

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, you knew Richard Lee then, right? Richard Lee? Remember him? What about Charlotte Lee? Charlotte Lee was Jack Lee's -- you don't remember Charlotte Lee?

That was Asbury and all, her mother. You didn't remember her?

HELEN: Uh-uh.

ALVIN: OK.

LETICIA: Charlotte?

ALVIN: Did you remember Charlotte Lee?

LETICIA: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK.

LETICIA: She died (inaudible).

ALVIN: She died when?

LETICIA: She died, just married.

ALVIN: Right, yeah, she died shortly after she got married. Now Charlotte Lee was married to Jack Lee, called Cal Jack. Did you ever know him?

LETICIA: No.

ALVIN: He died probably -- he died a long time ago. He probably died in the late 1800s or something. Yeah, he was a cowboy. He used to herd cows from Statesboro to Savannah. Now he -- first he married Molly. Molly and Charlotte were sisters, and after -- he had two wives. In slavery times, they sometimes had more than one wife. And then after Molly died, then he married Charlotte, and then you know the Charlotte he's married to, because she died in the early 1900s.

(inaudible)

BEA: Momma used to tell some good stories.

ALVIN: Did she? About things that happened down there?

BEA: Things that happened back home. She used to tell us stories. [00:30:00] Grandpa was a slave, and he was (inaudible), but now it's gone for Momma, she don't remember that much anymore.

ALVIN: And do you remember any of the slave stories at this time? Any things that your father told you about slavery?

LETICIA: No.

ALVIN: Just kind of forgotten, huh? OK. Now, who was Sam Lee? Did y'all know who that was?

BEA: My uncle.

ALVIN: Sam Lee was -- OK, he was --

BEA: I thought Sam Lee was my uncle --

ALVIN: Now who did he marry, Maynee.

BEA: No, Lola.

ALVIN: Lola. OK, who were some of their children?

BEA: They didn't have any children.

ALVIN: They didn't have any children. Oh, there they are. Samuel Lee married Lola --

BEA: Lola McCullough.

ALVIN: Oh, OK, I didn't know who that was. I used to live near George Lee and Jessie Lee.

They lived down in Blitch, a place they call Blitch, an area -- you ever heard of Blitch?

BEA: I've heard of it, but I --

ALVIN: That was the post office for them, OK.

BEA: They raised two children, Catherine and --

HELEN: (inaudible) sister's child was Lizzy.

BEA: Lizzy. Lizzy's children I remember.

HELEN: Yeah, Lizzy's children, that's right.

ALVIN: Now what was it -- sister named Lizzy?

HELEN: I don't know what his sister was named, but he raised her daughter, Lizzy.

ALVIN: OK, Sam Lee raised his sister's daughter named Lizzy.

HELEN: Yeah.

ALVIN: I'll ask my Uncle Beaufort that, he --

HELEN: I don't remember the last name of Lizzy, but I remember her.

ALVIN: OK. Well, this has been a lot of valuable information. Now let me review a couple things so I won't -- make sure I didn't forget. Ms. Leticia Walker married George McCullough. They married in 1908, and they had 11 children. And there were four boys and seven girls.

BEA: Five.

ALVIN: Five boys?

BEA: Six boys.

ALVIN: Six boys.

BEA: And five girls.

ALVIN: OK, six boys and five girls. The -- you are the oldest, and your name is Beauina McCullough Dyson. The next one would be, after you --

BEA: The next three is dead.

ALVIN: The next three who are --

HELEN: Custer, Annie, and Willowmina.

ALVIN: OK, who are they?

HELEN: Custer --

ALVIN: Custer, Annie --

HELEN: And Willowmina.

ALVIN: And Willowmina. Now did these die young?

BEA: Yeah.

HELEN: Yeah, they died really quickly.

ALVIN: OK, and then after them come --
BEA: George.
ALVIN: George. George McCullough.
HELEN: George, Harry.
ALVIN: OK, now let's find out this. Who did George McCullough marry?
BEA: Oleen --
ALVIN: Oleen --
BEA: Polk.
ALVIN: Polk. OK, got that.
HELEN: His first marriage was to a girl named Childers.
ALVIN: Childers?
HELEN: Childers.
ALVIN: OK.
HELEN: But she died in childbirth.
ALVIN: In childbirth, OK.
HELEN: And the child died. I can remember that. Then he married Oleen Polk. They married,
and he had a son by a girl that he didn't marry. (inaudible) named Bobby.
ALVIN: Bobby McCullough.
HELEN: Bobby McCullough.
ALVIN: All right, now he lives in Philadelphia?
HELEN: No, he lives in Boston, Mass.
ALVIN: Lives in Boston, Massachusetts. OK, then after George McCullough came Harry?
BEA: I think Lola May --
ALVIN: OK, Lola May McCullough, we just said she married Sam Lee.
BEA: No, Lola May McCullough married --
HELEN: Lola May married Bubba Reed.
BEA: Yes.
ALVIN: Bubba Reed?
HELEN: From Leefield.
ALVIN: From Leefield.
BEA: Sam Lee, you're talking about Lola, that's my aunt.
ALVIN: Oh, that's your aunt.
BEA: Lola May is named after her.
ALVIN: Oh, OK, that's your daddy's sister.
LETICIA: (inaudible)
BEA: We had that reunion yesterday.
ALVIN: All right then, so after Lola May comes --
HELEN: Harry.
ALVIN: Harry. Now who did he marry?
HELEN: He never married.
ALVIN: He never married.
HELEN: Edward.
ALVIN: Edward is next.
HELEN: He married --
ALVIN: Rosebud. Did he marry anyone else?
HELEN: No, that's the only marriage. He married her twice.

ALVIN: OK. (laughter)

HELEN: And then Lynnwood.

ALVIN: Lynnwood --

HELEN: McCullough. He married a girl from Virginia, her name is Christina.

ALVIN: Christina, OK.

HELEN: And then -- oh, that's me.

ALVIN: You.

HELEN: And I've never been married.

ALVIN: And your name again is --

HELEN: Helen O'Delyn McCullough --

ALVIN: Helen O'Delyn McCullough. They call you Aunt O'Del.

HELEN: Then there's the baby of the family, his name is James.

ALVIN: James?

HELEN: Yeah, he was married twice, divorced twice.

ALVIN: OK. Now did he marry someone from down south?

HELEN: He married two girls from --
(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, good.

HELEN: One's from Korea, the other one's from (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK, now we got that, now what about Ben McCullough and Lutit-- I mean [00:35:00]
Aunt Maisanne, they just had three kids, is that right?

BEA: Yeah.

HELEN: Yeah, (inaudible) --

BEA: Boyd was the baby, James, and Emma.

ALVIN: And Emma. And they all --

BEA: Oh, Susan May. Susan May died early.

ALVIN: Oh, did she?

BEA: Yeah.

HELEN: Is Emma dead, girl?

BEA: Yeah, Emma's been dead. That's right. So that's four children. Yeah.

ALVIN: OK. All right now, going back to your aunts and uncles, you said, OK, there was Ben McCullough, there was George McCullough, and there was Lola McCullough. We said Lola married Sam Lee. Now are there any other ones that you know about? Your aunts and uncles?

BEA: Eddie married a Polk --

ALVIN: OK, Eddie McCullough --

BEA: Married Mup Polk.

ALVIN: Married Mup Polk.

BEA: Rebecca McCullough was married to Tom -- wasn't it Tom Reed, Momma? Wasn't Eva's father named Tom?

LETICIA: Yeah.

BEA: Tom Reed.

ALVIN: OK, Tom Reed.

BEA: Had one daughter named Eva.

HELEN: (inaudible) Lily May.

BEA: She was married to Jim Hall.

ALVIN: Jim Hall. Lily May McCullough married Jim Hall.
HELEN: They had one daughter.
ALVIN: And they had daughter. Is she alive?
BEA: No, she's dead.
ALVIN: She's dead now. Are there any grandchildren?
BEA: No.
ALVIN: OK, there were no children. OK. Do you know -- do you have any pictures of any of the old people? Do you have any pictures of the McCulloughs or do you have any pictures of George McCullough? None of them.
BEA: No.
ALVIN: Ben McCullough or her grandparents, or any of that? None of those. OK. Any old pictures of Bulloch County, Willow Hill -- you didn't go to Willow Hill -- or Polk's Academy, none of that? OK. All right. OK now, that is the -- were there any other McCulloughs other than those that we just covered?
BEA: Well, Dave McCullough here.
ALVIN: OK, now, he's still alive?
BEA: Yeah, he's still alive. And Elizabeth, she died in '82. She was a baby girl.
ALVIN: OK, now Elizabeth McCullough married who?
BEA: She was never married.
ALVIN: She didn't marry. All right, James McCullough married who?
BEA: Inez.
ALVIN: Inez --
BEA: I don't know what Inez --
ALVIN: You don't know what her maiden name was.
BEA: Uh-uh. I know James married Inez.
ALVIN: All right, now these were all younger than your father, though, weren't they?
BEA: Oh, yeah.
ALVIN: OK. Your father was one of the oldest ones.
BEA: Yeah.
ALVIN: Was he older than Ben?
BEA: No, Ben was the oldest.
ALVIN: Ben was the oldest.
BEA: My father came next.
ALVIN: OK. Now going back to your mother's -- the Walkers, did you know any Walkers other than her mother and father? Did you know any of their sisters and brothers?
BEA: Yeah, I knew the sisters and brothers.
ALVIN: Of the Walkers, I mean.
BEA: Yeah.
ALVIN: Who were they?
BEA: Henrietta, remember we called her Rosa.
ALVIN: Rosa --
(inaudible)
ALVIN: No, no, no, see -- her parents. OK, now, Rosa Walker, these are her sisters. OK, well let's review that first. OK, we have Rosa Walker, who was a schoolteacher. Did she ever marry?
(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: Luther Ruth?

BEA: Yeah. He's up in Gary or somewhere.

ALVIN: Oh, he's still -- OK. Now when did Ms. Rosa die?

BEA: Died in '71.

ALVIN: Seventy-one. OK, so Ms. Rosa Walker -- OK, then there's Ms. Leticia, and then --

BEA: Laura.

ALVIN: Laura Walker married --

HELEN: She married a Taylor. Jim Taylor.

ALVIN: Jim Taylor?

BEA: yeah.

ALVIN: Was he related to Ed Taylor? Jim Taylor, yeah, OK, these are the names I've picked up. OK now, is there another one other --

HELEN: (inaudible) Willie Hill, that's the Taylors in Brooklet.

ALVIN: OK. A whole slew of them Taylors.

BEA: Henrietta Woods married William Woods.

ALVIN: Henrietta --

BEA: Woods.

ALVIN: Woods.

BEA: Yeah, she married William Woods.

ALVIN: OK, Henrietta Walker Woods --

BEA: That's right.

ALVIN: OK. Is there another one?

BEA: Roxie Melvin, she married Andrew Melvin. She lives in Savannah. She's still living. All the others is passed. Atlanta Walker, she married -- I don't know if I remember her husband's name.

HELEN: Did they have any children?

BEA: No. She died in childbirth.

ALVIN: OK. Now, so your mother is the oldest one living?

BEA: Yeah, the oldest one living.

ALVIN: OK. She does have some -- but she was not the oldest one of all.

BEA: No, Laura was the oldest.

ALVIN: OK, now going to your mother's parents, the Walkers, she gave me the names earlier. Did you know any other brothers and sisters of her parents? Now I'll assume that these must have been slaves.

BEA: Yeah, no, I wouldn't know.

ALVIN: You only know that. Would she know, do you think?

BEA: I remember grandfather (inaudible).

ALVIN: Now give me his name again.

BEA: Henry.

ALVIN: Henry Walker, OK. And his wife's name was, she said -- Annie, she said?

BEA: Annie, I remember her. His wife was Annie.

HELEN: She was an Indian.

ALVIN: She was an Indian?

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, now you remember her. What year did she die?

BEA: I don't remember grandma. She was dead -- she died (inaudible). But I remember my

grandfather who's dead.

ALVIN: OK, so he lived to be very old then. Very old. Now did you --

HELEN: Momma's going to be 97 come September, so you can imagine --

ALVIN: [00:40:00] Talking about grandparents, yeah, we're talking about a long period of time.

HELEN: Her parents, sisters and brothers --

ALVIN: Yeah, this is -- this is valuable information here. (inaudible). Now we were trying to say we didn't know who Ben McCullough's mother and father was, did we? Ben McCullough and George McCullough, did we know their mother?

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

HELEN: She said his mother's name was Mary.

BEA: Mother was named Mary.

ALVIN: Mary McCullough, but she couldn't remember his father's name.

BEA: I don't know what the father's name, I forgot her grandpa's name.

ALVIN: But he probably was a slave, I'm sure. I'll to --

LETICIA: Calvin.

BEA: Calvin is right.

ALVIN: Calvin McCullough.

BEA: Yeah. Grandpa's name was Calvin.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: Calvin McCullough married Mary McCullough, but we didn't know Mary's maiden name because she had died just as she got married. OK, well this is wonderful. I don't want to make her so tired with all of the information. My eagerness is to learn some of these things. Now again we learned that you were members of -- you went to Jerusalem school.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

BEA: Columbus, Ohio.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: They weren't? Aha.

BEA: Yeah, when we first got it, we learned the ABCs, they bought me a little board, what they call that? A crayon, and you write on that, and it had little beads for to count. You had to do all that when we went to school.

ALVIN: Now those beads, that's interesting, because they're teaching children to use -- that's how the Chinese count.

HELEN: You could ask mother a bit about (overlapping dialogue; inaudible).

BEA: -- you write your name, she learned you your ABCs. She would quit doing -- she'd tell you your ABCs, but that taught for you even before you went to school. When you went to school, you was in first grade.

ALVIN: I know something I meant to mention to you. When I was looking in the 1910 census, I went down to the archives in Washington, I found your mother's name, and they listed her as being a mulatto.

BEA: Right. That's what she is.

HELEN: (inaudible)?

BEA: M-U-L -- L-A-T-T-O.

ALVIN: She was listed as a mulatto in the 1910 census records, your mother, yes.

BEA: They have that on my birth certificate. They didn't have birth certificates when I was born, but if you saw the census of 1810, that's (inaudible).

ALVIN: Well, in fact, your name was the only name I saw on the census, it was your mother --

BEA: George McCullough.

ALVIN: George McCullough, her, and they had one child, and I saw your name then. That's how you got your birth certificate.

BEA: That's right.

ALVIN: That is correct, I saw that. Now, by definition, "mulatto" means that one of your parents was white or something or other. Did you --

BEA: Her father.

HELEN: My mother's father was real light because a black woman, his mother was a black woman (inaudible) father was white.

ALVIN: OK, now --

BEA: One of those Lees at Leefield.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

HELEN: -- she always said he was very light.

ALVIN: OK, her father was very light. OK now, was she talking about the white man, or was she talking about --

HELEN: His mother was black.

(break in audio)

BEA: They taking the boys away because (inaudible). That's why Reagan don't do anything about Africa today because it reminds him so much of what America is all about.

ALVIN: (laughter) It's a lot about that. So you were saying that it was one of the descendants in Leefield, you think? Because in my family, on the Donaldson side, part of the family is very mulatto, and the other's not, and Grannie Clorey, who was a slave, she had children by the slave master, some of them. And even though they had all of them -- so that was a part of all of our history, that is the way a lot of things have happened.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

BEA: Are you going to write a book?

ALVIN: Oh, yes ma'am, I'm writing this. I've been following this for a number of years. Well, the reason I want to do this, because I don't want to leave it to the white men to write about us, because he never writes it accurately. He never writes it accurately. And the only way you would get the accurate information is to do it yourself. And so what I want to do is I'm going to write this, and publish, and then put it in the library in Bulloch County, and this is a bright man's understanding through talking to bright people who lived there and who know it, and these are those experiences -- and this is why I'm recording it, because I have the actual documents, I don't have to go back to my memory and say, "Now, what did she say?" or "What his sister's name?" or "I forgot." You'll mess up if you try to remember too much. And I used to write it, but then it -- it takes so much time writing it, and it --

BEA: You get writer's cramp.

ALVIN: And you get distracted [00:45:00] from a lot of the points you're trying to make, and you have even flow when you talk, so. Now let me get one other point from you. You were saying that Uncle Jack, you went with him --

LETICIA: That's right.

ALVIN: -- and not Uncle Buford. You never dated Uncle Buford.

LETICIA: No. It was Billy Young and I --

ALVIN: Well, Uncle Dickie is -- no, Uncle Dickie is 77 this year.

LETICIA: Is he?

ALVIN: Yeah.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

HELEN: -- is that your father?

ALVIN: No, Uncle Dickie is my uncle.

HELEN: Your name is Dickie.

ALVIN: No, my name is Al. Alvin. Uncle Dickie is my great uncle.

HELEN: What's your nickname?

ALVIN: Al. I don't have a nickname.

HELEN: You don't have a nickname?

ALVIN: No.

HELEN: What was your father's name?

ALVIN: My father, you wouldn't know him, he was a Jackson. Ezekiel Jackson. You didn't know him, he was -- they were from Jenkins County, and I'm related to the Bennetts around Porter. I don't know if you know them.

HELEN: Bennetts?

ALVIN: Bennetts. Dolly Bennett, Annie Bennett, and all of those. Now they -- Annie Bennett is -- did you know Annie Bennett?

HELEN: But how are you related to her?

ALVIN: First cousins. My mother and his mother are sisters.

HELEN: Well this is what I'm trying to find out. Now what was your mother's name?

ALVIN: My mother's name was Wilouise, they call her Gran. She got burned up in 1951.

HELEN: She was the one was burned out.

ALVIN: That's right. That was my mother. You ever hear about that?

HELEN: Yeah, Rosebud told me all about it.

ALVIN: Yes, that was my mother.

HELEN: (inaudible)

BEA: Did you have brothers and sisters?

ALVIN: Yes, Uncle Bobby.

HELEN: What's his name?

ALVIN: Larry Lee. They call him Bobby.

BEA: You have brothers and sisters?

ALVIN: Yes ma'am, I have one brother and one sister by my mother, but on my father, there's 12 of them. My father -- after my mother died at '51, my father has had two other ladies, and from all three of the women, he has 12 children, and three are by my mother. And I have -- well, no, my brother was killed last year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Yes, in fact, he was the one who used to stay here with Aunt Rose. He was my brother, and he came up, and he moved to Harrisburg and got married, and had a baby, 10 months old when he was on a motorcycle and had an accident, threw him on the street and he was hurt so bad -- he lived about a week, and I was able to talk to him, and we thought he was going to live, but one day he was just (exhale) just like that. He was talking --

BEA: And how old are you?

ALVIN: I'm 35, and my brother he was three years older than me, so he'll be 38 this year. I'm the youngest of my mother's children, and my sister is older, so it's just -- of my mother, just the two of us living. And my sister's in Columbus, Ohio with me. In fact, she lives with me. I have a wife, and I have four children --

BEA: You do?

ALVIN: And my sister has one child, but she's not married, so I was helping her out and looking after her. So, yup, I love my sister.

BEA: That's family.

ALVIN: Oh yes, it's family, and you know, I look after her, and I told her, you know, whenever she -- you know, at some point, she'll, you know, be able to move out on her own, but in fact, she was out on her own, but she had some problems, so I said, "Hey, you can always come back and live with us, you know, until you get on your feet again."

BEA: Good, that's good.

LETICIA: And you have a family?

LETICIA: Yes ma'am, I have four children.

BEA: Four children.

A: God bless you.

ALVIN: Four children. In fact, I wish I had --

BEA: And you -- you study medicine?

ALVIN: I'm studying medicine at Ohio State.

HELEN: You're living in --

ALVIN: Columbus.

HELEN: In Columbus?

ALVIN: Yes, but we're going to move back to Georgia. I'm going to Georgia Southern to practice. Probably Savannah, Georgia.

HELEN: Oh, really? (overlapping dialogue; inaudible) Columbus.

ALVIN: Ohio?

HELEN: Yeah. (inaudible) Harry Reed.

ALVIN: Harry Reed, is he listed in the phone book?

F: CPA, right?

HELEN: No, he's not.

F: He's not a CPA?

HELEN: Not a CPA.

ALVIN: Harry Reed.

HELEN: No, Harry has his own consulting business.

F: Oh, he's a consultant.

ALVIN: I'll look him up.

HELEN: He's not a CPA.

ALVIN: I'll look him up.

HELEN: He finished at Central.

ALVIN: Central State University?

HELEN: Yes, he finished Central, and he went (inaudible) in Columbus --

ALVIN: At Ohio State, probably, or there's several colleges there.

HELEN: One of the colleges there, but he didn't finish it.

ALVIN: OK, now, who -- how is he -- which --

HELEN: Lola May's son.

ALVIN: He's Lola May's --

F: First cousin.

ALVIN: He's your first cousin. OK, when I go back to Columbus, I'll look him -- you don't know what the street he lives on, do you?

HELEN: Yeah, I have his address.

ALVIN: If you give me his address -- if you give me his address and phone number, I'll say this is a small world. Your roots hook into my roots. (laughter)

HELEN: He's crazy about his grandmamma.

ALVIN: I'll have him come by my house and visit me. You know, we bought a home in Columbus, but you know, that's not going to tie us down none.

BEA: He's fine too.

ALVIN: Oh is he?

BEA: Uh-huh.

ALVIN: Great.

BEA: He has one son.

ALVIN: Great, great. Well, he certainly may want to come over to visit us, me and my wife. How nice. This is good, I get a chance to meet someone else. George -- and this may give you some -- I can't get him over to Columbus. This might give him some incentive to come over, he's got another first cousin over there.

BEA: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh, great. So, as I was saying, you went with Uncle Jack now. Sort of.

BEA: They were little kids.

ALVIN: Kids. OK, OK. Well, I don't know Uncle Buford, he's --

LETICIA: Your -- your grandfather [00:50:00] (inaudible).

ALVIN: (laughter) Aunt Calati said that?

BEA: We were kids.

ALVIN: Oh, I see now, she doesn't want to talk about it too much.

HELEN: I have his address. (inaudible)

ALVIN: I'm going to write it again on the tape.

HELEN: At 978 East Street, 22nd Avenue.

ALVIN: I know exactly where he lives. Nine seventy-eight East 22nd Avenue.

HELEN: And his phone number is 294-7123.

ALVIN: 294-7123.

HELEN: Correct.

ALVIN: And his name is --

HELEN: Harry Reed.

ALVIN: Harry Reed. OK, I've gotten that on my tape, and I'll just take that off and put it in my book, and when I get back to Columbus, I will tell him I saw his aunts and his grandmother, and that he must come and visit sometime.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh, how nice. How nice. I said, "Hey, this is a small world, we got the same first cousin." (laughter)

HELEN: That's right.

ALVIN: I appreciate this. Now, who was Aunt Calati married to?

HELEN: Bubb Lee.

ALVIN: Bubb Lee. OK.

BEA: With Bubb?

ALVIN: Aunt Calati --

BEA: Bubb, Jonas's brother.

LETICIA: (inaudible) Bubb Lee.

HELEN: Bubb was Jonas's brother. He had one son, Vant, (inaudible) Vant.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. Aunt Calati, I've heard my grandfather talk about her a whole lot. Do you know what Aunt Calati's name was before she married Bubb Lee? Aunt Calati?

BEA: What was her name?

ALVIN: Yeah. I don't know what her maiden name, because see, when I learn the maiden names, and I can start tracing that line, because, you know, they didn't include it.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh, this is -- well, what I'm doing is I'm getting a computer. The work has become so extensive, once you get a computer, it will help, because I start plugging numbers to names, and all you do is mash buttons and it'll pull these names out, just like that. So that is my object now is to get a computer. I will put this all together. This is a very challenging type of thing, because I've been working on this thing for 10 years at least. I've got a lot of information. I've got stacks of pictures. I've gone by and got -- I've found pictures all over, a lot of slave ancestors that people are surprised that existed. This is why I asked you if you knew of any pictures of George McCullough, because what I do, I brought my camera, and I just take a picture of it, and I just take that picture and go and have it redone.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Oh yes, oh, I wasn't going to take no pictures away. (laughter) You know, I won't take them away. What I do is I take pictures of the pictures.

HELEN: You know I ain't got no light in my house.

LETICIA: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Well, we going to make sure you get over there, we'll walk you over there. Don't worry, because you are so valuable, sitting here giving us all this information, you know. Now, this is a picture of --

HELEN: George McCullough.

ALVIN: Well, I be darned. And this is George McCullough. He's a fine looking person, wasn't he?

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

ALVIN: He looks like her. He looks like these two.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

BEA: I told my -- told people, people say I look my mother, I say I look more like my father.

(overlapping dialogue; inaudible)

BEA: -- I don't know where he got it from.

ALVIN: Well let me take -- well, because the reason I was asking, because I was interviewing him, and he was saying -- I was talking about Ms. Leticia, he say -- he starts smiling, he said, "Did you know one day Beauina --" I say, "I heard about it." He just start grinning. He said, "Oh, you should go with her." (laughter)

HELEN: He trying to pull a slick one. (inaudible)

ALVIN: That's what Uncle Buford said, so I don't know. I didn't know if it was Uncle Jack.

BEA: Jack is dad.

ALVIN: Yeah, Uncle Jack died not too long ago, probably about two or three years ago.

BEA: Mm-hmm. But he was married to Maynee's sister. Dooley's wife's sister. He married her.

ALVIN: Oh, the first time?

BEA: That first time.

ALVIN: I didn't know that. Aunt Maynee's sister.

BEA: And Maynee got a sister named Ida. Ida was married to Henry, and then came the next sister, I don't know what her name was, but she was a younger woman.

ALVIN: Married to Henry who?

BEA: I don't know what Henry's last name was. Ida was married to Henry, but Maynee was married to Dooley, Ida was married to Henry, and then this girl married Jack. See, I went home, and when I went home, they were married, so (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK. Well, do you know what Aunt Maynee's maiden name was before she -- you don't know?

BEA: Oh, I don't. That's why I said I can't think of the sister's name.

ALVIN: Aunt Maynee died probably about five or six years ago.

BEA: Yeah, they tell me she's dead.

ALVIN: Yeah. [00:55:00] In fact, I saw her at a family reunion, and then next thing I know, she was --

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: It was kind of shocking, then the -- she and her brother -- her brother died first.

BEA: Yeah. When I was 11 years old, when I would go home in the summer, and (inaudible) I was at home with Cleo (inaudible) Cleo and Vestibule Stewart.

ALVIN: Ah, Vestibule Stewart.

BEA: (inaudible), Ida Stewart, all that gang. Lan and Queen is dead, and I think all the boys, George, Cleo, I think AJ and (inaudible).

ALVIN: Now those -- those are Mr. Ander Stewart's children. Now, who did Mr. Ander Stewart marry, do you know?

BEA: Her name was Bessie. That's all I know.

ALVIN: You know her maiden name?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: Your mother might know that.

BEA: All I know is Bessie. She was Alameda.

ALVIN: Ask your mother what was her maiden name.

BEA: Momma, you don't know Ms. Bessie's maiden name, do you?

LETICIA: Massie who?

BEA: Married to Mr. Ander. Her sister named -- Minnie married -- her sister, Minnie, had a daughter named Allan. Minnie and Ms. Bessie were sisters.

ALVIN: The reason I was asking because I've always heard my grandmother say "Cousin Ander Stewart," and I was trying to figure out why she said "cousin," because there were a lot of people related back there that I don't know. She always said "Cousin Ander Stewart." She'd always say, "Those are your relatives."

BEA: He had --

ALVIN: Yeah, but I don't know -- I don't know if we were related to her, the wife, that's what I'm saying. We might have been related to her. That's why I was trying to figure out what her maiden name was.

BEA: Ms. Bessie and Minnie. Minnie was married to Mr. -- I can see them, but I can't recall the names.

ALVIN: Now they all lived out around Polk's Academy too? The Stewarts? Ander Stewart and them?

BEA: Yeah, Ander Stewart -- we lived in one house, and right up the road was Ander Stewart and his family. Our family was (inaudible).

ALVIN: Have y'all ever heard a thing like Two Chop Road and all those roads? Do y'all know the name of them old roads (inaudible)? Let's see, I can get the names -- Moe Road?

BEA: Uh-uh.

ALVIN: I don't know if these were names that the whites were using. Lake Church Road?

BEA: No, they've probably been named since I was down there.

ALVIN: Well this was in 1910, though. Through Chop Road, you ever heard of that? Through Chop Road? Two Chop Road? I never heard of those names.

BEA: Go past Ms. Bessie's and you go up a lane, and turn over the river, Polk's Academy. Polk's. But our house, our house would go right through the road to Polk's Academy. And anyway, Ms. Bessie lived on the old Morgan estate.

ALVIN: Oh, that's what I meant to ask you. Is that Morgan Aikens?

BEA: Yeah. Wasn't the name Morgan Aikens, Momma? Yeah, and we lived on MacDougall's estate.

ALVIN: OK. Now did you know John Cannon? You ever heard of John Cannon? What about Dr. Templeton?

BEA: Oh, that was our doctor. Old country doctor.

ALVIN: Right, Dr. Templeton. OK.

LETICIA: He was my neighbor.

ALVIN: That's right. OK. And he lived on Morgan Aikens' place.

BEA: No, they lived on Morgan --

ALVIN: They lived on Morgan Aikens' place.

BEA: We lived on -- but they were joining --

ALVIN: MacDougall's place.

BEA: Yeah, MacDougall.

ALVIN: OK. That's interesting. Well, I certainly appreciate the information.

BEA: We had a big place, because we went -- Ms. Bessie's house was right at the big road where the mailboxes was. We come from Ms. Bessie's house to our house, and (inaudible) Ms. -- Ms. -- Henrietta Young.

ALVIN: Ms. Henrietta Young?

BEA: Yeah, and Mr. Young.

ALVIN: Was that Mr. Oscar --

BEA: -- out of that lane, into the big road, and up set on the hill was this house, was the Thomases, and go down the hill --

ALVIN: The Thomases white people or black people?

BEA: All black people, it's all on the plantation. All of us on the plantation, worked for the MacDougall estate. And go down there, and there was a Hat King and Uncle King, and the little house was Aunt Eliza and Uncle Ed.

ALVIN: And Eliza, that was your --

BEA: Uh-uh. No relation. All of these lived on the plantation.

ALVIN: OK, now what was Eliza's last name?

BEA: I don't know.

ALVIN: Aunt Eliza -- were they real old people?

BEA: Yeah, they were real old. They couldn't hardly get around. They've been dead. Then you go on down to the next road, and turn -- there was a big house, I don't know who lived in

that house, but there was a well there, and you turn this way and go to Brown Chapel Church.

ALVIN: Brown Chapel Church, OK.

BEA: We'd come from the church up to that well to get water. And back over there, they had a boy down there.

ALVIN: OK. Now where did the Lees live in relationship to you right then? They were -- how far down the road would you say they were living from you?

BEA: Let me see, going back to Ms. Bessie's house [01:00:00], and you're going down the lane, you go that way to the Polk's house.

ALVIN: Anne Polk?

BEA: Yeah. Professor Polk and Molly and all of them. From that, you going over in that way somewhere, some of the Lees lived over there, and then you could go, when you're leaving Ms. Bessie's house, you go this way, you go by the Morgan acres, this big farmhouse, and go on through that way, and when you when you wind through that way, you come into the Lees, all the Lees all through there.

ALVIN: And all of them lived in there together. Now, did they -- were they owning their own land, or they were living on loans?

BEA: Some of them.

ALVIN: Some of them had their own?

BEA: Some of them living on -- (inaudible) Uncle Sam Lee and Aunt Lola Lee, they lived on Red Aikens place. Allan Anderson and Ms. Bertha Anderson, they lived on Red Aikens place. And Roxie Hall and Hodricks Hall, they lived on Red Aikens place. So you keep on up the road a while, your grandmother and all of them.

ALVIN: Now my grandmother and them, were they living on Red Aikens place too?

BEA: No, no, no. (inaudible) Red Aikens, I don't know. They were on their own land.

ALVIN: OK, now, when you talk about my grandmother, you're talking about Bonnie and Sol, are you talking --

BEA: Bonnie and Sol.

ALVIN: OK, they were living up there way back then too.

BEA: They were back -- way back up there. On St. Mary's.

ALVIN: OK, and Jonas Lee and his wife were living up that way too.

BEA: Somewhere, yeah, up that way.

ALVIN: OK. My goodness. When is the last time you been back down there?

BEA: I haven't been there since 1962 was my last I went to Savannah, to a funeral.

ALVIN: Who was it?

BEA: My cousin.

ALVIN: One of your cousins?

BEA: Roxie Melvin's son.

ALVIN: Sixty-two.

BEA: Nineteen sixty-two, (inaudible). I was supposed to go down last week, but I didn't go. I went to Atlantic City and stayed 10 days.

ALVIN: Did you? Had a good time?

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: Oh, they hitting them slots?

BEA: No, I didn't bother the slots. I have friends -- I used to live in Atlantic City, and I have friends there, so I stayed at her house. Ate and slept and sit in the yard all the time, or on

the boardwalk in the sun. But I didn't bother the slots. Last time I was in the slots, I lost too much money, and I didn't have it to lose, but I lost it, and I didn't get any of it back.

ALVIN: It will eat your money.

BEA: And you know what I said? I said this time, when I went down there, I wouldn't even look at it. When I stepped off the bus, I stepped in a cab and went to her house. And then I stayed there.

ALVIN: At least you learned a lesson.

BEA: Yes.

ALVIN: Learned a lesson. That's good.

BEA: Because all my money, I sit there and lost \$40 and didn't get a dime of it back, I said, "Well, this'll do it for me." (laughter) And I needed that \$40.

ALVIN: I know what you mean. I know what you mean.

BEA: Oh, gee.

ALVIN: There was a lady in Port o' Aaron named Annie Bennett. She's 97 years old, same age your mother's -- you know -- she knows -- she's going to sleep, I don't need to bother her. I don't -- you don't know --

BEA: I never heard her talk about here. Mm-hmm, I wouldn't know.

ALVIN: But she knew Aunt Calati though. (inaudible) that story.

BEA: I remember Aunt Calati, and Aunt Marty Polk, and Cleo, and Tucson.

ALVIN: You remember all of them?

BEA: Oh Lord, yes.

ALVIN: Well, you know, by you being the oldest, you really picked up most of the information from your mother.

BEA: Oh, yeah. Sometimes when I come over here, she and I sit and talk about it. She loves to talk about it, but she's not feeling well, just in the last month or so, she's been going down.

ALVIN: Have you ever heard of Moses Lee? The Mose Lee? Americus Lee? Americus Hodge Lee? You ever heard of them?

BEA: The name sounds familiar, but I can't get --

ALVIN: I know you heard of --

BEA: Isaiah and --

ALVIN: Ariel and all of those --

BEA: Ariel and all of those I know.

ALVIN: Alec Lee, Jessie Lee, Ebenezer Lee, Eb Lee and all those?

BEA: Yeah, Eb Lee. Who was Ed married to?

ALVIN: One Eb married --

HELEN: Eb Lee was Uncle Sam's brother.

BEA: That's right.

ALVIN: Eb Lee was Sam's brother?

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: Oh, I'm glad you told me that, because Ebenezer Lee and Sam were brothers.

HELEN: Ebenezer Lee --

ALVIN: You said "Eb," but the real name is Ebenezer. They call him "Eb."

HELEN: Eb and Sam were brothers.

ALVIN: OK, because Eb Lee and Jonas Lee were first cousins.

HELEN: Eb Lee got a son called Jack, and he married our cousin. Her name is Sarah Jones.

ALVIN: Sarah Jones Wait a minute, Eb Lee married Sarah Jones?

HELEN: No, Eb Lee's son.

ALVIN: Oh, oh, that's right. Jack. OK.

HELEN: That's a relative on my mother's side.

ALVIN: Who?

HELEN: The Jones.

ALVIN: The Jones? Y'all related to the Jones?

HELEN: Yes, we were related.

ALVIN: How are y'all related to the Jones? George Jones and all those? How are you related to George Jones, do you know?

HELEN: I don't remember. Mom and him were cousins, George L Jones. He had one arm.

ALVIN: OK, right.

HELEN: He had a son named Junior, I think.

ALVIN: That's right. George Jones married Sarah Parish. She was a Parish.

HELEN: Eb Lee's [01:05:00] son married George L Jones's sister Sarah. (laughter)

ALVIN: OK. I didn't know that. So Eb Lee, right, that's --

HELEN: Eb Lee's son, Jack.

ALVIN: OK. So Eb Lee and Sam were brothers. Did you know any other brothers that Eb and Sam had? Any sisters?

HELEN: I can't recall by name. (inaudible) I don't remember their names, but I remember (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK. Now, Steve Lee, we know of him. That's Uncle Isaiah's father. Isaiah and Ariel and Seeley Lee?

HELEN: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK, that's their father, Steve Lee.

HELEN: Their father.

ALVIN: Yeah, Steve Lee.

HELEN: But now Ariel's daughter and I went to school together.

ALVIN: Oh, did you?

HELEN: Do you know Ariel?

ALVIN: I know the name, I don't know her face. I just know the names I'm looking at.

HELEN: Ariel is in Youngstown.

ALVIN: Oh, is she? Lives in Youngstown?

BEA: Where that? Alberta say she was after --

HELEN: Alberta Moffitt was there?

BEA: Yeah, family reunion.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Well now, tell me who the people we got here again now, that went to the family reunion, and how they're related?

BEA: Alberta Moffitt, and Rosa May Moffitt, and Osin Moffett, and I can't think of her brother's name is.

ALVIN: What -- you know their address and phone number? Her phone number?

BEA: Address?

HELEN: Address is 645 North 53rd Street.

ALVIN: Six forty-five North 53rd Street.

HELEN: And her phone number is 477-0721.

ALVIN: Four seven seven, oh seven two one.

HELEN: That's Alberta --

ALVIN: Alberta.

HELEN: Bookerson.

ALVIN: Bookerson.

HELEN: She's a Moffitt.

ALVIN: She is a Moffitt, and she's a Bookerson. OK, I appreciate that, because --

BEA: And that's her cousin in Savannah.

HELEN: How long are you going to be here?

ALVIN: I'm leaving out tonight. See, I was -- I really came down to Baltimore because my wife's father's having surgery tomorrow. So we came to see about him, and so I snuck away real fast.

HELEN: Your wife's in Baltimore?

ALVIN: She's down there now. And my children are there too. So --

HELEN: (inaudible) operation?

ALVIN: It's just some minor surgery, male surgery. He has incompetence. It's difficult avoiding. OK, but those kind of things, especially males his age, can't technically do more.

HELEN: I hope he recovers.

ALVIN: I hope so. OK. So I wanted to interview you all and talk to, so I said, "This is my closest chance," because I'd been talking to George. I called him on the phone, and tell him I wanted to, you know, come over and interview his grandmother for me, and interview y'all, and so I was supposed to send him a tape recording, never got around to it. I said, "Well, I'm in Baltimore, this is as close as I'm going to be to Philly probably in a long time. I won't have very long, but I am driving up there." So I told my wife I am going. So I came especially here for this interview. (laughter)

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Right.

HELEN: And now (inaudible)?

ALVIN: Out tonight, soon as we get back home, because I know George is going to have to go work in the morning.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Yeah, I know, and I appreciate his patience with me. He knows how I am. Once I start talking on this, I take more time than I mean to sometimes. But OK, hopefully the Lord's willing, we may get together again, you know, to get some additional information.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Certainly I would do that. I really appreciate so much you taking time to do this, and thank you so much Ms. Leticia. I appreciate you sharing this with me. Yeah, we're going to walk her home.

(break in audio)

ALVIN: OK, let me get your address and all also, I just want to record it.

BEA: Sixty fifty-one A Catherine Street.

ALVIN: Sixty fifty-one A Catherine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BEA: Right, 19143.

ALVIN: One nine one four three. And your address?

HELEN: Sixty thirty-six.

ALVIN: Sixty thirty-six, this is Mrs. Helen B. --

HELEN: Helen McCullough.

ALVIN: Helen McCullough, 6031B.

HELEN: Sixty thirty-six.

ALVIN: Sixty thirty-six, correction, B.

HELEN: On Catherine Street.

ALVIN: Catherine Street. Philadelphia. Zip code 19--

HELEN: One four three.

ALVIN: One four three.

BEA: (inaudible)

ALVIN: OK, well, that's good that the family can live so close together.

BEA: You see Statesboro?

ALVIN: I see Statesboro.

BEA: We were closer to Statesboro. We were nine miles from Statesboro.

ALVIN: OK, you were nine miles from Statesboro. How far did you --

BEA: North.

ALVIN: Nine miles north.

BEA: You see Clito down there, C-L-I-T-O?

ALVIN: I see Clito.

BEA: All right, that's where we were.

ALVIN: OK. So, you lived near the Eldridge, you remember him? Ellen -- Edridge?

BEA: Ethridge, Luth Ethridge.

ALVIN: You remember him?

BEA: Yes, when my father died, mother (inaudible) -- mother was there on his last.

ALVIN: What about J.A. Lindsey, did you know him?

BEA: No, I didn't know him.

ALVIN: Did you know the J.K. Brannons?

BEA: Brannons. I've heard of the Brannons.

ALVIN: GE Hodges?

BEA: There was Wade Hodges.

ALVIN: OK, you know him?

BEA: Esther, Lola, or the Sam Lee, and Lola, and Bertha, and Auntie Ed.

ALVIN: OK.

BEA: Hodricks Hall lived there.

ALVIN: OK. Now there's a D.L. Lanier.

BEA: Lanier? Didn't know them.

ALVIN: Adam Deale

BEA: Yes, Adam Deale here, Momma talk about them all the time.

ALVIN: And Malcolm Deale. OK.

BEA: Yeah, two brothers. [01:10:00]

ALVIN: OK. JB Cannon?

BEA: Don't remember that.

ALVIN: OK, Boyd Neal Pond. Did y'all live near there?

BEA: Neal Pond? That's where we used to go get the meal ground.

ALVIN: Oh, is that right?

BEA: Yeah, get your grinding meal and corn for the meal and grits.

ALVIN: Did you know James -- OK, the Boyd place -- OK, Fletcher, did you know any
Fletchers?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: Russians?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: OK. What about Franklin?

BEA: No, I don't remember any of those.

ALVIN: You don't know them? OK, now Dr. Temple was your doctor?

BEA: Yeah, Dr. Templeton was our country doctor. And many times he called.

ALVIN: OK, now how far did y'all live from his house, did you remember? Was that pretty
close, or was it...?

BEA: Not too far. He's close to Statesboro, isn't he?

ALVIN: Temple--

BEA: Out that way?

ALVIN: Yeah. He's out that way.

BEA: All you had to do was call. We would go to the store, there was a store in Clito, and you
go there and make a call.

ALVIN: OK. All right, now there is Cooke, GW Cooke.

BEA: No, I don't remember that.

ALVIN: And there is WA Campbell.

BEA: Don't remember that. Momma probably would remember all of that.

ALVIN: OK, Coleman, there's Union Methodist Church, there's James Donaldson, NB Aikens.

BEA: Aikens -- Aikens, see, that's where Bessie and Stewart and them live. Ander Stewart and
them lived on Aikens place. Morgan Aikens.

ALVIN: OK, Morgan Aikens. Then there's St. Mary's church here.

BEA: Yeah, that's where -- that, as you can see, that was up the road.

ALVIN: That was up the road from y'all.

BEA: Mm-hmm.

ALVIN: There's the Mallots.

BEA: No.

ALVIN: OK. OK, there's the Aikens again. There were several Aikens.

HELEN: (inaudible)

ALVIN: Hendricks.

BEA: I've heard of them.

ALVIN: OK, when -- there's an Aikens pond here, too.

BEA: Oh, that was up the road from us.

ALVIN: There's Middle Creek Church, were you very far from that?

BEA: I don't remember that.

ALVIN: OK. And Baines Creek, you weren't near there. That's another -- well you ever heard
of a place called Eureka?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: OK. But your closest place was at Clito.

BEA: Yeah, Clito --

ALVIN: Seems like there's a decker at Clito here. There's a train stop in Clito.

BEA: That's right, they would get off the train for Clito, I would go up to Savannah, change in
Savannah, go to Statesboro, and then the local out to Clito.

ALVIN: OK, that's right, I see a track coming from Statesboro going to Clito.

BEA: When we lived in Pronton, that -- seemed like when my father died, that's where Momma lived. We had to move from MacDougall's place. And see, I was born on MacDougall's place, and Papa lived there -- Momma and Papa lived there 15 years, and some of the children was born in Clito, and I would get off the train, right in front of our door. When I went -- see, I went to school here, but I would go there in the summer. And buy school clothes in June there so I could -- I was there on the train, then I was back here in September, and I take the train right near Clito.

ALVIN: OK, great. Now it seems like y'all weren't too very far from the Ogeechee River either.

BEA: No.

ALVIN: I see that --

BEA: Papa's sister, Kareen, I don't know what that Kareen's name was, but she was married to Uncle Frank, and you had to go across that Ogeechee river to get to Aunt Kareen's house.

ALVIN: OK. Now this -- who was Aunt Kareen?

BEA: Papa's father lived over in Screven County.

ALVIN: OK, your Papa's father lived in Screven County.

BEA: Yeah, like a -- Momma tell you named Mary and Calvin. They lived in Screven County.

ALVIN: OK, so you had to cross that river to go over there.

BEA: That's what we did.

ALVIN: I didn't realize that river was so close.

BEA: That's right. I remember my father was -- and that river -- you know what, we didn't have a buggy. And my father -- that mule would swim that river.

ALVIN: Did he?

BEA: Across there, yeah. That's the way we got across to go to (inaudible). And Momma told Pop she would never go again.

ALVIN: (laughter) This is it. Yes, indeed. Now, to me, in your face, you look like your dad, but your build looks like your mother.

BEA: Yeah. Everybody calls me -- people here call me my mother, but I told them I look like my father.

ALVIN: Yeah, after I saw that picture, your face definitely looks like your father's --

BEA: Got my father's features.

ALVIN: OK. Well, real good, then. I wanted to ask about those things. Now, you said the Cannons and all that, we knew about that. Now, you ever heard of Neville's Creek?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: OK, I know you heard of Bank's Creek, but you didn't live near there.

BEA: No.

ALVIN: Neal's Creek, you heard of that, maybe?

BEA: Don't remember.

ALVIN: You don't remember the Neal's Creek. OK, now you said Cannon, OK, I'll note that. And right by that Neal's Pond, this is where you used to go to get your flour.

BEA: (inaudible) there was a cotton gin, too, not too far in there somewhere. A cotton gin [01:15:00] in there, we used to get on the -- pick cotton, get on the wagon, and go in and have the cotton baled.

ALVIN: OK, now that gin, it seems like it's over by the Hodges and Brannon's place.

BEA: Yeah, cotton gin. And then the mill, we used to shell the corn, and take that corn, put it in bags, and get in the buggy, and go to the mill, and have it ground for cornmeal and grits.

ALVIN: Now, OK, I found the MacDougall's place again here. OK, now that's not too far from Miller Brown's School.

BEA: Yeah.

ALVIN: OK. MacDougall's, OK. Some Stuckies (inaudible) --

BEA: I heard of the Stuckies. My father talk about the Stuckies.

ALVIN: Mm-hmm. All lived over in that area. Well, now I got it all localized, so when I go back, I can, like, put little dots on where the area is. I appreciate that.

(break in audio)

BEA: When my mother was (inaudible) only wrote to Stilson.

ALVIN: OK, now here is Brooklet. Here is Arcola. And here's Stilson.

BEA: All right, well that's --

ALVIN: Now this is where your -- your grandfather's people --

BEA: Grandfather had a 90-acre farm there.

ALVIN: Near Stilson?

BEA: Yes, sir.

ALVIN: Your grandfather?

BEA: Momma's father. A 90-acre --

ALVIN: Wait, let me see if I can find his name, because sometimes --

BEA: His name is Walker, Henry Walker.

ALVIN: Sometimes they include --

BEA: Maybe his name, maybe they used a Lee.

ALVIN: OK, there's a J.M. Lee --

BEA: And Leland, L-E-L-A-N-D?

ALVIN: No, that's Lee. There's Cones, there's Stricklands, and Brannon, there's a Lon Groover down there. Stilson. JS Lee's place.

BEA: He was in (inaudible).

ALVIN: OK, Teller's place. There's Friendship Church down here. Now, was that where the Jerusalem School was, in that area, or was that -- where was the Jerusalem School?

BEA: The Jerusalem School wasn't too far from Stilson.

ALVIN: It wasn't too far from Stilson. Jerusalem School. OK, now there's a colored church, but they don't have the name of it.

BEA: Mount Zion. That's the old church.

ALVIN: Was it close to Hubert, Georgia? You ever heard of Hubert?

BEA: No (inaudible) Jerusalem and near Stilson.

ALVIN: It was closer to Stilson.

BEA: Yeah, because we'd get in the wagon and go to church and Sunday school on Sundays.

ALVIN: OK, now, probably if I looked long enough with all the information, I'll find it.

BEA: Mount Zion has a big cemetery.

ALVIN: Mount Zion?

BEA: Yeah. It still stands because -- who was it, somebody was buried there here not long ago.

ALVIN: OK, now, you've never heard of Friendship Church, have you?

BEA: No.

ALVIN: Just down in that same area. Lord Fellowship Church.

BEA: There's a Miller Grove in there somewhere.

ALVIN: There's a Teller's place down there. Now is the Miller Grove down by Stilson, or is that up by Blitch?

BEA: Must be up -- it's between Stilson and Clito.

ALVIN: OK, now here is Stilson. And there's Clito. OK.

BEA: Somewhere there.

ALVIN: OK. I'll be able to find it though, because when I go back and -- I want to find the name of your father, because if -- let's see, in 1909, he still would have been living around there, wouldn't he? You said your grandfather had a place down there.

BEA: Yeah. Down near Stilson. That was his (inaudible). He had a 90-acre farm.

ALVIN: That was unusual for back then.

BEA: That's right, but that's what he had.

ALVIN: That was very unusual.

BEA: He had a fruit orchard, anything you name, those big California plums, pomegranates, peaches, pears, apples, grapes. I used to lay under the grape arbor until I saw a snake. (laughter)

ALVIN: (laughter) Kept you away from there, huh?

BEA: I was a little girl, about four or five years old. And when I was seven years old, I stayed down there and went to school.

ALVIN: Now you said the Walkers, they were down Stilson too.

BEA: That's right. That was his name, Henry Walker.

ALVIN: Walker. Scott Brown's place. Well, when I get my magnifying glasses and get home, I might get to see it, because there's so many names in here.

BEA: Where's --

ALVIN: Where would Grandma Bonnie be? OK, here they are over there, and this is area they from, right in this section right here. There's Willie Hill school, right there. OK, so, Grandma Bonnie was from this area, Grandpa Sol was from over here, and the McCulloughs lived in here, but they came from down -- they were -- the Walkers were down here, and I think that once the Walkers married McCullough, they moved up to Blitch area.

BEA: That's right.

ALVIN: OK, so we got all of yours localized right here. So what I got to do now, now that I know the general area, I can go back and look for these names, and --

BEA: Come down Stilson, you went through swampland, getting down there. Brooklet and all of that.

ALVIN: And there's Brooklet there, OK.

BEA: Moss trees, all those things are down there.

ALVIN: I will find it if it's on --

BEA: And Grandpa's place was back -- a lot of swamp in back of his place. [01:20:00]

ALVIN: Yeah, that area down there still is kind of wet. This is the area down where the Walkers --

BEA: And to get to school, you had to go through the branch, to get to the school. (laughter)

ALVIN: Now, I got a hunch that -- OK, that's the church. I was looking for the school. The school was right across from the church, but --

HELEN: Oh, Bea Bea, I got to go.

ALVIN: You've got to go.

BEA: All right, baby.

HELEN: I've got an early call.

BEA: I know it.

ALVIN: OK. Thank you so much, Aunt Bea.

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