

# Jean Adshade

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- Q. O.k, we'll start with, what is your full name.
- A. My present name now is Jean Louise Adshade
- Q. And what was your married name?
- A. This is.
- Q. O.k, what was your maiden name?
- A. Maiden name, Lambertson.
- Q. And who were your parents?
- A. Arthur Lambertson and Bessie Lambertson
- Q. And your mother's maiden name was...?
- A. Bragg.
- Q. Who were your grandparents?
- A. John and Evangeline Lambertson.
- Q. When were you born?
- A. September fourteenth, nineteen twenty-three.
- Q. And where were you born?
- A. In Barton at my home, at the home.
- Q. How large was your family?
- A. Three, two brothers and myself.
- Q. And where did you fit in the family?
- A. I'm the youngest.
- Q. What did you think about being the youngest?

A. I just took it for granted. (Laughter) No I enjoyed being the youngest. My brothers were very good to take me anywhere they were going.

Q. What did your father do for a living?

A. He was a farmer and woodsmen.

Q. What do you remember about your mother's workday?

A. It was long.

Q. What types of things would your mother have to do ?

A. Just all the housework. Washing and cooking and she didn't do much outside work. Maybe get the eggs or something like that but just the usual housework.

Q. What was a typical school day like for you?

A. Well I enjoyed school. We used to have to walk, it was just a bit over a mile back and forth. No I enjoyed it so there's nothing that really stands out.

Q. Who was your best friend at school?

A. I think Georgie Adams

Q. What sorts of things would you do with her?

A. Well I used to go up to her house to lunch because she lived nearer and we used to go on picnics and that sort of thing and her mother drove a car so, there was a large difference between her and her sister, when she was going to school in the smaller grades her sister was teaching school, so we used to go and pick her up on Friday nights after school.

Q. What is your best memory of school?

A. Getting ready for Christmas concerts or field days we used to have. That isn't school exactly but... (Laughter)

Q. Do you remember what kinds of things you would do on your field days at school?

A. Well all kinds of races and high jumps and what were the dances? May Pole dances.

Q. What would your least favorite memory of school be?

A. I don't really know. I don't think there was anything really that stood out that was bad.

Q. What would you grow and raise your self?

A. Oh, I always planted a flower garden at home and I used to help dad. He always had a nice vegetable garden and I always helped with the weeding.

Q. How much of what you needed did you make yourself?

A. Myself? Well it was just for fun.

Q. Or your mother or father?

A. Oh yes, we were sort of self sufficient. Dad grew everything, even they killed an animal every fall and raised a pig so yes, we pretty much had everything that we needed.

Q. What sorts of things would you barter for?

A. Well, my mother made butter and sold that to the stores and she sold eggs and we sold milk and cream but that wasn't barter. The people paid for it, it wasn't barter.

Other. What about, did people from Digby neck bring.....?

A. Oh, yes. Dad, he traded vegetables for fish from down the island.

Q. How did electricity change things for you?

A. It made it easier to study and that was the first radio we had when we got electricity of course.

Q. What did the radio look like?

A. I still have it. It's out in the cottage. It was a tall floor model.

Q. When did you get running water?

A. Would you consider the hand pump? Was that....? (Laughter) I guess they had one of those before I was born. A hand pump to pump the water in.

Q. What was bath night like for you and your family?

A. (Laughter) Well, we had a bathtub that they bought but we had to heat the water and pour it in but in a room like where my mother had the washing machine, it wasn't the, it was one of the ones you did with a handle but it was out in that room and there was just a hole in the floor where you could let the water out into, that went into the sink drain but you had to heat the water and pour it in.

Q. Who would be in charge of doing that?

- A. My mother.
- Q. How did you take care of your teeth?
- A. Well, back when I, I think we used to use soda a lot but I think we did have toothpaste.
- Q. How often would you go and see a dentist?
- A. I didn't go until I had a toothache and had to get one out. I likely was ten years old.
- Q. Do you remember what that felt like when you had to get that tooth out?
- A. Yeah, it really hurt pretty bad.
- Q. What kinds of tools did he use?
- A. Well, it was a doctor, Dr. Harris. It wasn't a dentist I went to. I just went into his office on my way home from school because it had been hurting the night before and all that day so he took that one out that was aching and then he also took the one next to it (Laughter) and then he wrapped it up with some of the flesh fastened to it and sent it home for me to show my mother. So it left a bad taste in my mouth about getting teeth out. (Laughter)
- Q. Who delivered the babies in your community?
- A. The doctor.
- Q. What were some home remedies that would have been common when you were growing up?
- A. Like mustard plasters and that sort of thing? Poultices, I can't think. We were quite a healthy lot. We were rarely sick. We caught all of the diseases going around like measles and not mumps, I didn't have those 'till I had children. Measles and chicken pox and those things but as far as being sick very often, we were rarely sick.
- Q. How far away was the doctor?
- A. About a quarter of a mile.
- Q. And when would you call the doctor?
- A. My dad would go and get him if we were in need.
- Q. How big of an emergency would there have to be in order for him to come to you guys?

A. If we had a temperature and it was beyond my mother, you know if she thought it was pretty serious.

Q. When someone died, what would the funeral be like?

A. Usually my grandparents, they were home funerals. Funeral from the home. My grandparents lived over here.

Q. How often would you leave your town?

A. To go, from here to go into town?

Q. Yes?

A. Not often. As I grew older we used to go on the bus fairly often and then when my brother, my brother had a car when he was sixteen so I used to go with him maybe once a week but previous when we were small, it was a rare occasion.

Q. What would the busses be like?

A. Pretty much like they are today. The Acadian, Acadian Lines.

Q. If you had the chance to leave, where would you go?

A. What do you mean?

Q. If you had the opportunity to leave here, where would you go?

A. You mean for a visit or just for the day?

Q. Either or.

A. I normally didn't go unless there was something going on that we were going to.

Other. Digby would be the most usual place you would go?

A. Yes.

Q. What were the roads like back then?

A. Well I think this road was bad until I was about twelve years old when they paved this road. Before that, they were quite narrow and rutted in the spring.

Q. Who would maintain them?

A. The Department of Highways.

Q. What do you remember about your teenage years?

A. I pretty much when I was younger played with my brothers because there was no girls handy. Whatever they were up to, I pretty well tried to do that too and in the winter we went skating and in the summer swimming, church about twice on Sunday, there was a United Church and a Baptist Church here, also a little church of England over here but we usually went to one in the morning and one in the evening, there wasn't much else to do.

Other. Is that because you parents belonged to the different religions?

A. No, no. They were both Baptists but just the young people went whichever church that was on. It was just something to do I guess.

Q. Who were your screen idols?

A. (Laughter) I guess I didn't have any.

Q. What kind of music did you like?

A. I like old time music I guess and we were exposed to a lot of church music and hymns and the songs of the time.

Q. Do you have any favorite hymns?

A. Well, not really.

Q. Would you maybe like to sing one for us ?

A. No, (Laughter) I definitely wouldn't. (Laughter)

Q. What did you expect to do when you grew up?

A. I really didn't have any expectations until, when I was in grade eleven, well it was the summer that, there was a leaflet that came out in the mail that this was the first year that they were opening the Digby Business College and my brother was home on leave from the army and I showed it to him and he said, "Would you like to go?" and I said "yes, but I know we can't afford it" and so he said, "Well you can take the money out of my account", because his, what did they call it. They set aside an amount that came home so that's how I went to business college but I'd really hadn't made any plans because I just but that was my knit so I enjoyed it and worked at it until I was sixty-five.

Q. Tell me about the college you went to?

A. The Digby, the little Digby Business College? Well it was just two rooms and a little office and there was about, oh there must have been thirty of us and they rotated when you were in the typing room, they divided like, half the class would take typing while you were taking some other subjects in the back, back room. Long desks that two people sat at, it was sort of a bench that you sat on and there was just a man and his wife, another teacher that taught.

Q. What different courses were you taking there?

A. Well I took the complete Business Steno and business. I took the bookkeeping course and then shorthand and typing and English and spelling and penmanship. I think that was about it. Assailing and.....

Q. Which one was your favorite?

A. The accounting, the bookkeeping.

Q. Why was that?

A. I don't know, I just enjoyed that.

Other. How long a course was that Mrs. Adshade?

A. A year. Well it was the nine months, it was a school term.

Q. What do you remember about dating?

A. (Laughter) Not a lot. I was pretty well supervised. My mother was pretty fussy (Laughter) so I went, when my brothers went, I went along with them.

Q. How old were you when you got married?

A. Twenty-six.

Q. And how did you meet your husband?

A. Well he'd worked at the same place I did.

Q. How much did you know about the birds and the bees before you got married?

A. Not a lot. It came with experience I guess.

Q. Were you ever taught that in school?

A. No.

Q. Once you were married where did you live?

A. In Bramford, Ontario.

Q. And why was it that you went to Ontario?

A. Well my boyfriend, his family moved up there and so he wanted me to go up with him and there wasn't a lot of work here so after debating for a month, I went and I was there almost two years before we got married.

Q. How much did it cost for your first home?

A. Well we rented until, I, It has never cost me anything. (Laughter) Well we rented when we were in Ontario and then when we moved home I lived in my, my brother had built a new home just up the road here so I moved in there rent free. I just paid for the utilities and then my dad built this house and when he passed away, well he gave it to me several years before but I didn't move down here until after, well he passed away in November and I moved down here the day that my oldest son graduated from Acadia. He was twenty.

Q. When did you move back here from Ontario?

A. What year? Fifty-four, fifty-three.

Q. And why was it that you came back here?

A. Because I was pregnant for my first son and I had been sort of the bread winner and I wasn't going to work and just take it out to a sitter and my brother offered us this home to live in and I thought surely my husband can get work enough up here that we can make a go of it so that's what we did.

Q. What personal memories do you have of childbirth?

A. Well it was sort of a long, it wasn't that bad.

Other. Did you have your babies in the hospital?

A. Yes. In Digby.

Q. What year did you start your first job?

A. Nineteen forty-three I think.

Q. And what was that job?

A. It was, I did a little bit of everything. It was at H.T Warrens in Digby and I looked after the petty cash, and did like some accounting and secretarial.



Q. And what did you think about that job?

A. I was there two and a half years. It was a hard place to work.

Q. Why was it hard?

A. Well I think, I've always thought a lady boss is hard to work for and she just had too much on her plate that she was really after everyone. The minute she put her hand on the door she was, now she didn't do that with me. She was very good to me but she was always balling somebody out so it made a lot of tension so after I had been there two and a half years I came home at Christmas time and my dad said I should, well before Christmas I should give notice that I had been there long enough and I was just home, well before January first I, the manager of the Unemployment Insurance Office came to see me and offered me a job so I was only home less than two weeks so I didn't get much of a rest but I had intended to stay home a little while to rest.

Q. What was the new job like that you got after that?

A. Well that was at the Unemployment Insurance Office. It was all secretarial and writing warrants they called them, the pay checks for the people that were unemployed. You did that all by hand then and you had to check their form that they sent in and see how many day they were working or whatever and then write the checks every two weeks.

Q. What would your pay be for that job?

A. It wasn't very much. We only got paid once a month. It was about a hundred dollars I think.

Q. What do you remember about the depression?

A. I was pretty small then. Living on a farm I don't think you, I can remember hearing my mother say that sometimes she didn't have enough money to buy a postage stamp with but it didn't effect us very much. We always had lots of foods and lots of good warm clothes so I really didn't think too much about it. I mean we were never told, no you can't do this, we just took it for granted what we could do and what we couldn't and your wants weren't great then.

Q. What do you remember about wartime?

A. Just how worried we were 'cause my oldest brother was in the service. He went overseas and about listening to the, the news and that sort of thing and my mother always worked for the Red Cross.

Q. How often would you communicate with him while he was away?

A. Well we, I think we used to write often, perhaps every week or and sometimes you'd get two or three letters together, at one time but we used to keep in touch quite regularly.

Q. What sorts of stories did he tell you about his experience over there?

A. Rarely did he ever mention it. He didn't enjoy the war whatsoever. He told us about the, he was on a tank about the bullet going through the front of his coveralls. When he stood up to look to see what was coming, it went through the, it was a good thing it was loose but and he told us like them riding in to these villages and some of them would take over the places and that's where they would stay and they'd go out from there and come back to eat and that sort of thing but no, he didn't talk a lot about it.

Other. A lot of them didn't. It was just so horrifying.

A. Yes, yeah.

Q. How long was he away for?

A. About four and a half years.

Q. How would you plan for hard times or retirement?

A. Well I put in extra supply, food supply and I've always tried to save to have an income for when I did retire.

Q. How did parents pass on their possessions to the next generation ?

A. What did you, how did you start that?

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A. Well, we .....

Other. Was it normally like to the oldest child or something?

A. No, with us, I was the only one that was near my grandparents and then my aunts. There was two aunts that lived across there so since I was the one that took care of them and sort of looked after the finances and I had to put Aunt Pearl in Tideview for her last four years so It was up to me to take care of the things so I let the cousins that lived handy just choose what they like and I took what I liked and my two sons got a lot of things from my grandparents and then with my mother and father, they gave the middle brother the home and everything that was in it and the other brother they gave land because he had his own home and they gave this home to me so it was just sort of divided up long before they passed away.

Q. How would people help each other out in days gone by that would be different from today?

A. Well when they were, because of what they were doing they would, like gardening or building a barn or a home or what ever, they always helped with work parties and if they were burned out they would collect money or you know, do something of that nature.

Q. What do you remember about the poor farm?

A. I remember going there maybe twice, like with some church people but I don't remember a lot about it. I can remember seeing people outside that, working when you'd go by, drive by but I didn't know anyone personally that was in there so, well my family likely did.

Other. As a child do you remember it being a scary place at all?

A. No, not really. Oh, I have heard that there was a section for the mentally handicap but we were never told stories about things that would scare you so I, we didn't dwell on anything like that.

Q. What do you remember about elections?

A. Well, it was just, my dad never got too excited about election. He went or they both went and voted but that was about it and it was always fun to listen to the results.

Q. What do you remember about the first time you voted?

A. I guess I was working in Digby and I had to come down here. The fourth house is where they had the poles so I got a couple hours off work. That was goo about it and I drove down to vote.

Q. What ghost stories do you remember from your younger years?

A. Ghost. None

Q. What about superstitions?

A. No, we weren't superstitious at all. Not even about walking under a ladder. We went whichever way was the shortest. (Laughter)

Q. What is the worst weather that you can remember?

A. I can remember when we were quite small, maybe seven or eight years old walking to school with the roads not plowed at all and we used to walk along the ditch. It would sort of be hallowed out and it would be way up over your, in some places it would be way up over your head.

Q. What local stories or colorful characters can you remember?

A. I can remember Mr. Smith and Mr. Warner that used to, they used to have a bench right over there by the garage and they used to sit there and whittle and tell stories but being a girl I didn't go and sit with them to listen.

Other. Was there a store or something they'd sit in front of?

A. First there was a store and then they turned it into a garage. No they moved the building that was a store down further. That was called the Public Wharf Road right beyond the barn there so they moved store down there and someone used it for a home and then they built a new garage there.

Q. What do you remember about Maud Lewis?

A. I can remember Maud quite well because Frank Lewis, just up beyond where we used to live would be her nephew, or by marriage, Everett's nephew and I can remember them going up there to Mrs. Lewis's and seeing them going by in the Model whatever, was it a Model T? but, so we didn't think it was any strange thing. She was just a relative but of course after when she started painting and that sort of thing then we were noticing her more and but of course she didn't get famous until after she passed away, which was sad.

Q. What type of person was she?

A. She seemed like a gentle, nice person, you know, what I knew of her.

Q. Can you paint me a picture of your community when you were growing up?

Other. How did the population compare?, how did it look different maybe?

A. Well, no it didn't look a lot different. There are a few new houses, like this is a new house 'cause dad built this on a foundation of the old Lambertson home and this land was a, you know they, it was a grant to the first Lambertsons that moved here and then there was, there's a new house over there on that lot and the the house that was built over there was built by a sister and her husband. That was the first generation of Lambertson's that came here and about seventeen eighty-four, the old deed that we looked up of this property was a maid in seventeen eighty-four.

Other. Wow. Loyalists then definitely?

A. Yes. But, no it isn't a lot different. The Barton, the house up on top of the hill was, you know it was quite a nice looking place then and they ran it for summer guests and people from the states came and spent the summer there. They didn't come for a weekend or a week, they came for the, maybe two months or most of them came for a month and it would be people that had lots of money and they kept the grounds really nice and hedges trimmed, and there was several wharves along that was really kept up well.

Other. Was Barton a fishing community then?

A. Fishing and farming.

Q. What stories do you remember about those tourists that used to come over here?

A. Well, not really, my Uncle Charlie was married to the lady that ran the Barton House. They married, like she was married before and then her husband died and then Uncle Charlie was well up in his fifties when he married and, so we used to go up there often and just, but nothing stands out, you know, we weren't involved with the guests really.

Other. How would they get here from the states?

A. They came on the Yarmouth Boat usually.

Other. Yeah. And then?

A. Come up by train. Well some came by, you'd come to Saint John and across to Digby but they always brought a trunk, you know when they came rather than just a suitcase.

Other. And what kinds of things would they do to amuse themselves for a month or two?

A. Well, they went to the beach. They used to dig clams and have clam bakes and they played tennis and croquet up at the house and just go for walks.

Other. Would they be considered a step above the people who lived in Barton?

A. Ah, they mixed well but, yes perhaps. Normally they had money, you know because coming for that length of time and being able to not have to work, you know so, but no, they were, they mixed well. I can remember of them going to anything that was going on. Like Church suppers and that sort, anything that went on in the Church they always sort of took part.

Other. Would it tend to be entire families that came, young couples?

A. Usually older couples. Maybe from fifty on but some couples came with children.

Q. How would your community police itself?

A. We just didn't seem to need to be policed it seemed then. Everyone knew everyone I think. You just didn't, you trusted everyone.

Q. What would happen if someone did break the law?

A. I don't know. There wasn't any RCMP then and there was just the town police I think. There was a sheriff though.

Q. What different organizations did you belong to?

A. Well I didn't get home from school 'till after I was, there wasn't anything much.

Other. Like the Rebecca's?

A. No, because you had to go either Digby or Weymouth so there wasn't transportation. We just had young peoples in our church and Sunday School and things that went on like that but anything that you had to go out of the community for. There was people that used to, there was one lady that used to have a group of the girls or I guess there was one boy when I went, every Saturday morning she had a little cooking school for us and then we cooked and then we ate what ever and then there was another lady that at least once a month she had a certain age group up at her home and whatever the month was, if it was October, it was sort of Halloween, if it was some other month and she always had a party and especially through the winter months for the children but no, there wasn't a lot of organized things that you went to because of transportation.

Q. How did you enjoy your cooking classes?

A. Oh, I enjoyed that.

Q. What sorts of things would you make?

A. Well we always wrote the recipe down and made a cookbook at the same time but we learned to make lemon pie, and tea biscuits, and potato pancakes and just a smattering of, sheperds pie and just so that you knew how to make a meal. Like different things. We usually cooked two things, a desert and a main course each week.

Q. When would people in your community get together for a good time?

A. They used to have square dancing once a month or fox trot and they'd go from different houses. My, down at my Uncles, Aunt Alice's brother spent one winter there and he played guitar and mouth organ and there was others around that played and so they'd clean all of the furniture out of the kitchen and they'd dance in the kitchen and it was a nice big kitchen and then up at the Bahar's, they used to move the furniture out of the living room and then you always had a nice lunch after, not everyone but maybe three or four people would take things so that the same person didn't have to provide the lunch every time.

Q. How does this place look now in comparison to when you were growing up?

A. There's a few new homes but, and it is, people do keep their lawns, we didn't have a lawn mower for years so the lawns are much nicer and the homes are painted up better but most of the homes are the original ones.

Q. How would you compare family values today with those of days gone by?

A. Well families were much closer knit I feel years ago and you spent more time with each other and you respected peoples wishes where nowadays I think they're not very considerate and each one goes their own way pretty much when they get to that stage in life and don't consider the other person.

Other. How large was your own family?

A. I just have two sons.

Other. And we didn't get your husbands name.

A. Douglas.

Other. Douglas Adshade.

A. He's been dead since seventy-nine.

Other. When you moved back with him from Bramford, what kind of work did he eventually do?

A. Well he just, whatever he could, he did cut pulp wood some with my dad, then he worked in a pulp yard over on the neck a bit and eventually he got a job at the base as a second cook.

Other. You met him at Tupper Warrens did you?

A. Yes, he came there, his dad moved there to work, no he had something to do with the lumbering and the Doug came there because his family moved there and Doug worked in the store.

Other. Like a company store, kind of thing?

A. Warrens had a store in connection with the business.

Other. Do you remember Tupper Warrens himself?

A. Oh, yes.

Other. What do you remember about him?

A. Well, I can remember his appearance with his white beard but he didn't, he used to come up just about every day but his daughter and son ran the business, he didn't do much towards the business at that time.

Other. Why, because he was getting older?

A. Yeah, oh yes he must have been late seventies then.

Other. Now was he Jewish, Mr. Warrens?

A. Gee, I don't know.

Other. The man we interviewed this morning, Mr. Bill Sparks in Weymouth Falls, he remembers as a young boy when they didn't have work in Weymouth, he would come up and Tupper Warrens would always hire them but he says, he said a couple of times, "He was a Jew, he was a Jew", and I, It didn't sound like he meant in the sense that they didn't get a fair wage 'cause it seemed like they got a fair wage and I was just surprised to hear that Mr. Warrens was Jewish.

A. I don't think he was.

Other. You don't think he was?

A. They had it planed so that what money the people earned they took back into the company again. Like, through the store and whatever so he likely was referring to that, I think.

Other. That's an interesting concept, that company store, isn't it? You'd earn so much but then it'd all go back. Did that influence you at all?

A. No, because, well I lived at home for the first year until I paid back the money that I borrowed from my brother and, I drove back and forth. So I was living at home. I didn't need any, you know groceries or that sort of thing.

Other. Who did you drive back and forth with?

A. Ben Mahar, and Bejemin Hayte. Ben Mahar was a carpenter and I used to go with him and hen Ben Hayte worked at, it used to be Eisner's Garage down there on the corner where, I forget now, what is it? It was.....

Other. Digby Marine Supplies?

A. Yes.

Other. And where was Tupper Warrens Business? Was it in that part of town too?

A. No, way down at the end, well you know where, well you go down through, is it King Street? , Queen Street, while it's right to the end of Queen Street down there. The water comes in even. Well there was a mill there and several building there in connection with the mills and then there was a big warehouse and then a big store and a garage. So they did all their own repair work and then the warehouse, well they had feed and supplies there for the store.



Other. I was just thinking when you were telling Jennifer about this cooking course, as the youngest child of three, how much did you know about running a household when you got married? Did your mother teach you that kind of stuff?

A. Oh, yes. I could cook, my mother didn't like, she liked cooking the main meal but she hated cooking deserts and that sort of thing so I could cook pies and cookies and things from the time I was about, ell mother went to the states when I was ten because I had my eleventh birthday while she was away and I cooked for my dad and my two brothers while she was gone and I made pies and cookies and, no she always let me cook and that sort of thing from the time I was, well even before I could read a recipe.

Other. Why did she go to the states?

A. Well, she was born in the states and her brother wa here on a holiday and they wanted her to go back for two weeks so she just went back for a visit.

Q. Where was your school that you went to here in Barton?

A. Up in Brighten. A big, there's a big, is it grey?, it's got a yellow door, past the Brighton sign it would be one, two, three, four houses beyond the Brighton sign on the lower side and he tore, there was two schools, a small one and the big part they called it and then there was another one behind where they use for a woodshed that was the original school and, so this man bought that land and tore those down and built. He's got a lovely home there with a lot of shrubs in front but it has that yellow door.

Other. Can you describe what that school house was like when you were there? Was it one room or two?

A. Well, no there was two separate buildings and one to five was in the smaller building and then from six to including eleven but sometimes they didn't have a teacher that could teach eleven but, well it was just board floors that were sort of worn and knots were sticking out and they had the big pot bellied stove to heat it and like two people sat at each desk.

Other. So they would have had to have at least two teachers in those days?

A. Yeah, yeah and like there was just windows on each side but.....

Other. A lot of people that we've been interviewing told us that, you know they only had to go to school 'till they were fourteen years old and then they would leave. Do you remember that, like did most of the boys finish their schooling in your day do you remember?

A. Well, both of my brothers went, finished grad ten and I think at that time they had a teacher that didn't teach grade eleven but no, some of the boys would stop maybe at grade eight but not a lot. No, usually they tried to struggle through but grade eleven you had to go into Digby to write your

Exams then and I think that was a deterrent but I had to take my grade eleven a second year because the teacher that was teaching me, she was studying while she was teaching, so it was a bit.....

Other. In some of the class pictures you can't even pick out which is the teacher and which is the older students. It's amazing. What were your brother's names?

A. Lawrence and Reg. Reginold.

Other. Are there any Lambertson's left at all in this community?

A. Just my two brothers.

Other. They still live here?

A. Yeah, just up the North Range Road. One on each side of the road.

Other. Oh, isn't that nice. How much contact would you have had with your grandparents who lived in this community?

A. A lot.

Other. Did you? What do you remember about them?

A. Oh, well I can remember my grandfather, I remember them both as far as that goes but we used to go down there often in the evening. My mother would leave us there if she was going to choir practice or something like that and then we'd stay with my grandmother until dad would come and pick us up when he finished whatever he was doing and grampy was a great reader. He had a little room just off the kitchen where he used to lay and read but before he went to bed, always he'd come out and tell us a few stories and he was a really good story teller so, and then my grandmother was great at, she had ten children. Dad was out of a family of ten and well she was very entertaining too and always, you were more than welcome any time so we went there a lot and then when I came home from school I always picked up the mail at the post office and brought it to her and then we had a cow path that, where they drove the cows so that was a shortcut from the back door up through the corner of the field to go home but she always looked forward to someone coming up after school so we could tell her about our day.

Other. And she'd probably have a molasses cookie for you?

A. Oh, yes she always had a treat.

Other. Your father was a woodsman?

A. Yes, and a farmer.

Other. Would he have had a team of oxen?

A. Oh, yes. Always.

Other. What do you remember about them? What their names were? They seem to almost always have the same names.

A. I forget now what.....

Other. Star and Bright?

A. Bright was one of them but the other one I can't remember. Spark, but he always, yes he always had oxen.

Other. Would he train them himself?

A. Yeah. He'd, when they got older or when he'd, he always kept a lot of cattle, quite a few and , so if they had steers that were marked the way they liked them and you know, the good, you know. Well, they made it up well, well they would save those and break them and use those for.....

Other. So the look of the team was very important?

A. Very important.

Other. Why was that?

A. I think they were just proud and they always had lots of decorations on the pads and that sort of thing. Dad, I guess he had a horse a bit of the time but not very often but my Uncle Ralph that lived with the grandparents, he always had a horse and they worked together a lot, the two brothers.

Other. A nicer way of working in the woods, isn't it?

A. Yeah, yeah.

Other. You know what's interesting, I think every person that we asked, "How did your community police itself", I think everybody has said, "Well we didn't have to". It was a different time. You were married in Bramford then?

A. Yeah.

Other. Were you? What do you remember about that?

A. Well, it was a very quite wedding. We just went to the parsonage at the First Baptist Church and just, the people that I used to board with stood up with us and then we went

down to Doug's parents and just had a little reception and then we just went to Toronto for the weekend and then back to work on Monday.

Other. How did your parents feel about that? Their only daughter being married so far away?

A. I don't know. No they didn't....

Other. It was alright by them?

A. Yeah, it was alright. We had been home that summer and, at the end of July and, but Doug wasn't working but when we went back, he got a job so then we decided to get married in October. We had gone together for six years.

Other. You knew what you were getting into?

A. Well, you never do I don't think. (Laughter)

Other. I made a little note. When you mentioned when you got electricity and you got that big floor model radio, what programs can you remember listening to from that time?

A. I don't really remember. Charlie Chamberlin. I can't remember, I can remember listening to news but , gee I can't remember the names of other programs.

Other. They used to have daytime Soap Operas on the radio didn't they?

A. Yeah.

Other. My mother used to listen to those in the fifties. When I was growing up I can remember my mom ironing and listening to them.

A. Yeah, see I was, shortly after we got the radio, well when I was away at Business, well going to school and then Business College and then right from Business College I went to work.

