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## **Interview with Frank David Shoultz**

## By Isabelle Chewning

[Items enclosed in brackets [ ] are editorial notes inserted for clarification]

**Isabelle Chewning:** Today is January the 20th. We're at Asbury [United Methodist] Church [in Brownsburg] in the basement, and I'm here with Mr. Shoultz. I'm going to ask Mr. Shoultz if he would tell us a little bit about his early memories of Brownsburg. Can you tell me your whole name please, Mr. Shoultz?

Frank Shoultz: My name is Frank David Shoultz.

Isabelle Chewning: And were you born in the Brownsburg area?

Frank Shoultz: I was born in the Brownsburg area in 1928.

Isabelle Chewning: What day?

Frank Shoultz: A Friday.

Isabelle Chewning: Which month?

Frank Shoultz: May the 13th, 1928.

Isabelle Chewning: And was your family right here in the village of Brownsburg?

**Frank Shoultz**: Not at all times. We used to live off of Hays Creek Road for years, but I was born in downtown Brownsburg.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Oh, you were? Were you born at home?

Frank Shoultz: I was born at home.

Isabelle Chewning: Which house was it?

**Frank Shoultz**: The house where the Dudley house was [2640 Brownsburg Turnpike]. Mr. [Lucian] Dudley owned the house, the Whitesells' [grandfather] owned the house during that time, and I don't know who owns it now.

Isabelle Chewning: But the house is still there?

Frank Shoultz: Still there, it is, beside the Craneys [2650 Brownsburg Turnpike].

**Isabelle Chewning:** Oh, beside the Craneys.

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, beside the Craneys, the brick one.

Isabelle Chewning: The one that got all fixed up, the log house?

Frank Shoultz: Right, right, at this time. It wasn't like that then, but now it's looking beautiful.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Was there a midwife when you were born?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, a midwife, yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: Who was it, do you know?

Frank Shoultz: Miss Mariah Fisher, yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And she lived over on Sterrett Road?

Frank Shoultz: Sterrett Road, on Sterrett Road, yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** What did your family do, Mr. Shoultz? Did your father work?

**Frank Shoultz**: My father, he was a farmer, he worked for different farmers. My mother worked for Mr. Tom Bosworth for years in Brownsburg.

Isabelle Chewning: Did she help keep house?

**Frank Shoultz**: She kept house for Mr. Tom Bosworth. Mr. Tommy [Bosworth] Jr. I guess just passed a few weeks ago, a week ago, she worked for them for years.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you have brothers and sisters?

**Frank Shoultz**: I had two sisters and one brother. My oldest sister and my oldest brother had passed, my sister, Margaret Lawrence, she still lives in Staunton.

Isabelle Chewning: What was the birth order? Who was the oldest?

Frank Shoultz: My sister, Dorothy Randolph.

Isabelle Chewning: Dorothy Randolph?

Frank Shoultz: Dorothy Randolph.

Isabelle Chewning: Is that Dorothy Bell?

Frank Shoultz: Dorothy Bell, she married a Randolph.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And who was next after Dorothy Bell?

Frank Shoultz: Robert Jr. was next, he was my oldest brother.

Isabelle Chewning: And then you?

Frank Shoultz: Then my sister Margaret.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, so you're the little one?

Frank Shoultz: I'm the youngest of the old.

**Isabelle Chewning:** So then Margaret?

Frank Shoultz: Then Margaret, then me.

Isabelle Chewning: And then you?

Frank Shoultz: We all was born in May.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, everyone was born in the month of May?

Frank Shoultz: The month of May.

Isabelle Chewning: What were your parents' names?

Frank Shoultz: My father's name was Robert Shoultz Sr. and my brother's name was Robert Jr.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And how about your mother's name?

Frank Shoultz: Her name was Roberta Shoultz Brown, Brown Shoultz.

**Isabelle Chewning:** So she was a Brown before?

**Frank Shoultz**: Before she married a Shoultz, mm-hmm.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did she grow up in Brownsburg?

Frank Shoultz: She grew up in Brownsburg.

Isabelle Chewning: And how about your father?

Frank Shoultz: My father was born and lived in Brownsburg. They lived on the Sterrett Road.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, they did?

Frank Shoultz: At one time right beside, I don't know who lived there then. The Browns lived there, Catherine Brown, I think. Opie Brown's mother and them lived there. My grandmother lived there,

used to own that property right there.

Isabelle Chewning: Are you related to Betty?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** So your family's been here in Brownsburg a long time?

Frank Shoultz: Quite a while, guite a while. Well, most all of lives, but some have moved to different

parts of the country. But most of the Shoultz's were raised and born here.

**Isabelle Chewning:** What's the first thing you remember about growing up in Brownsburg?

Frank Shoultz: Well, the first thing I remember growing up was it was a nice neighborhood. And

everybody got along with everybody, both colored and white got along good together. Yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: Who were your neighbors?

Frank Shoultz: The Craneys were the neighbors during the time I lived right in Brownsburg here. But when I lived around the hill off of Hays [Creek] Road, the Potters, Henry Potter, the Potters were there.

And Mr. Nash – which he's done passed,too -- lived there. And Ruth Stewart Harris, which she had

passed too, was our neighbor.

Isabelle Chewning: Mr. Nash, was he black or white?

Frank Shoultz: White.

Isabelle Chewning: And what was the other one you said?

Frank Shoultz: Ruth Harris.

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**Isabelle Chewning:** And that's related to Janice Ayers' family, a white man? [misunderstood "Harris" and thought it was "Ayres"]

Frank Shoultz: Who?

Isabelle Chewning: Mr. Ayers?

Frank Shoultz: I don't know nothing about Mr. Ayers. Harris, Ruth Harris.

Isabelle Chewning: [Laugh] Oh Harris, Harris.

**Frank Shoultz**: Right, H-A-R-R-I-S, Roush. Ruth's her real name, Harris. But she's passed, but she was our neighbor.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And where was it did you live? Did you live on Dry Hollow Road up there or was it Hays Creek Road?

**Frank Shoultz**: No, well, I don't know what really the name of the road then because they wasn't really marked then, but you know where Mr. Swisher used to have his chicken house and whatever, you turn there and go up there, that road [Dry Hollow Road], I don't know what the name of the road now.

Isabelle Chewning: When did you move out there?

Frank Shoultz: Oh, I can't exactly remember. It was long time, quite a while it's been.

Isabelle Chewning: But you were little?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, very small, yeah, mm-hmm.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And so most of your time in Brownsburg was out there on Dry Hollow Road instead of right in town?

Frank Shoultz: Right, right.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you go to school in Brownsburg?

**Frank Shoultz**: I went to school in Brownsburg. One-room school house. Carrie Peters was our teacher during that time, yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** I've heard people say she was a really good teacher.

**Frank Shoultz**: Real good, real, real good. Real strict and concerned about her children, about the teaching, but she was real good.

Isabelle Chewning: And didn't she live out there on that road [Dry Hollow] too?

**Frank Shoultz**: She lived right there where the Swishers I guess own now [1486 Dry Hollow Road]. Of course they've remodeled that house too, but she lived in that house I think where the Swisher woman lives.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Was she married?

Frank Shoultz: Never was, no.

Isabelle Chewning: How many years did you go to school?

Frank Shoultz: I went to the eighth grade.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you go to Fairfield?

**Frank Shoultz**: No, I didn't go to Fairfield, I went to here in Brownsburg and I went to Lexington School, the Lylburn Downing High School.

Isabelle Chewning: You had the bus?

**Frank Shoultz**: The bus took us from Brownsburg, stopped in Fairfield and Raphine and on to Lexington.

Isabelle Chewning: And picked up people along the way?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, on the way.

Isabelle Chewning: How big was the school in Brownsburg, about how many, do you have any idea?

Frank Shoultz: I would say as much as 10 or 15, more or less.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And were there any other people in your class?

Frank Shoultz: Oh yes.

Isabelle Chewning: Who else was in your class?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, it was Glasgow Pleasants. I can't remember more than that. I do remember Glasgow and Frank Stewart. I can't remember too many more, but it was all of us in this one classroom, yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: And would she teach different groups at a time?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, well, like I was in the first grade, she'd bring us up front and the one in front would come in the back and she would teach them and then when she would get through with the first grade, she'd bring the up second grade or whatever on like that. She only taught like the third or fourth, fifth grade, and then you went on to Fairfield and then if you graduated you went on to Lexington.

Isabelle Chewning: Was the school here still open when you finished here. or had it closed?

**Frank Shoultz**: It had closed because the Pattersons had bought that property and Mrs. Bess Patterson and Mr. Fin Patterson had bought the property way before I left.

Isabelle Chewning: And so the school closed?

**Frank Shoultz**: It closed after. The room had got so small that they started moving new children to the bigger school.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh I see, so Fairfield was a bigger school?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, it wasn't bigger, much bigger, but by having a few here and there, they'd put them all together so it would make a larger group of children to go to school.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did Miss Peters teach at Fairfield? Did she go over there and teach after this one closed?

**Frank Shoultz**: I really can't remember. I don't think. I think she passed on, but I'm not really sure, but I don't think she went there.

**Isabelle Chewning:** How old was she when she was your teacher? Was she an old lady then or was she pretty young then?

Frank Shoultz: Well I'd say that she was in her 30s, 40s, just saying that right off hand.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you have books?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yes, we had books. We had books that came from the [Brownsburg] Academy over here. We had handed down books.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, you did?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did she give you homework?

Frank Shoultz: Oh yeah, we had homework [laugh], we had homework, yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: How did you get to school in Brownsburg, did you walk?

Frank Shoultz: We walked. That was the only way to go, to walk, yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: And then who drove the bus when you went on to Lylburn Downing?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, we had three or four different drivers over a period of time. Mr. John Layton Whitesell, he drove -- I don't remember the year, but he drove some. And Mr. Clayton Fulwider from Raphine he drove. And Betty's father, Willie Howard Pleasants drove last years that I went to school there.

Isabelle Chewning: Any other memories you have about the school in Brownsburg?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, I just remember that we used to play ball down there in that little field. And we'd knock one over in Mr. Patterson's field, you had to ask her if you could go over there and get them. [Laugh]

**Isabelle Chewning:** Were you playing baseball, that kind of ball?

**Frank Shoultz**: Playing, yeah, playing baseball. But you know, that's all the space we had was just this spot there and we done what we had to do, but we made it.

Isabelle Chewning: You took your own lunch, right?

Frank Shoultz: We took our own lunch. No cafeteria, no nothing like that.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Was it cold? Was there a stove?

**Frank Shoultz**: We had a stove and had a whole room there to put the wood in. Dan Franklin, because I think Dan was a little higher than I was in grade, because he was a little older, and we'd go and split wood and put it in the stove. But it was nice and warm because we had plenty of wood.

**Isabelle Chewning:** So all the boys helped take care of the wood for the stove?

**Frank Shoultz**: The wood and bring it in. And the girls would take care of the erasing on the walls -- the blackboard and cleaning them. But it's been quite awhile. [Laugh]

**Isabelle Chewning:** And then after you finished school, did you stay around in this area or did you leave the area?

**Frank Shoultz**: I stayed around near the area. Well I say near the area, I went to Lexington to work at the Washington and Lee [College]. And Robert E. Lee and the Mayflower Hotel. Then at a certain age I went on to Florida, which my mama didn't want me to, but I left.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, you left?

**Frank Shoultz**: I left and she was worried about me but I left, and I kept in contact with them. And then as the years passed I went to Staunton, which is where I married Virginia, my wife til today. And I've been living in Staunton ever since.

Isabelle Chewning: What kind of farming did your father do, and who did he work for?

Frank Shoultz: Well, he worked for Mr. Trenton Beard – Mr. Porter Beard. He used to run the – harvest food – harvest grains. He would follow behind the combine and help them then. He worked with different people around in the area. I don't think he ever worked for your grandfather [Madison McClung Sterrett, Sr.] but I think that he worked for different people in the area. When you asked me where did my father work for, but Mr. Porter Beard, and he used to work at the mill some down there at Wade's Mill, the mill down on Hays Creek [McClung's Mill, 803 Hays Creek Road]. He worked some down there with the one-armed man. You weren't born then.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, one-armed man, who was that?

Frank Shoultz: That was Mr. Wade. His name was Wade. He was Wade. Harold Wade I think he was named Harold. Mr. Harold Wade. I think he was a brother to the one that used to have the only one [mill] out on Raphine Road [Wade's Mill at 55 Kennedy Wades Mill Loop]. I think they were brothers, but I know both of them were Wades. And my dad used to go down and sack feed and stuff for him. I mean flour and stuff for them. He worked around the area, maybe Mr. Fred Whipple and around, you know, a job here and there.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did you attend Asbury [United Methodist] Church when you were growing up? Did you come to church here?

Frank Shoultz: Yes, I've been here all my life, yeah, most of it.

Isabelle Chewning: Do you remember any of the ministers you had when you were growing up?

Frank Shoultz: Oh yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: Who were some of them?

**Frank Shoultz**: Rev. Cannon, Rev. Flood, Rev. Monroe, Rev. John Fisher. That's about all I remember, now. And my pastor today, Dr. [Conchita] Holtz.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And was the congregation a big congregation then?

**Frank Shoultz**: I'd say it was a nice crowd, I won't say it was many more. But I just feel they were more interested in the church than they are today. I just don't really know. But we used to have nice crowds come here from different parts of the country like Washington [DC]. Busloads would come on special occasions, but we don't have that anymore. So I guess people swing back away from the church rather than closer to the church.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did you help with the lawn parties and things like that when you were growing up?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, I was very small during the time. Most of the time I'd relax or play baseball, which we'd go in the – we'd go over to the –

[Someone knocks on the door – temporary break in the audio.]

Frank Shoultz: We were talking about the lawn parties.

Isabelle Chewning: Right, and you said you liked to play baseball.

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, we used to play baseball during that time in your grandfather's field, over in Sterrett's field. And we'd have a big time then. But during the time that I was very young, I'd have Mr. [William] Dude Halliburton, which used to work for your grandfather too, and string the lights along the walls there and help to put the benches out, the pews out, and do what I could, you know, as a youngster would.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Where were the lawn parties, were they out here?

**Frank Shoultz**: They had the tables sitting along the walls on both sides of the church and against the parsonage [29 Academy Alley]. But we had big crowds, I'd say 200-300 people. They'd have a lot of people during that time.

Isabelle Chewning: Did your ministers live in that house there [the parsonage at 29 Academy Alley]?

**Frank Shoultz**: They all lived there. Everyone lived there but the last I'd say four ministers we had, the rest of them lived there. Some I don't remember. I remember it was after Rev. Williams, was there I guess in the 60s or maybe the 50s, late 50s, it's been quite awhile now, before you were born.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Oh, I was born in the 50s.

Frank Shoultz: How old are you about?

**Isabelle Chewning:** Me? Fifty-six. I was born in '52. I remember Dude though. I just have such nice memories of Maggie and Dude Halliburton.

Frank Shoultz: Oh yeah, you remember them?

Isabelle Chewning: Oh yeah.

Frank Shoultz: Okay.

**Isabelle Chewning:** I was up at Virginia Bell Franklin's talking to her, and she had a really good picture of Dude. I'd kind of forgotten what he looked like.

**Frank Shoultz**: I have too but I can remember him sitting in the corner but I can't remember exactly what he looked like. I mean what he looked like now, but I didn't know you remembered him. I can't remember you. [laughs]

**Isabelle Chewning:** I don't remember you either. [laughs]

**Frank Shoultz**: I mean not really, you know. I remember Mc [Sterrett] Jr. Yeah, a good man, you know, his wife and your aunt – what's her name?

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, Mary [Sterrett] Lipscomb?

Frank Shoultz: Mary, she's down in Harrisonburg?

**Isabelle Chewning:** She's in Harrisonburg, right.

**Frank Shoultz**: Yes, last time I seen her she was right over there in the corner talking, saying she was going down there to a retirement --

**Isabelle Chewning:** She's happy down there. She has a lot of good friends and she stays busy.

Frank Shoultz: Good, good. She's down the same where Mrs. [Mollie Sue] Whipple is?

**Isabelle Chewning:** Right, right, mm-hmm.

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, I knew Mrs. Whipple, I knew Mrs. Mollie Sue Whipple. She used to come down to Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth's [2703 Brownsburg Turnpike]. You know, Mrs. Grace Bosworth used to keep a lot of teachers there during that time. And she was coming down there and my mother had to cook all their food for them.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, because teachers boarded at their house?

Frank Shoultz: Boarded at Mr. Tom Bosworth's house.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Was Mrs. Whipple one of the ones that boarded there?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, during the time before she married Fred. Before she married Mr. Whipple, yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And the Bosworths lived in the brick house [2703 Brownsburg Turnpike] next to the store [2707 Brownsburg Turnpike], right?

Frank Shoultz: Brick house sitting up on the hill.

Isabelle Chewning: Next to that little white store?

**Frank Shoultz**: There used to be a store there, yeah, yeah, I remember the store. I don't know who ran that store, oh Mr. Jim Bosworth ran it!. [Laugh] Yeah, I remember that because we used to take his swing and put it way up in the trees somewhere at Halloween. [laughs]

**Isabelle Chewning:** [laughs] Someone said there was a porch on that house then.

Frank Shoultz: There was.

**Isabelle Chewning:** So the swing was on the porch and you would take it off?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, the porch was all the way across there or mostly across there yeah. And he had an old dog named Ring.

Isabelle Chewning: What was his name?

Frank Shoultz: Ring, R-I-N-G. And he'd bark, I can hear him now. We'd put it way up in the trees. Mr. Tom would raise hell.

**Isabelle Chewning:** [Laugh] Who of you all did that?

Frank Shoultz: Well me and Hicks Brown, Glasgow Brown, Manuel Carter, I'm trying to think. Ed Franklin, Dan [Franklin], you remember Dan don't you?

Isabelle Chewning: I remember Dan, mm-hmm.

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, we was all raised up here.

Isabelle Chewning: So they were your contemporaries, the ones that were about your age?

Frank Shoultz: Well, some were a little older, I expect. But by being a small community, you know we most all of us -- and walked. On Sunday we walked, we'd go up there in the hollow, pick chickapens. They call it Sterrett Lane, but what was that? I can't remember now what name that place was called, but you'd go on up that field, go on Sterrett Lane and go up that hill, but it's been a long time. That's where Mr. Sam McLaughlin -- I worked for Mr. Sam McLaughlin for I don't know, quite awhile.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, you did?

Frank Shoultz: Yes.

**Isabelle Chewning:** When they had the camp over there?

Frank Shoultz: Camp Briar Hills. Well, most all of my family worked for him.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, is that right?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, my father, my mother.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Doing things around the camp?

Frank Shoultz: Well cook and, you know, help to serve and yeah, so my whole family worked for him.

Isabelle Chewning: What did you do?

**Frank Shoultz**: I used to help him with my dad with the horses. They had horses during that time. And then go out in the garden, they made a garden, and go and pick the vegetables. Blackberries in the field. Mrs. McLaughlin would have us picking blackberries. Well, they were good days, you know, good days.

Isabelle Chewning: I'm going to go see Sandy McLaughlin tomorrow to talk about the camps.

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah. You tell Sandy – he knows me. Tell him I want to talk to him. He said he had a picture or something for me but I never can catch up with him.

Isabelle Chewning: Ahh, I'll tell him, yeah I will.

**Frank Shoultz**: Tell him Frank. Because he was here one Sunday and I was telling him something I had, but he got away before I got to see him. Yeah, I remember Sandy when he was just like this [demonstrates height]. [laughs]

**Isabelle Chewning:** Is he their only son or did they have other children?

**Frank Shoultz**: No, they didn't have but two children, a girl and a boy, Nan and Sandy. Named after their mother and father. Little Nan, I haven't seen Miss Nan, Little Nan for years. I didn't know Sandy until Betty was telling me, "There's Sandy." He had really --

**Isabelle Chewning:** He sort of looks like his father.

**Frank Shoultz**: He looks very close. Mr. Sam was a tall and a stylish-looking man, yeah. I worked out there, what's the name of the cam out there?

Isabelle Chewning: Maxwelton?

Frank Shoultz: Maxwelton a while for Mrs. Rosa [McLaughlin]. Does she still have that camp?

**Isabelle Chewning:** She does, mm-hmm. Her son Lee, [McLaughlin] I think runs it most of the time.

Frank Shoultz: I guess because she'd be getting a little old now.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you work with the horses out there too?

Frank Shoultz: No, I didn't work with the horses out there. Sam, old man Sam was, he was still living. I can't really honestly remember just how that went. But Sam and Mr. Lee were there, Mr. Sam and Mr. Lee both were there, but I worked for Mr. Sam quite awhile out there. And then I think he sold it to Mr. Lee or something like that. But I stayed around awhile I guess. I didn't like too much about farming [laugh]. It was too hard for me! [laughs]

Isabelle Chewning: [laughs] That's hard work, isn't it?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, it was then. But it's not like it used to be. I mean it used to be pretty hard.

Isabelle Chewning: How about World War II. Were you in the service?

Frank Shoultz: No, I wasn't in the service.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Were you in Brownsburg during that time?

Frank Shoultz: Well, what year was that?

Isabelle Chewning: Forty-one to '45.

**Frank Shoultz**: No, I was at Staunton Military. No I wasn't, I was working at the Woodrow Wilson Hospital.

**Isabelle Chewning:** You've worked everywhere! [laughs]

Frank Shoultz: [laughs]

**Isabelle Chewning:** You've been working everywhere.

**Frank Shoultz**: I've been working all my life, I reckon, and still ain't got nothing! But anyhow, I've been working. I was at Woodrow Wilson during the war, yeah, Woodrow Wilson.

Isabelle Chewning: Was it a rehabilitation hospital then?

Frank Shoultz: It was an Army hospital, it was an Army hospital, yeah, for the sick, yeah.

Isabelle Chewning: For wounded veterans?

Frank Shoultz: Right, right, right.

Isabelle Chewning: So you were kind of working on the war effort then if you were at the hospital.

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, that's why I got a deferment from there, yeah.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Because they needed people to work in that?

**Frank Shoultz**: Right, right, right, right. Well, a lot of people did. Staunton got very with that because didn't have nobody work for them in Staunton because everybody was going to Woodrow Wilson because they would make more money. So I think they closed that on account of that. I'm not sure. But it was a pretty good job. I met a lot of people. A lot of women men married, you know, from down there. [They] stayed, soldiers, quite a few of my friends I got to know. There was some from Texas, different parts, other parts of the country, they came and made their home in Staunton.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, because they were veterans in the hospital and they just stayed?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, when they got out and got out of the service, I reckon they met their friends and girlfriends and wanted to marry them and they stayed and made a home in Staunton.

Isabelle Chewning: Where did you meet your wife?

**Frank Shoultz**: In Staunton, but I'd been knowing her family for quite a while. Yeah. It's been 18 years, but I've been married twice. Like I said and I have a daughter probably older than you but she had passed a couple years ago, a year ago.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh.

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, but I've been married twice in my day.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Were you conscious of the fact that -- you probably too young -- that the country was in a Depression when you were growing up? That people didn't have -- I think it must've been different around here. I think because of farming, most people were able to get some kind of work and most people had food because it was sort of a farming community. Did you all always have plenty of food?

**Frank Shoultz**: It was a little rough seems like because I can remember a time that they rationed gas, you know, and sugar I think were the two. During the war. Well, that was earlier than that, I guess, you know. But I can remember. But we had food.

Isabelle Chewning: Did your family have a garden?

**Frank Shoultz**: We always had a garden and hogs and chickens and those things that, you know, provide.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you butcher every fall, butcher hogs?

**Frank Shoultz**: Butcher hogs, mostly was hogs and chickens. We always had a yard full of chickens. During that time the people didn't pen them up like they do now, and I think they're more healthy then than they are now. But we always had plenty of chickens and every Sunday that the preacher would come by, we'd have fried chicken and I'd get the wing, and he'd get the leg. But it was good days. And bad days.

Isabelle Chewning: What were the bad days?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, I mean really -- I mean it wasn't really bad. But you look at it now, it was, you know, it was -- you had to believe what you believed, you had to do what you had to do, you know. And children of today, they don't really have to do that, don't want to do that. But I've always enjoyed life because I believe in the Lord.

Isabelle Chewning: Has Brownsburg changed for the better you think since you grew up here?

**Frank Shoultz**: I can't say that it's for the better. I mean like I was saying at the beginning of this conversation is that I thought this town, this place was a nice place always. I always got along with everybody: the Whitesells, Mrs. Mollie Sue and all the Whipple family, and people like that. I never had any problems when I grew up here. Most of the people that's here now I do not know.

**Isabelle Chewning:** There's so many new people here.

**Frank Shoultz**: New people, you know, and I don't really know them. But Betty [Brown] has to introduced me –has introduced me to quite a few people and they seem like they're very nice people. But I haven't, you know, been around a lot. But I don't see where it's changed much. You know, they used to have four or five stores here, but they're not here no more.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Well, it seems like there used to be so many more kids. My dad was telling me about all the boys that he knew growing up who lived right in Brownsburg. And there aren't any kids here, really, very much anymore.

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, most of them I guess they grew up and left, of course I imagine they left. But I don't see many. That's just like church here, we don't have no young people. I mean, you know.

**Isabelle Chewning:** What individuals do you remember from growing up? I guess Miss Peters probably made a big impression on you growing up.

Frank Shoultz: She really made a great, yeah, she really did. And I'm always talking about her, that she was my role model, you know, really. Because what she said, she meant it. And that always stuck with me. If you're going to tell somebody something, mean what you're saying, you know. And if you're late, she wouldn't be bothered with you. [laughs] because she believed in being on time, you know. And I learned that, you know, to be on time. That's pretty inspiring on a person, to pick a role model, because really there's not a whole lot of role models today. It's sad to say but it's true because

our football players and our basketball players and all on steroids or whatever, you know. And I don't know how they can tell the younger people what to do and they're doing the same as the others.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Which stores do you remember that were in Brownsburg when you were growing up?

**Frank Shoultz**: These aren't in order, but the Whitesell's store down here when John Layton had one. Mr. John Layton Whitesell.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Do you remember when the undertaker was there?

**Frank Shoultz**: Mr. Miley Whitesell, he buried -- I know he buried one of my aunts there, Miss Agnes Brown. She was never married, that was my mother's sister. He buried here, but I can't remember any more. He might've buried some more, but I remember him burying her. Yeah, I remember the store, the undertaker part. I remember Mr. Whitesell used to play music sitting on the front porch.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, he did?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, him and John Layton both played music. Harold Lilley [??] – I don't know whether you know that name -- on Saturday played music and we'd listen to it.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Were they pretty good?

**Frank Shoultz**: It was real good, real good, yeah, real good. But that's sort of like I was saying it was a nice neighborhood. I think it was a good place to live in during that time.

**Isabelle Chewning:** How about the other stores, did you ever go to the other stores?

Frank Shoultz: Okay. Mr. Bob Supinger. He was in, I don't know what that building was -- oh where Mr. Barnes is now [Old South Antiques]. He has a store there now. I think that later Mr. Swope, Carl Swope, he opened it up. Then there used to be one where Mr. Barnes lives in [8 Hays Creek Road]. Used to be the Farm Store there, like a Farm Bureau. Sam Patterson, Sammy Patterson ran that. And the filling station, what we called the filling station [2712 Brownsburg Turnpike]. I don't know who lives there now but Mr. Roy Huffman ran that store for quite awhile. That's the only store that I know that was there then.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did you have to go to the doctor very much? Was your family pretty healthy, or did you ever go to the doctor here in Brownsburg?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, I have been to doctors here in Brownsburg. Dr. Joe Williams, when he was here. He came here when he finished medical school, I reckon in Richmond. He came here as a doctor, a medical doctor, and I went to him.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Do you remember being sick or did you have all the normal chickenpox and measles?

Frank Shoultz: Chickenpox and the measles and the mumps and those things like that.

Isabelle Chewning: Everybody had them I guess.

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah I guess during that time I guess they didn't really have a cure for it, for all those things. But they'd just put you a little bag, something under your nose, something that didn't smell very good, and you'd go on about your business. [laughs]

**Isabelle Chewning:** So your mother had some home remedies that she used?

**Frank Shoultz**: Home remedies, always get some yeah, yeah. She always had some kind that next morning you'd be ready to go to school, go on out.

Isabelle Chewning: So you didn't miss too much school then?

Frank Shoultz: Not until later years! [Laugh]

Isabelle Chewning: [laughs] Uh-oh!

Frank Shoultz: Not really, but what could you do about it?

Isabelle Chewning: How about the Bosworths? Who all did your mother help take care of there?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, Tommy, that's Tommy Jr. Tommy's around my age, was around my age, he passed. Did you go to the funeral?

Isabelle Chewning: No, I didn't.

Frank Shoultz: He's around my age, I mean Tommy might've been a year older than I was, Tommy Jr. Took care because we used to play together right on that bank. There used to be a little bank there where the porch used to be. Looks funny without the porch anyhow. Miss Grace Bosworth, that was Tom Bosworth's wife, she had a daughter named Fannie Bosworth She had another name but her first

name of Fannie.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Fannie Bell?

Frank Shoultz: No, it was something else. Not Fannie Bell. Fannie somebody. I don't remember that. But she always remembered my mother when she left here and years after she left. I don't know where she went to but -- I forgot. But she'd always send my mother a present back. Always was nice about doing that for years. She'd send a present back. And that's the only two children I knew that Tom Bosworth had, Tommy and Fannie.

Isabelle Chewning: Was your mother a pretty good cook?

Frank Shoultz: Excellent, excellent cook. She could make some rolls that'd really melt in your mouth, and they'd taste like cookies or something because she put a little sugar I guess in it. And you could put butter on and eat them like that every day. I went over the hill many a day eating biscuits. [laughs] I had a book bag, we made them, my mother made one to go over my shoulder. And she would make me some biscuits, I mean rolls. And we'd take all of them, and I'd eat half of them before I got there.

Isabelle Chewning: Before you got there! Any significant events in Brownsburg that you remember about at all?

Frank Shoultz: Like what you talking about?

**Isabelle Chewning:** I don't think much significant ever really happened here.

Frank Shoultz: No, no it didn't.

Isabelle Chewning: Not much. If somebody asked me that I couldn't think of anything significant that ever happened! [laughs]

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**Frank Shoultz**: [laughs] Well, the only thing I think -- if you're meaning what I'm saying, the Brownsburg Day, I guess. That would be about the biggest I know, the Brownsburg Day.

**Isabelle Chewning:** When they had the 200th anniversary, that time?

Frank Shoultz: Mm-hmm.

**Isabelle Chewning:** I think that was in 1993.

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, I think it was because I've still got a pen laying in a drawer, in the dresser drawer.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Do you remember anything else about my grandfather [Madison McClung Sterrett, Sr.]?

Frank Shoultz: Not really.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Just playing baseball over in that field?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah in the field. And I knew he was a kind of big fellow. A nice fellow, like his son, I thought a lot of him. Like I was saying, most people that you worked for around was good people to work for. They wasn't, you know, I never did have been problems with them, you know.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Anybody else you can think of who lived in Brownsburg? Was the blacksmith shop still operating when you were here?

**Frank Shoultz**: Blacksmith shop, it was the blacksmith shop that was still open up across from Betty's [Brown at 2610 Brownsburg Turnpike].

**Isabelle Chewning:** Was that Mr. Potter?

**Frank Shoultz**: Mr. Potter. What was his first name? Oh, I knew his first name. Mr. Grover Potter lived around there where I'm talking about around there [Dry Hollow Road]. But I can't remember Mr. Potter's name up here. [The blacksmith was Mr. Henry Potter.] But I can see him now, he used to chew tobacco and do that [demonstrates spitting] and he could make most anything you wanted to make right there in the corner there.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Was he pretty good with the horses?

**Frank Shoultz**: He was good. He'd shoe horses. I can see him now. He wasn't too tall a man. He'd have the horseshoes like that, you know, put it between his legs and he would, I don't care how big the horse was, he would do it.

**Isabelle Chewning:** You must've gone up there and watched him sometimes.

**Frank Shoultz**: I watched him, yeah, I watched him. Because during the time there wasn't too much for you to do, you know, because it's a small child. But I used to watch him. I guess that's how I learned things is by watching other people do things and take a lesson from them.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Do you remember -- some people have told me that a lady they called Aunt Susan Porter. Do you remember her?

Frank Shoultz: I remember Aunt Susan Porter. I was asking someone -- Betty and two or three people in the congregation, but nobody knows about her. But there used to be an alley, I would call an alley, come up, like go to the end of the school, you know. Go up in there, there used to be an alley going through, used to go all the way down by Mr. Barnes [from Brownsburg School down to 8 Hays Creek Road]. There used to be an alley there, I don't know whether it still is or not. And Miss Susan Porter used to live in a little house there. I can't remember what kind of house it was. But she cooked in the yard, and we used to come from school, that's when we going to Carrie Peter's school, her schoolhouse. And we'd come by there, and she'd be in the yard cooking. And I'd never seen, I mean we'd never come by there when she was in the house. She'd always be in that yard, you know, having a fire in the yard. And I've asked several people about Miss Susan Porter and don't nobody know about her. Originally, I mean, I know my mother would've -- I mean my sister would have known, but she had passed. But in this generation here, nobody here knows about her.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Do you remember Louise Wiseman [Stuart]? Do you remember John Layton's sister Marjorie Ann [Whitesell Chittum]? They said they thought that someone had come and taken her to a mental hospital down in Petersburg.

**Frank Shoultz**: I don't know. They could have. But I can remember she was a little woman, dark-skinned woman. I can remember as good as it was today. They laughed at me at church and said <inaudible> <laughs> I don't know why it just dawned on me about her, but I thought.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Well, I think it bothered them a lot that somebody came and took her away, and they never really knew what happened to her. Because they used to, I think, go down and visit her and she would tell them stories, I mean she'd tell them all kinds of stories.

Frank Shoultz: Margaret who?

Isabelle Chewning: Marjorie Ann Whitesell [Chittum].

**Frank Shoultz**: Whitesell, John Layton's -- oh yeah, I remember her. I don't know why I was thinking of Mrs. [Margaret Wade] Harris. Margaret Harris? I think she used to go down too. I knew, I remember them, their family, Richard [Wade] and Bob [Wade] and all them. We used to go to the school house and shoot craps over there. [Laugh]

**Isabelle Chewning:** [laughs] Uh-oh! Maybe you'd better not tell me that.

Frank Shoultz: No, well, it's a way long time ago, a long time ago and I've changed.

Isabelle Chewning: Because that was a big family of boys, wasn't it?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, there were about five or six of them, yeah, and they used to live in the house where --

**Isabelle Chewning:** Where Doris and Walter Lunsford live [2651 Brownsburg Turnpike]?

**Frank Shoultz**: Right, right, then they had the place down on down there where Kenny [Porterfield] is at. They used to own that little property. Yeah. That was long years ago.

Isabelle Chewning: Do you remember Mr. [Harve] Matheney who used to have the little --

**Frank Shoultz**: Okay, all right, there we go again! I asked people about him and nobody knows about Mr. Matheney. I remember him, think he had a trailer sitting there at the corner. That's the lane running across that we used to come out of. He had a trailer sitting there. He used to fix shoes right there. Who told you about that?

Isabelle Chewning: I think Marjorie Ann Whitesell [Chittum] told me.

Frank Shoultz: I didn't know she would know that. I mean she isn't that old. I know she's old now but.

Isabelle Chewning: She's 79.

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, okay, she'd know, she would know. [Laugh] I didn't think Marjorie Ann – I guess she is though. I think she would because she's the same age I am then, she would know. I haven't seen that lady for years.

**Isabelle Chewning:** I think she used to go see Dan [Franklin] a lot.

**Frank Shoultz**: She did, yeah, oh yeah, she did, but I haven't seen that lady for years. But I didn't know about Matheney. I asked somebody about that, nobody knows. I can remember that man in that trailer.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you ever get shoes fixed?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah. Sure. That's the only way, you know. You wore a pair of shoes and you walked. You didn't have no four or five pair of shoes, you had a pair to go to school and you'd take them off and put some old ones on. You'd take them by to Mr. Matheney when they'd get thin and give him to him. He'd fix them up.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And did he live in the little trailer?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, I think that's where his home was and everything right there. He lived and did everything right in that trailer.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And then was there another blacksmith shop down there too?

Frank Shoultz: I can't remember no more. That's the only one I remember --

Isabelle Chewning: Mr. Potter's?

**Frank Shoultz**: Mr. Potter's up there. It might've been another one, I can't say, but that's the only one. I remember that one across from Betty.

**Isabelle Chewning:** How about holidays, did your family celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas and Easter?

**Frank Shoultz**: Always. Always holidays. Always had in the younger days, I'd say in the 30's we'd always celebrate holidays. That was a big time of the year for us because a lot of our family were living then. And we had turkey and the whole works, and people would come from Baltimore. Most of my father's people moved into Maryland and used to come back here to support their church, but most of them have gone, deceased.

Isabelle Chewning: Do you remember your grandparents?

**Frank Shoultz**: I can remember my grandparents on my father's side and the only one of those is my grandmother, but my grandfather on my father's side I don't remember, and I don't remember my grandfather on my mother's side or her mother.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Where did your grandmother live that you remember, your father's mother? Did she live here in Brownsburg?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, she lived on Sterrett Road. You know where the trailer is?

Isabelle Chewning: Mm-hmm.

**Frank Shoultz**: She used to live right there, used to be a house right there. See the little trailer, it used to be right there where my grandmother used to live. Hicks Brown and Jane Brown, Mr. Lum Brown, used to be another house on the other side of her. Right there. Yeah, but her name was Patience Shoultz. We used to go over there when we were very small, we used to go over there and stay with her nights after she got sick.

Isabelle Chewning: Did she live by herself?

**Frank Shoultz**: My uncle lived with her for a while and he left and went to Maryland and then she stayed by herself.

Isabelle Chewning: And then you all would stay with her at night?

**Frank Shoultz**: Stay with her some nights, yeah. Stay with her sometimes, but we didn't stay a lot because she was very strict and we didn't like it. [Laugh]

**Isabelle Chewning:** She was too strict? [laughs]

**Frank Shoultz**: [laughs] Too strict, you can believe that! But we stayed. She used to have those honeybees, no hummingbirds, not humming bees, hummingbirds, and we were scared of them. They had a big long bill. We had to move on out.

**Isabelle Chewning:** How old were you when she died?

**Frank Shoultz**: I guess I was 14. Thirteen, 14, at an early age. That was way before I left home. I left home around 18, 17, something like that.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Back to the holidays. Did you have a big Thanksgiving dinner, big Christmas dinner usually?

Frank Shoultz: At home?

Isabelle Chewning: Mm-hmm.

**Frank Shoultz**: Very big, yeah. We always had a big, we always had to sing, go around and sing Christmas carols here at the church. But they cut that out too. We'd always have a Christmas play.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Oh, were you in some of those?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah, we had to, we always had to. Carrie Peters always had us doing something.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And so she was active in the church here too?

**Frank Shoultz**: Oh yeah, very so, very Christian. She was – I reckon that's why she was so strict, because she was very strict on what she was doing, you know. And I really loved her, she liked me a lot. As I grew older, you know, and I didn't realize it then, as I grew older, it was a blessing to have her in the community at that time.

**Isabelle Chewning:** What did you have when you had your big Christmas dinner?

Frank Shoultz: Oh, at home?

Isabelle Chewning: Did you have turkey?

**Frank Shoultz**: We had turkey, ham, all that stuff. And we had a big -- always cranberry and all the trimmings.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you have a Christmas tree?

**Frank Shoultz**: We always had a Christmas tree. My dad would go out in the woods and he would cut the cedar trees down. During that time we had cedar trees. I mean you'd use cedar trees for Christmas. But they made real good trees, but you had to keep plenty of water on them, you know. To keep the fire from getting on them. But now, they don't use them no more but they were pretty during the time because we always kept good attention on them so they wouldn't catch on fire.

Isabelle Chewning: Anything else you can think of to tell me about growing up in Brownsburg?

**Frank Shoultz**: No, that's about all I can tell you that I can remember that you'd want to hear about. [laughs]

**Isabelle Chewning:** Oh, I want to hear about it!

**Frank Shoultz**: No, I was just kidding about that! Now I can remember the preachers that used to live in that parsonage over there. That man, he's been living there for 50-some years now, since '52.

Isabelle Chewning: Mr. [Charles] Porterfield's been there since '52?

Frank Shoultz: It's been a nice ride, journey.

**Isabelle Chewning:** You were about to say, Frances and Ruth Craney? Were they a little older than you?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yeah, they were older, Frances was around my sister's age, the one that passed a few weeks ago, just before Christmas.

Isabelle Chewning: Dorothy Bell [Randolph]?

**Frank Shoultz**: Right. Frances was. Ruth was a little younger. I guess she was a couple years younger than Frances, but we all grew up around together, you know, in the neighborhood. Like I said, wasn't but just a few of us. We were just like sisters and brothers really. Dan, Ed – they were Franklins. Eleanor, Virginia, Mary, Margaret [Franklin]. All of them have passed but the two girls, the Franklins. That's about it.

**Isabelle Chewning:** I went up and got to talk to both of them.

Frank Shoultz: Who, Virginia and Eleanor? You went to Maryland?

Isabelle Chewning: I had a nice visit with them.

Frank Shoultz: Good.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Marjorie Ann Whitesell [Chittum] was telling me that her grandparents, the Dudleys, lived down there too. Were they next to you, the Dudleys, do you remember them?

Frank Shoultz: I remember Mr. [Lucian] Dudley.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Were they in the house next to where you lived?

Frank Shoultz: No, they were in the house where I lived, that little house.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, so did they move there after you moved away?

**Frank Shoultz**: I don't know, I can't remember [laugh]. Because I remember Mr. Dudley because he had feet on him, a big fellow! But I can't remember because I think now, I'm not sure. I think the Dudleys sold the house to Dad and my mother. I think that, I'm not sure. He was kin to John Layton's family [the Whitesells]. That was John Layton's uncle. Uncle?

Isabelle Chewning: Grandfather.

Frank Shoultz: Grandfather, yeah, I believe it was. Because John Layton wanted to buy the property that we owned after that because he said that was his grandfather. But I can't remember where Mr. Dudley was, but I remember Mr. Dudley. I can't remember Mrs. Dudley, but I can remember Mr. Dudley. I don't know whether she had passed on or not. I can't remember her, but I can remember Mr.

Dudley.

Isabelle Chewning: And then when you moved around on Dry Hollow, did they [your parents] buy that

place or did you rent someplace?

Frank Shoultz: Well, we was over there before here, was down there. Now then, yeah, Dad and Momma was getting old and what they was saying, they was saying well, "Let's move close to Brownsburg because we can't walk it" because we didn't have cars and things like that back then.

Move close to Brownsburg so we can go to the store, you know.

Isabelle Chewning: Oh, so you, okay, I'm mixed up them, so you actually were born out there on Dry

Hollow and then moved here a little later?

Frank Shoultz: Right, right.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Okay, I had it backwards in my head.

Frank Shoultz: Well, maybe I might've told you that, I don't know.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you get a car at some point, did your family get a car?

Frank Shoultz: Yes, my dad had one, a Chevrolet.

Isabelle Chewning: Do you remember when he got it?

Frank Shoultz: Yeah. I can't remember. The only thing is know is Chevrolet, and I know he got it from Mr. Fulwider over at Raphine, Virginia. Mr. Fulwider was selling cars during that time right there

where the --

Isabelle Chewning: Where the fire station is?

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**Frank Shoultz**: Right, right, the fire station, right. He bought his first car there. Well he had a Model-T before that, too, but I can't quite remember where he bought that.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And did he use it to drive to work?

Frank Shoultz: Yes.

**Isabelle Chewning:** You went to Lexington to high school.

Frank Shoultz: Right.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did you ever go to Lexington or Staunton to shop, or you could buy most everything you needed right here in Brownsburg?

**Frank Shoultz**: No, we went to, like I said, Christmastime we'd go to mostly Staunton. Sometimes we'd go, mostly to Staunton to do our Christmas shopping. Like you know, toys for the children, for us, whatever. Sometimes we'd go to Lexington, too, to buy things but most times Mom and Dad would tend to go to Staunton.

Isabelle Chewning: Did you have electricity in the house?

Frank Shoultz: In the later years we did.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Do you remember when electricity came?

**Frank Shoultz**: Not really. I guess electricity was somewhere in the neighborhood but we didn't have it. We had lamps back then.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Where did you have to get your water from?

**Frank Shoultz**: We had two places. When we were around on Dry Hollow Road, or whatever you called it, we had a cistern and we kept the rainwater. And every so often it would go dry, and my dad would clean it out, which was our job to help him. So we did, and during that time Mr. [Lewis] Swisher, I don't know whether we owned the property or whatever it was, but it was a spring right down below us. That's where we kept our milk, you know, cooled and all this stuff. But anyhow the spring we'd get water from there when the cistern was dry.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Did you have your own milk cows?

**Frank Shoultz**: We had one milk cow, one horse. Now that supplied us with all we needed, you know, we had plenty of milk.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And whose job was it to milk the cow?

Frank Shoultz: Well, it was.

[Tape stops momentarily while someone comes to the door. End of Tape 1, Side A]

Isabelle Chewning: We were talking about who milked the cow.

**Frank Shoultz**: Who milked the cow. Well I had to laugh at that because [laughs] after so long I guess your dad, or whoever did it did it -- after so long, the cow would go dry if you don't milk them continually, you know, regular milking. So we – half the time me and my sister wouldn't be milking them. Half the time we didn't milk them. It would go dry. But that was our responsibility. [laughs]

Isabelle Chewning: [laughs] So then what did you do for milk when the cow went dry?

**Frank Shoultz**: We got a beating most time! But I don't remember that but I remember doing that like I was saying. We were very young then, you know. And we never done it again, you know. Because it was, I guess I didn't realize how bad it was then but, you know, when you grow up you didn't know, I mean you didn't realize it.

Isabelle Chewning: Were your parents pretty strict?

**Frank Shoultz**: I could get away with things that Mom would let me do, but Dad was very strict. He was very strict. He meant what he meant, which he was a -- I had a good mother and a father.

**Isabelle Chewning:** And did you have a lot of regular chores that you were supposed to do?

**Frank Shoultz**: Yes, the four of us, we all had chores, but my oldest brother he had to cut the wood and I had to carry it in. That was my job and his job to do. My sister's [Dorothy Bell] was to cook the food and my other sister, Margaret, was supposed to wash the dishes. If those things wasn't done when my mother and father got home, we had to do them in the dark or whatever.

Isabelle Chewning: What time did your mother get home from the Bosworth's?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, sometimes it would be 6:00 and it would all depend because if they had parties and or entertaining that she did, see. And somebody would go and meet her, just over the hill there, and somebody would meet her, come, you know, pick her up.

Isabelle Chewning: Did the Bosworths have a lot of parties?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, you know, entertaining I guess, wouldn't say parties, entertaining when you have guests, take in boarders, schoolteachers. They had different things where, you know, not no wild parties, but different social things for the teachers.

**Isabelle Chewning:** So she would cook dinner at the Bosworths for the boarders and then she would come home and your sister would have cooked the dinner at home?

**Frank Shoultz**: Well, some occasions yeah, and sometimes, a whole lot of time my mom would, you know, give her a break or whatever, you know, as Mom would do then. She'd been cooking all day or she would cook at a certain occasion, my mother would.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Well I think I've gotten through most of my questions. Anything else you can think of?

Frank Shoultz: Nothing I can think of.

**Isabelle Chewning:** Well I appreciate you taking the time.

Frank Shoultz: Well, I hope you didn't freeze yourself!

**Isabelle Chewning:** Oh no, I'm fine, I'm fine, I sure appreciate your time.

Frank Shoultz: Well, anytime there's anything I can do, I'm glad.

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