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Schofield, Anna K. (Walters)

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Interviewed by Arlie Riggs

The following discussion occurred late in the summer of 1967 in Westcliffe, Colorado. The subject of the interview is Mrs. Anna K. Schofield. Mrs. Riggs is conducting the discussion.

AR: Will you please identify yourself, Mrs. Schofield?

AS: Anna K. Schofield, born in London, England and my, I will be 88 years old tomorrow, August the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

AR: You might say young, I think you're real young.

AS: Ok.

AR: Will you say it that way?

AS: 88 years young.

AR: OK and you were born in London.

AS: In London

AR: And what was your maiden name

AS: Anna Walters.

AR: Walters

AS: WALTERS

AR: Mmm-hmm. How and when did you come to this country

AS: Well, let's see. I was five years old when we came to Colorado and there were, Mother brought seven of us across the ocean and there's just my sister and I left now after everybody else has passed away, Mother, Father

AR: Where was your father? When your mother brought you across, you said.

AS: He came with us, oh yes, we all came.

AR: Oh, the whole family

AS: Yes, we all came across the ocean.

AR: Oh, what was the reason, do you know?

AS: Oh, he had been communicating with this Mr. Dana who was a head of one of the big newspapers in New York and he had talked it up so and so many of them, my father was one of those kinds, you know, that wanted a change so we came over.

AR: What was your father's profession?

AS: He was an architect.

AR: I see

AS: He built quite a few buildings in Denver, large buildings, yes. He was under the jurisdiction of Robert F. Rauschlab and Fred, and Mr. Ed Brooks, who were two of the leading architects in Denver. And he built the superintendent building of DU Main Hall and also the Trinity ME Church and many of the schools in Denver. Robert F. Rauschlaub had, so he could give all of the contracts for the schools, he had to consult for building them, just like the Superintendent of Schools usually does, you know.

AR: and this was during your childhood that your father built most of the buildings?

AS: Well, I was about 14, I believe. I had nerve trouble and they used to take me out in the horse and buggy, and I used to go out to the buildings with him and I'd stay in the sunshine to, cause they thought that would help me, you know.

AR: Mm, hmm. And you were about 14 when you came to Denver, or

AS: Oh, no, no, we came right to Denver, right to Colorado from New York, that we landed.

AR: I see. How did you come across the ocean?

AS: We came on a, we came on a slow boat, a slow, because they, Mother had to have, had the children, and she, the waves on a small, on the larger boats, cut the waves with fast boats, and so she thought it better, so that we could be on the deck part of the time, better take the slow boat and it was about two weeks, I think, in crossing. The other boats crossed in about seven days I think, at that time.

AR: I see. Why don't you give us your family lineup? The other children in your family

AS: Oh, I had, let's see, my oldest sister and there's a brother, and then another brother, and another sister, and myself. And in the meantime, after we came to Colorado, we lost, I lost two brothers, one by drowning and one by an injury.

AR: Oh, I see. Could you give me their names?

AS: Yes, you mean all of the whole family? Yes, my oldest brother was Henry J. Walters, and my next brother was Frederick George, and my sister was Leonie Elizabeth, and my next brother was Ralph Clayton, and then I came in there and I was Anna Katherine, and then my younger sister was Helene Millicent. One of my brothers, and my sister Helene had French godmothers. Henri Joseph, he had a French godmother and Leonie Elizabeth and Helene Millicent, they were all.

AR: This influenced the names, that's what you're telling me. This influenced the naming of the children?

AS: Yes, it did. Yes

AR: That's what I thought you meant, but I wasn't really sure. Now, which sister is still living?

AS: Just the one, she's living in Kansas.

AR: What is her name?

AS: Helene Millicent, they call her Nellie. She's the one next to me. There's just 13 months difference on her age. She is now in a rest home.

AR: What's her last name?

AS: Murray

AR: OK. Now did you get over your nerve trouble that you had as a youngster?

AS: Oh, yes, after several years of doctoring, yes, I did.

AR: And what was your schooling?

AS: Well, I just went to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and then, in after years, I took night schooling.

AR: I see

AS: I didn't go through high school.

AR: OK, then what did you do as a young lady, did you work out any or

AS: Oh, yes, I had several, did quite a few different things for the church. I attended St. Mark's Church. I was a communicant and, of St. Mark's Church and I was, let me see now, I was confirmed in St. Mark's Church when I was 15 years old. And I did quite a little bit of work in the church with the guilds. And then, I went, I did work at the Denver Gas and Electric Company. I was one of the, well, I don't know what you would call it, I used to have charge of all the representatives' orders that came in there. I worked there for several years and that's where I met my husband and

AR: That's what I was leading up to. Where did you meet Mr. Schofield?

AS: I met at Denver Gas and Electric. He was a bookkeeper and I was the credit clerk.

AR: I see. And when were you married?

AS: I was married in 1906.

AR: Tell me a little something about the wedding.

AS: Oh, it was a very quiet wedding, very quiet wedding, because my, one of my sisters in law had passed away and we didn't want to have much of a wedding so we just had a real, and I was married in St. Mark's Church. Rev. Houghton married us.

AR: What did you do after marriage? Did he continue working as a bookkeeper for a while?

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AS: No, no we came up to the ranch. Grandfather Schofield's place out here. I came up there as a bride.

AR: That's what I wanted to hear. Ok, now since you mention the name, let's talk a little bit about the origin of the Schofields in our county here.

AS: Well, Grandfather Schofield was, came from Maryland and his wife came from I think it was Iowa where she was.

AR: Would you happen to know her maiden name?

AS: Yes, her maiden name was Verdun.

AR: Verdun, ok. And

AS: Mary was her first name, Mary Verdun.

AR: ok, did he come out here as a young man?

AS: Yes, he was quite young when he came out here, Grandfather Schofield was. You see, he had, he was raised by a Negro mammy. His father, as I understood it, had slaves in the South, in Maryland.

AR: Was his mother around too, or do you know

AS: I did not know too much about the former relations there at all, not very much. I just know, he would, he told me

AR: He referred to them.

AS: He went back there to see his mammy after he had been out here. He said after so many years, he would come back and see them and visit with them.

AR: Now, did he come out before the Colony?

AS: No, I think it was after the Colony. I'm quite sure it was and I remember Mrs., they told me, Mrs. Schofield, his wife, was, the Indians used to come and ask for food, come to her kitchen door and ask for food, and one day, they came, and their hands were all covered with blood and she was scared to death and what they had wanted, they just came to, wanted to wash their hands. They had just killed a deer and they wanted to wash their hands after, because they had cut it up and wanted to

AR: And she was frightened

AS: Very frightened, very frightened. Then they used to come and tell her what they wanted. They wanted something to eat and they wanted biscuits, one time they came and she said, I have no biscuits and they says, dammit, make cake.

AR: That's polite. Well, it sounds to me like they had a pretty good thing going there, just ordering the menu, you know, whatever they wanted.

AS: Yes (laughing) I guess people were really, she said there was no harm in them. They didn't every attempt to harm anybody that she knew of. But she was frightened because she was, it was unexpected,

you know, and she thought when they come with their hands in that condition

AR: She thought the worst

AS: Yeah, that's true, very true.

AR: Do you know how Grandfather Schofield acquired the land? Did he buy it or homestead it?

AS: I just don't know. I would fancy at that time, it would be homesteading, but I don't know, I don't know about that.

AR: How large a ranch was it

AS: It was 320 acres. There was two places there.

AR: And who lives on the land now>

AS: Well, I see it's, is it Johnny, which Canute is that? It isn't Canute, is it?

AR: Degree

AS: Yes, John Degree. Yes, he lived on, and then his sister, sister's daughter, isn't it, Myrtle Cooley, lives on the other place. There was two places there.

AR: Yes, I have it located now. I thought that's what it was but I wasn't just real sure. Ok, do you happen to know when the road acquired its name, Schofield Lane?

AS: Now, I don't. That was, I think it was when the land was taken up, or when the ranch was taken up. I believe that's when they named that, as far as I know. I really didn't pay much attention to that.

AR: ok, when you came as a bride, did you have a home of your own, or did you have to sort of move in with the in-laws?

AS: No, Grandfather Scholfield was, he was there and he had told us, when we came if we would, if he could live with us there, why we could have the place rent free.

AR: I see. Well, the grandmother had passed?

AS: Oh, she had passed away, yes. She passed away when my husband was quite a young man.

AR: Do you recall any stories that he told you then about the early days of ranching, problems?

AS: oh, not too many. No. The old gentleman was quite deaf, wonderful man, gentleman, kind as he could be, and wonderful to me.

AR: ok. What nationality was Schofield, do you know? I just thought I'd ask.

AS: Well, he was a Southerner. He was a Southerner, that's, and I don't know the previous, no I really don't. I understood there was ancestors that came over and, in a ship or something and there was just a lot of muddled stuff there that I couldn't really grasp.

AR: and if there isn't a record, it's really hard. What about your husband's immediate family? Was he the only child?

AS: No, no, there was, he had two brothers and a sister. See, there was Will and Wallace and Rose. I think that was, and I guess several that had passed away in childhood. They were buried over on the prairie there somewhere.

AR: On the ranch probably, right?

AS: Well, last I understood, it was somewhere on the prairie, that's what I understood. When I was going to be married, my sister-in-law, Mrs. Leary, was very much perturbed. She said I was a working girl and they seemed to be quite prominent, you know, and she didn't think it was quite the marriage for her brother, but when I came up here, they were very lovely to me and made things very comfortable. I went right to the farm and we; I went right to work and I was just as green as grass. I didn't know how butter was made. I didn't know anything as far as that was concerned. And my hands were lily white. I'd worked in an office for several years and they all, they just remarked, her hands wouldn't be lily white very long and of course I got that, and it kind of put me up and I showed 'em I could do what the rest of them could do and I went right to work. I made bread. I cooked for thrashers. I just did everything that was possible to do and after a while, they realized that I wasn't such a dumb scout after all.

AR: What age were you married?

AS: I was 27 when I was married.

AR: I see, and how about Mr. Schofield?

AS: He was 24.

AR: ok, well, that in itself, you know, made a raised eyebrow, don't you imagine?

AS: oh yes, yes, possibly so

AR: How long had you worked in Denver?

AS: Had I worked?

AR: No, Mr. Schofield, had Mr. Schofield worked in Denver?

AS: well, I just don't recall now. He was a bookkeeper when I went there to work and I met him, and he was one of the bookkeepers there.

AR: But he had grown up here, right?

AS: Oh yes, he'd grown up till he, I think he was about 21 when he went to Boulder Prep school and his father was here on the farm and his father was so lonesome you know and he wanted him to come back, of course, and I could see, just his point, and of course he made the concession if we would come and live there, that was after we were married, it would help him out to a considerable degree, you know.

AR: and so, your husband ranched from then on, right?

AS: yes, bought cattle and then after a while he went in with his brother, or rather his brother went in with him and they bought the numerous herds of cattle and run them on the ranch and my husband fed them, did all the work and sold them.

AR: More or less a feeder operation

AS: It's really what it was, you know.

AR: Where did he buy them?

AS: Oh, he used to buy them, his brother would buy them in Denver. His brother was with the commission company in Denver and he often would buy a bunch of cattle and ship them up there and. But my husband did all of the work, so to speak, which peeved me sometimes.

AR: Just once in a while, just a little bit too much (laughing)

AS: Well, it seemed so to me of course but I suppose it was just a selfish idea of mine I guess, maybe.

AR: What all did you have on the ranch besides cattle?

AS: Oh, I raised about 125 chickens. One time, I raised eight turkeys and I was very proud of them but they nearly drove me crazy.

AR: Why?

AS: They had pigs and we used to put up about 1000 pounds of pork every fall.

AR: How'd you put it up?

AS: Oh, used to put it up in the barrels and salt brine and smoke it and Mrs. Elzy, Otto Elzy's sister worked for me for quite a while. She helped me with a lot after my little girl was born and she worked there and helped me and showed me so many things to do and I learned a lot that way.

AR: did you have a smokehouse?

AS: Oh yes, we had a smokehouse and smoked the hams, and the bacons and the sausage.

AR: Did you also have beef?

AS: No, we didn't have much beef to eat. We had lots of chickens and things like that.

AR: Pork

AS: Yes, quite a bit of pork.

AR: Tell me, why were the turkeys so much trouble?

AS: Well, you know I had never raised turkeys. Chickens weren't too much trouble, but the turkeys. It was a rainy season and the old hen would just go out ranging and she'd take them along with her and when they get wet, especially their breasts, why they would die. So, I lived outdoors with them, and every

time there was a drop of rain would come, I'd take, I had a great one of these, one of these great big aprons and I'd go out and gather them in, bring them in the house and put them in a tub, put them where it was warm and my mother was visiting me at the time. She used to laugh at me because she never realized I could do anything like that, you know.

AR: I'll bet, I just got you away from Green Acres, that ring a few bells? (laughing)

AS: That's good.

AR: That really is a well written story and I think there's so much truth for all of us in it.

AS: Oh, Mother was with me. She'd come visited me up on the ranch and she just loved to be there. Of course, it was a change for her decidedly, because she'd always lived in Denver, you know.

AR: in the city

AS: And she used to visit with my sister of course

AR: But were the only one who went to the wild ranch country?

AS: Yes, I was.

AR: I kind of thought. (laughter) And you had just the one daughter?

AS: Just the one daughter

AR: And, let's see, any other animals that were on the ranch?

AS: oh, we had a dog

AR: Of course

AS: That was about it. Dogs and cats, as usual, and horses, you know, but they were just horses we'd use for driving.

AR: And you drove a horse and buggy when you wanted to go somewhere?

AS: Oh yes. My husband took up the automobile agency, Ford Automobiles. That was when they first came out and then we bought our first automobile that way.

AR: Do you still have it?

AS: Oh yes, and he sold quite a few in the valley.

AR: Ok, and that was a Model T?

AS: Yeah, Model T was right.

AR: Have you seen quite a lot of change in your lifetime, in transportation?

AS: Indeed, I have. Indeed, I have. My mother used to tell me that when she was a girl in England, the



gypsies used to be in the forest. When she was a girl, she used to get out of school by making some kind of pretense and go out to Epping Forest and have these gypsies tell her life stories and predictions. And one prediction they made that mother Shipton made, we would be riding in horseless carriages in the air and that the streets would run with blood from wars. And my mother used to tell me that when I was a girl.

AR: And she skipped school to go hear this?

AS: Oh yes, one day she said that she, there was, she wanted to get out, oh so bad, and several of them are going to go, and she found, no other way could she get out, but telling them that at home they had scarlet fever and they told her she'd better go home. Well, they immediately pushed her out of school so fast, they fumigated and everything and she said she went to Epping Forest and she said when she got home by that time, why the Headmistress of the school was there and she said she saw her coming and she said that her mother had plants on the window sill and she said she proceeded to go upstairs real quick and get a big bucket of water to empty over these plants so it would go right down on their hats if they come to the door and so she got a double dose then of course. Naturally

AR: She sounds like quite a daring young lady, right? She was rather adventuresome.

AS: Oh yes, she was a good sport all the way round. You knew her, didn't you?

AR: and you went to, she went to girls' school?

AS: oh yes, yes in England

AR: Do you recall any other good stories she told you about her childhood. That was a good one.

AS: oh, quite a few, but that seems to me about the most interesting. She used to climb, she had seven brothers and she was an only sister for quite a while and she was the oldest so happened, and when the youngest one came was another girl and she resented another girl coming into the family because she wanted to be with the boys all the time. They used to climb up the ladders and come down head first, you know. One of her brothers broke his skull and they had to put a silver pan in it, things like that, you know.

AR: Just interesting little things

AS: Just little things, yes.

AR: Was she the only one of her immediate family that came over from England?

AS: She was the only one who came at the time. Her sister, this younger sister, came later and she lived in Chicago. She married, that's where she lived in Chicago.

AR: Let's see, we'll skip back up to your lifetime now, and especially on the ranch, did you raise hay?

AS: oh yes, lot of hay and lots of alfalfa and grain and thrash the grain and sack, bail the hay and they'd take it to town and sometimes I'd have 8 and 10 men to cook for, you know, while they were hauling hay or while they were thrashing or something like that, you know. I was a busy lady. I didn't realize there was so much work to do but, when they told me my lily-white hands wouldn't look so good, I just decided I was going to be one of them, and I was.

AR: And you made it.

AS: I was a Johnny Bull, so to speak.

AR: Ok, tell us this county employee bit.

AS: Well, he was in the county clerk's office for 8 years and then during that time, he was also on the board examining, oh, the men that went to war you know. He got in awfully bad, on account of the different races that have to go or different

AR: This was WW1?

AS: Yes, and then, as I say, he was county treasurer and I was deputy county treasurer, also I was deputy county clerk when he was in the clerk's office.

AR: So, you really were busy those days?

AS: I was busy yes.

AR: Because you went home and then had to do all

AS: Everything at home and yes

AR: Did you ever have a hired girl other than after your little girl?

AS: I had, no, Selma stayed with me and when I came to town, let's see, Bertha was with me. Wasn't it Bertha? Bertha was with me for a while when I came to town.

AR: did you live in town while he was county treasurer?

AS: Well, yes, part of the time, not all the time. See when he was the county clerk, we drove back and forth. It was in the old courthouse up here; you know on Silver Cliff Avenue.

AR: Oh, the city hall in Silver Cliff?

AS: Yes

AR: Oh, ok. And then, when he was county treasurer you lived in town.

AS: Yes, by then, we'd bought our home up here on the corner there, that's where we lived then when you were county treasurer.

AR: Oh, I see. Gladys just mentioned that you hitched up your own horse and went wherever you wanted to

AS: Oh yes.

AR: Tell me about this horse. You started to say

AS: well, I'll tell you, it was a race horse. Mr. Schofield's brothers were interested in a race horse. That's what they, and they'd bought this animal and it wasn't a very young animal and, but it was really spirited

and I went, I took it to town one day after the other old horse wouldn't go anymore and I started home, and before I had left, grandfather Schofield said, Anna, be very, very careful. Don't ever give Belle her head because he said, she'll just take you. And so, I, well I didn't know anything what meant by that, giving her her head, I just drove to town. I just took the reins and I thought that was ok and we got along fine, I had Virginia with me and got into town and started back. And when we got to that little schoolhouse over here, the children had made these great big snowballs, great big ones, and they were on both sides of the road, one here, one there, and one here. Well, as soon as Belle saw those, she hopped from this side, and then over to that side and then she took the bit in her mouth and she never quit running till she got home. When we got home, that horse was just a froth and

AR: How were your nerves?

AR: Oh, I didn't realize she was running away with me. I just thought she was hurrying to get home. When I got home, here was grandpa and my husband and the hired man. They stood there at the gate and said What did you do to that horse. She was just frothy all over. I said I didn't do anything, I said, she just brought me home in a hurry, that was all. I never drove that horse again. I just thought she was in a hurry to get home you know. She was headed home. That's what most horses do.

AR: Oh, I think that's a real good story.

AS: and then one time, I went home. My husband was out with the roundup and I had driven to town with this old horse and he now when you get home, don't, just take the harness and throw it in the buggy and don't try and put anything away so I couldn't see how to unhitch that horse and did all the buckles and everything and put the stuff in the buggy and left it there and they came home. They had quite a job to get it all together again. Oh, I was good. I was really good.

AR: you pulled some good boo boos

AS: Yeah, I did.

AR: Was your husband very patient?

AS: He was very patient but I could see that he was seething at times wondering what he'd got hold of.

AR: Couldn't imagine not being able to

AS: That's right

AR: Well, it's a wonder you had the gumption to go by yourself and so forth.

AS: Well, I thought that was the thing to do. He was busy. Every time I wanted to go somewhere I

AR: couldn't wait for him.

AS: No, I should say not. I might have waited a long time. You never can tell.

AR: What causes and organizations did you go on to?

AS: Just the Columbine Club, I believe, is the only one. I don't think I joined any others.

AR: I just wondered. What did you do for excitement? Did you ever go to dances or anything like that?

AS: Oh, occasionally, occasionally

AR: But not too

AS: Well, right after I come up here, soon after I was married, I came and I went to a dance. The old schoolhouse over here and of course I was introduced to everybody and I had what I considered pretty good clothes on. I had patent leather pumps and I had silk hose. I thought I was dressed up pretty good. I danced with the cowboys and they had these little, what do you call them, on their

AR: Spurs?

AS: yeah, spurs, if you please and my lord, I was just black and blue now and my shoes were all punched in and everything and I said, I was so provoked I said, well, they're just so clumsy. I said, they just walked all over me and I didn't like that one bit. My husband said, well, you know, they're just cowboys and I said, well I know, but I want a cowgirl and at the climax, my nephew, Jack Leary, he come to dance with me, and we were dancing around and he says at the Pines, there's quite a few English people up there and they were down there, the Cusacks, they were down there, and they were well, they were, not quite as fashionable as I thought I was anyway and Jack Leary come over to me and he says Aren't the English clumsy? And I pushed him away from me and I looked at him and I said, well, thank you so much.  
(laughing)

AR: So that was kind of your introduction to

AS: That was my introduction to the social life, that was, oh dear

AR: Did they have a chivaree on you when you came?

AS: My husband bought them off.

AR: Oh

AS: I didn't want a chivaree and so he just went to town and bought them off.

AR: There you go.

AS: I thought that was kind of smart cause I wouldn't have known what to do at a chivaree.

AR: Uh huh. Well, let's see, that's getting pretty good there. Ok, let's pick up this wildlife story because this is a good one.

AS: About the fawn?

AR: About the fawn.

AS: Yeah, well his brothers had been hunting and they found this, the mother had been killed, you know, or something and this little thing was alone there so they brought it home, a little bit of a thing and they kept it in the yard and used to, it was very gentle, and even used to come in the house and in fact, it used

to open the door and come in when it pleased, you know, and pull the tablecloth off and do just as it pleased and I understood at this time Mrs. Schofield was very, very unhappy about the whole thing. But it still went on you know and finally grew to be a good size and went off for a while and then came back again and they of course tried to renew acquaintances with it and my husband at that time went down to the corral, I think he went down to do some seeding. As I understood it was some of the cattle that were there and this animal attacked him. I guess Grandfather Schofield heard him screaming and it was close to the house when he went down and took a shotgun, killed it, right now. They said, oh it broke his ribs and just broke him up

AR: and their toes are so sharp

AS: Yes and

AR: Of course, they're much stronger than anybody would think, they can get, what do you remember about the wildlife that was around when you first came to the ranch?

AS: well

AR: Did you have lots of deer in there?

AS: There was quite a lot of deer around, but I never, they always went hunting but I never was interested too much because I thought it was terrible to kill the deer you know. And my husband killed a deer and we had a head in the dining room over here and every time I'd go in that dining room that deer's eyes would follow me around. It was terrible to me.

AR: Never did get used to it?

AS: No, finally gave the head to the museum up here, or whatever it was up here, they had something up here, and I gave it to them. It was a beautiful head.

AR: But you lived with the old fellow quite a few years?

AS: Yes, I did, quite a number of years, mm hum

AR: He kept following you

AS: Every time.

AR: Let's see. Probably you don't recall seeing wild turkey.

AS: No, I have never a wild turkey. My grandson, when he was up here, he wanted to know where he could find some wild turkeys, but I don't know. My husband, he may have been hunting for them, but I never remember seeing one. Wild geese, yes, we used to have a lot of geese.

AR: Well, they're finally back a little bit after many years of not having them.

AS: I know there was always been wild goose for the thrashers, always had the wild goose for the thrashers, I used, that's what I used to cook for them.

AR: You roasted a goose, huh?

AS: No, I didn't, I, as Grandfather Schofield used to call it, I potted them.

AR: Oh, you potted them.

AS: Yeah, with dumplings and everything you can think of.

AR: How long were the thrashers usually there?

AS: Well, sometimes, they were there four and five days, and sometimes they were there a little longer. Sometimes it would storm in between times. Of course, they would go home at night you know.

AR: Do you recall how large the crews usually were?

AS: Oh sometimes, different sizes. Sometimes there were eight, sometimes there was six, sometimes there was 10, sometimes the neighbors would come over too, you know, to help out. You just, you know, they would just help each other out quite often.

AR: Did you ever pot a wild duck instead of a goose for the thrashers?

AS: No never did. I always roasted my ducks.

AR: Oh, you roasted your ducks. What did you stuff it with?

AS: Sage and onion dressing and used to lace it the pork sausage.

AR: Oh, ok.

AS: It was really good.

AR: Were you a real good cook when you first started?

AS: Pretty good, because my father became quite ill and I had to stay home and take care of him during the day and I had to do all the cooking because my mother had to go out and she had to and help earn the living. So, I had to do the cooking, and it got so I could cook pretty good.

AR: I bet the ladies were disappointed you could cook.

AS: Well, I, as I say, I guess they had a grievance, at least they thought they had and of course, when you know somebody's kind of kidding you, you kind of

AR: You buckle down and do better.

AS: Yes

AR: And you can do a good job. Do you recall anything else about the early history of the Schofield family? Do you recall anything that they told about the early German colony or

AS: Oh, I don't know, I really don't. See Mrs. Schofield was gone when I was married and Grandfather as I say he became, when he was deaf, he became quite, you know, how a person does. They're deaf, they

withdraw within themselves quite a bit, but he used to talk a lot but not too much about things that had happened

AR: That happened in the past

AS: No.

AR: OK Alright, just go on with your life story now.

AS: Well, my life story is not very, not very handsome or

AR: Fascinating. I bet it is.

AS: As I say, after I was married and I say, my daughter was born and we came to town and things, just general rule of things, and then we moved up to the little home that we bought here

AR: Who lives there now? The family

AS: Tatiana? and she went to the grade school, the little grade school over here, graduated, went up the spelling contest several times and she graduated from the high school here.

AR: In what class?

AS: Let me see, they had the reunion here not too very long ago, I don't remember, just, I just don't remember

AR: I came in 52 does that help anybody?

AS: No, no it was long before that.

AR: Ok well go ahead.

AS: Anyway, she graduated from the school up here and then she taught school down at Wetmore and then her husband came up here, the husband that was to be, he came up and was working on the Extension Service, up here and that's where she met him. She was his secretary then.

AR: What's his name>\

AS: Stanley Stolty. He's a graduate from Ft. Collins and she's a graduate from Denver University.

AR: She went to Denver University before she taught, right?

AS: She taught down here for, and then went to

AR: then went to Denver, ok

AS: No, she was a graduate of Denver University, then came here and then taught a couple of years down here in Wetmore under Mr. Kennan.

AR: I see. And I stayed here

AS: And then she also taught in the school there, the student school of the university professors up there. She took her post graduate work there.

AR: When were they married, what year?

AS: They were married in 1935, married in the home over here. And they went on their honeymoon and came home and I let them have a home here for a while and then he went to, they went to Pueblo, and from there to several places, you know, how they send them around, finally located in Arvada. He's now retired and my husband passed away first day of May 1944 and I stayed here alone for about 8 years and they were very unhappy about it and begging me to come up there and live and did everything in their power to get me to come. Finally, when I sold my home, I, they went to a great deal of effort to fix their home so that I could have a private apartment above they built it, change the roof and everything and I had my own apartment, still have there.

AR: That's in Arvada?

AS: In Arvada.

AR: Suburb of Denver?

AS: Yes

AR: How many children did they have?

AS: They have four children and seven grandchildren. I have four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren.

AR: Well, can you give me their names?

AS: My grandchildren's' names? There's Karen Williamson, and Stanley Leslie Stolty, and Robert Henry Stolty, and Katherine Lynn Stolty.

AR: Then you have seven great grandchildren. Do you know their names?

AS: Oh yes!

AR: I thought maybe you would.

AS: The oldest one they call Butch but his name is, now I was trying to think now, Stanley Grant is his name and his sister is Christy Renee and the next one is Teresa Kay. Now that's that family. Now, my, Stanley Leslie Stolty is the father of Sharon Linda, let me get her name straight, well anyway, Linda, I just can't think of it right now. Anyway, then there are the twins are Russell Leslie and Susan Leslie. Then Robert's name is Robert Henry and his little boy is Eric Scott, his name is.

AR: It's hard unless you use those names together to remember what the middle name is, uh huh.

AS: And then Katherine doesn't have any children. She's the youngest. She's been married two years now and she's putting her husband through school, finishing.



AR: I would guess from all the pride in your voice that the grandchildren and the great grandchildren have been a source of joy, right?

AS: Very, very much so.

AR: And are most of them around the Denver area?

AS: Oh yes, all, they all get together

AR: And you get to come down and vacation here about a week every year?

AS: Not every year. I came last year and the folks went to Hawaii last year and this year they, the children up there, they wanted me to come, but you know it isn't always convenient you know so I get away from it all.

AR: And I think you kind of like to come

AS: Oh yes, I do, I love to come. We've been friends for so many years you know.

AR: Yeah, how many years? When did you first meet

Unidentified: 1911

AS: It's before you moved here. Yes, when your son was on the line. Yes, I remember then, that was a long, long time and

AR: And you're going to have a birthday tomorrow.

AS: Yes

AR: ok

AS: I quit having birthdays but they say my birthday's tomorrow.

AR: Is that right? They have it in the records somewhere that tomorrow is your birthday.

AS: Tomorrow's supposed to be my birthday. (laughing)

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