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TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW

Edgar Reilly

55 Columbia Avenue

Rehoboth Beach

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This is Mr. Edgar Reilly on the eighth of August, 1968 at 55 Columbia Avenue in Rehoboth.

Now you want me to talk about the a.....

How it began. Talk about as you were with your grandmother.

Anything? Yes, well, a.....

And how they grew to lots.....

Grandmother Reilly was one of those who bought lots down here the first day that lots were offered for sale by the Methodist corporation that had bought two farms and that lay between the camp meeting site oak grove...a... near the foot of Columbia Avenue here and the ocean ...a... Her, the first lot was 18 Columbia Avenue ...a... 18 a Virginia Avenue. She put a cottage there the very first summer. She said she was the first one to move into her house because she moved in before the roof was finished.

Would these be one room cottages or two room cottages?

Oh no, no, no, her cottage.....

Or was it really a cottage?

Her cottage, her original home, was a, was a - consisted of a living room and a downstairs bedroom....a.... and a..... well, I guess it really wasn't a downstairs bedroom. It was a living room probably and a dining room and a little lean-to kitchen downstairs and, and three bedrooms upstairs. And then she bought a camp meeting cottage on the ... when the camp meeting grounds were broken up. She bought a camp meeting cottage and moved it up and put it on the back of her house with an air space between a... the a... back ... and the ca... the camp meeting cottage and the house

that she had built.

We call this a breezeway today.

And that was a breezeway.

Right.

Because that camp meeting house had an overhang on the second floor. The bedroom, one of the two bedrooms, the front bedroom on that came way out over the a, the a..... story, see. So we called it hurricane deck. It had big storm doors on each end and, and screen doors; but when you opened up in the summer, the wind just swept through that place and it was a delightful place to work.

It would be.

And we just loved that place.

Uh huh.

Hurricane deck was our favorite spot. Uh hem, so by that time she had a five bedrooms upstairs and one bedroom down and a living room and a dining room because a the what was the living room of the old cot....camp meeting house became the dining room, a very picturesque little dining room with a lean-to kitchen behind it. A ... and it was a very cool and pleasant cottage. It had nice big porches across the front and down the side, the ocean side. A, well, a.... I spent a lot of time there as a boy, particularly after my mother died when I was twelve years old. But my mother also had a cottage here on Baltimore Avenue which was built, not the first year I guess, but at least the second because her father was one of the town, one of the board of directors that a governed the community for awhile before they set up the town commission system, I think.

Now this was - they were permanent residents there?

No, no, they were summer.

They were just summer, they were summer residents?

This was all summer. There were hardly any permanent

residents down here at that time, you know.

Uh huh.

A... people moved here finally: people - painters, and plumbers and carpenters. But there was nothing here, of course, except the hotel. That had been in existence somewhere down there on the shore towards Dewey Beach.

Now this was when - 1890?

No, this was 1878.

Oh my, this is before then. O.K.

This is 1878 or 1879 or '90. Somewhere along in there and we have been coming down here ever since.

Uh huh.

And we've owned property here ever since ...a... a... my mother sold her house finally but we held on to the cottage on Virginia Avenue for many, many years until just ...a... Then my uncle came down here ...a...one winter ...da... One winter he and his mother came down here to their little house. They had some heat in it. You know, one of those ...a... eh, uh,chunk stoves.

Uh huh.

In the dining room. A...,they came down here and a... they had a big snow storm and he walked over here in the woods and at that time there was no bridge across this little lake. There were no streets layed out here. The only street in this whole section of Rehoboth was Columbia Avenue. And he came down here and walked over to a Columbia Avenue and came back into this area which was all thick pine grove at that time. It was rather young pine, I guess, about thirty years or so. And he like it so much; it was so warm and pleasant that he bought this whole city block and was really responsible for starting this development in Rehoboth.

Uh huh.

North of the Little Lake.

Uh huh.

And a eventually a the streets were cut out and the bridge was a - streets were cut out in through here. The bridge was put across the lake. A...I don't know whether he was responsible for that or not because he came down here to live. He built just one room with a lean-to kitchen and a couple of bedrooms over it. And when he moved down here to live, when his business went, went out of business in Wilmington, he enlarged the house. A... he enlarged the house a to its present state pretty much a and lived there till he died. A ... well to go back to the old days, older days, this was in the decade, the first decade of our present century. But a back in the old days when a as I said there was no railroad in to Rehoboth at first. People had to come by hack from Lewes 'bout six, seven miles away.

The railroad ran to Lewes?

The railroad ran to Lewes. And then finally the railroad was put in and ran right down the middle of Rehoboth Avenue. The railroad station was just about opposite where a, where a ... that a Peterson's House of Fudge is now.

Yes.

Right along in there a...the...a....(long hesitation)
They came a - they rented, rented taxis or they rented hacks over here in Lewes before the railroad.

Did anybody.....

Yes, there was, there was a livery stable down here. Livery by the name of Joseph, Joseph family that had the stables. And one of our chief amusements in those early days when I was a child, was to rent a hack.

Uh huh.

Drawn by two horses or four horses or more and, and ride up the big dunes up here at the cape if the tide was out or to go down to the bay and, Rehoboth Bay, and go sailing...a... grand... a that....we used to organize parties, you know, that sort of thing.

How long did the camp meeting continue here?

That I don't know. That I don't know.

Were you ever at camp meetings here?

As I understand it, as I understand it - No, I don't remember anything about it - as I understand it, they built a tabernacle in the town finally. A.... they cut the oak grove down or most of it as I understand it. My grandmother told me. They cut the oak grove down and used the wood to build the first boardwalk.

Uh huh.

Which was really the very first year or so that the town was layed out, and then as I - somebody named Hazzard whose.....

He just died.

Just died...a...told Mrs. Cochran who has a his... brief history of Rehoboth in her art.....

(MRS.R.) You know, I was just thinking.....

(MR. R.) A... wait a minute.

(DAVE) That's all right. She can talk. Go ahead and talk.

(MRS. R.) No, no, no.

(DAVE) That's all right.

(MR. R.) That's all right - go ahead.

(MRS. R.) I'll do something.....

(MR. R.) Get the book if you know where it is.

(MRS. R.) What book?

(MR. R.) Have you seen that book

Uh huh.

(MRS. R.) What book?

It's by Louise Cochoran's "Sand in Your Brushes," history of the art people of the..... She has a whole introductory history of Rehoboth.

I want to talk to her.

And you ought to - well, she's very deaf, you know.

Yeh, I know. Mr. McCabe told me that.

Now.....she has a, a lot about the early, early days. About the Indian settlements and all that sort of thing down here which I don't know too much about. My father was much interested in it, but I don't know myself.

When did your father come down here permanently?

My uncle?

Or your uncle.

When he built this place. Well, he was mayor of the town in 1912. I think he must have come down in 1910 or '11.

Uh huh.

A.... this is published in 1912 and he was mayor of the Rehoboth at that time.

This was your uncle at the time. Now he'd be really a.....

Yes.

Uh huh.

The....a.... in those days back in the - before I can remember, my grandmother told me they used to - the town was leveled off - the ground was leveled off. The farm, you know, was sort of leveled off. I suppose and layed out in streets and such and she said they had terrible sand storms whenever the weather got dry and hot and the wind blew. And the cattle...a....farmers used to put their cattle out to graze on the salt marshes up here north of us. And they'd be driven mad by the mosquitoes and flies.

Mosquitoes, right.

They'd come....stampeed and come bellowing through the town and you'd wake up in the morning and find your yard full of wild cattle. (Laughs) And of course in those early days there was no electricity, no gar...a... no town water....a... I, a, can remember very well this - all of these details because ...a...a... first thing we did when we came down here was to, to be sure that we had some water.

Uh huh.

And you had to prime your pump so you ran to a neighbor if there was anyone open nearby and got a bucket of water or two and tried to prime your pump. And if that didn't work, then you had to have a new leather put on the pump. And that tasted of some kind of oil for a couple of weeks, a flavor I never became fond of.

Yes, fond of at all.

That was one of the first things to do.

When was that?

Oh....

When are you talking about?

When I was a boy.

1920? 1910?

Oh no.

1910?

1910.

1910.

See, I'm seventy five years old.

All right now, Horne's was still here then, wasn't it?

Horne's? I don't remember when Horne's was built.

Yeh, well, he said about 1900.

Yes, uh huh.

And blew down in 1914.

Yes, uh, well, yes, well that was during my salad days.

Do you remember that big storm in 1914?

A.....I wasn't down here, no. I know it washed away an awful lot of stuff along the beaches.

Yes, yes

The town, the storms have washed away one, a one a boardwalk after another.

Yeh, each one closer.

Each one closer.

In moving back.....

Yes, now I can remember perfectly well riding down all, the whole length of Rehoboth beach from in a horse and carriage on Surf Avenue.

Uh huh, which is no longer there.

No longer there.

Uh huh.

Not only when I was a boy a there were just cottages, and a hotel or two on a Surf, Surf Avenue and that was all - no a, no a commercial stuff a..... and then a.....

When did the commercial development begin?

And then the streets, then the streets there. And then the boardwalk. The boardwalk was layed, was layed right on the bluff.

How high was the bluff?

Well, it's still there.

Yeh, you can see it really when you get down in the water.

I guess maybe ten, twelve, fifteen feet high.

Ten, twelve, fifteen feet.

I don't know. I don't really. It differs, you know,

it's lower up here by the Hotel Henlopen than it is down around Rehoboth Avenue. That a bluff is a....well, we had a, we had no ice, of course, either, you know, in those days. A... I... the a.... no ice was available at all down here. So every cottage had its own deep, dry well. The a.... we had one in our yard over there on Virginia Avenue that a.... and all the food was kept in that dry well. And each a, you had, you had a... cover, that cover, that or lid, you know, from the inside that raised. You had a platform first.

Uh huh.

A kind of a raised platform. I know there was a spoke up the center of that platform, a square hole and there was an edge of course around that....a... a two by four or something of that sort with hooks on it all the way around. Now on each hook there was a long string and at the bottom of each string there was a bucket or something, you know, and you kept your milk and your eggs and your meat and all.

This was the way you kept everything cold?

That's the way you kept everything cold.

Uh huh.

And it did very well, too.

When did they start really the commercial development?
When did you get an ice house for example?

I don't know the date.

Would it have been before or after World War One.

Oh before.

It was before World War One then?

Yes, it was before World War One, World War One. I'm sure. I think so. I think it must have been. A.....the a...a... the old one, the ice plant was right where it is still.

Uh huh.

The first ice plant.

Did they cut ice out of the lake over here?

No.

There was no ice house here then?

No, you don't get enough ice down here to get ice.

I wouldn't think so really.

No, no, if we get any skating here, it's very unusual.

Yeh.

Just maybe for a few days in the winter.

What.....

I've seen the ocean full of ice.

Uh huh.

But it came down the bay.

A.... there used to be a great deal more ice in the ocean, didn't there than there, that there is now - or not?

Well, since we've been here, we've been here, we've seen the ocean full of ice twice. The one year it a the whole ocean was just white. It.... there was some clear water way out to sea but ...a... there was an enormous ice flow all the way along the whole coast here and a the high tide would bring it up and pile it up on the beach. A... we had a dike of ice blocks a... stretching from the cape to all the way down as far as I went down the beach beyond the inlet. It was about six feet high on the ocean side, two or three feet high on the land side a - just a solid dike of ice.

Uh huh.

The ocean really just looked like the Arctic Sea.

Uh huh.

But that was a very cold winter, otherwise it's not very cold down here. A... then they had a...a... and of course, we

had no running, no toilet facilities of any kind. So it a.....
in the backyard we had the necessary facility. (Laughs)

The necessary house as it was called in the eighteenth century.

But it was always part of the unit.

Uh huh.

I don't know whether any of those are still standing or not on the rear of the lots around down here. I don't suppose so. But there was a, at first there was a privy and then there was a woodshed in ours and then there was a chicken coop and there were two bath houses - all in this one long....

All together?

One story unit. And a...a... why did we need a wood shed? Because...a... the only way we could cook was on a wood stove.

On a wood stove.

Uh huh.

And a wood shed....

And the wood used to be brought in from the farms in ox carts. I can still remember seeing those ox, ox, ox carts come up.

They didn't use horses? They came from over here in Sussex county, over around.....

Well, they came from these neighboring farms right out here just outside Rehoboth.

They cut the wood.

And a, they brought the wood in in an ox cart and backed it up and dumped it over the fence. And then I had to put it in the wood shed, of course.

That would have been right here in this, in this.....
Community.

Even when you were in this house?

No, no, not in this house.

Not in this house?

No, not in this house. A... the time of this house, this house had an oil stove right from the start I think. And then a electricity a... but at first we hadn't an.... we didn't even have any oil stoves in, in the house on Virginia Avenue. We had just the a, the a, just this wood stove. A.... it was a.... So there were quite a lot of chores to perform in the morning as you can imagine. In those days life wasn't anything like as easy as it is now.

You chopped wood?

You had to bring in the wood, split up some kindling some times, you know. Bring in the wood and clean out the slop jars and so forth upstairs and put fresh water up in the bowls and in the market - ther was, there as, and there was almost very little food that you could get down here.

Where did you buy your food?

Why you sat on your front porch and hucksters brought it to you.

The hucksters came by, did they?

Yes, Grandmother just sat on the porch and a one farmer would come by selling a.... chicken and eggs for example and fresh vegetables.

Course they'd be live chickens.

Oh always, yes, that was the reason for the chicken coop.

Sure.

Now, he'd cut the head off, or course, if you wanted him to, but usually since he came maybe only twice a week or something of that kind and good meat was pretty scarce and hard to come

by.

Yes.

A, we'd have, we'd buy a several chickens and put them in the coop. That was my job, of course.

Then when you wanted the chicken, why you'd go out....

You'd go out and wring their neck.

And kill a, the chicken.

Wring a chicken's neck and for a couple of.....

How about beef? Did you get beef as well?

I think it was mostly a dried beef.

Dry, salted, canned.

There was one store. Dick, Mr. Dick had a store down here right where the American Store is now.

And he sold groceries?

And he sold groceries.

(MRS. R.) That was the name I was trying to remember the other night.

(DAVE) Dick?

(MRS. R.) Dick.

Yeh, a..... Dick's a family, an old family down here.

Are they still here.

There are Dicks still here. Yes, there are still Josephs here although, although the...I don't think they're, I don't think, I don't know whether there's anyone by the name of Joseph that's still living down here. A, and a..... but Dick had a store there and Miss(?) Lingo finally had a store.

And, of course, that's still here. There's still a Lingo's.

Yes, that's, that's not the original store, but the original store burnt down a, but a we've had some terrible fires

here.

I was going to say - there have been fires in Rehoboth, haven't there?

Oh yes, we've had some terrible fires here, yes. Streets swept away, a whole city block.

Everything was built of pine mostly?

Everything built of wood, uh, except a few brick, one or two brick houses that have been around down here....a...

How come no brick? Did all the brick have to be brought in? Was there ever a brick works down here?

I don't remember that there was every any brick work right nearby.

Uh huh.

A.....

And wood was always abundant?

And wood was always a easily available. Although this a.... now this house, you see, is all - all built, all the inside walls are, are, I mean the, the, they call this sealing as I remember it. My uncle didn't want any plaster because he thought that plaster got damp down here and....a... So he had the whole house, like a many other houses built at this time, are finished in this way.

Uh huh.

Not, course, it's not paneling because paneling hadn't come in in that time.

Uh huh.

How would they fight a fire. Was there a fire company here?

There's been a fire company since, ever since I can remember. A, well, I don't know about that either come to think of it. Mr. Horne could tell you something about that. He, he's interest-

ed in it because his a Blue Hen Theater burnt down and his house burnt down, I think, which was right back of it. I remember going down there and helping throw things out the window. I was.....

Do you remember about when that was?.....

Oh, I guess I was a high school student.

Uh huh.

I'm, I'm rusty on dates.

Yeh, well a, most people, most people are.

I've come down so long now, you know, that a...things kind of merge.

Well, you're here, you're here all the time now, aren't you?

Oh yes, we've lived here.....

How long have you lived here all the.....

Ten years.

Ten years?

Ten years. We came down here the fall of '58 and a this this a.... now.... habits and customs, of course have changed a great deal in Rehoboth from the way they were when I was a boy. We had to go over to town to get our mail.

Uh huh.

To the post office twice a day. The train came in in the morning, late morning, and then the train came in again in early evening. And you'd go over to meet the train.

And would the train come from Wilmington?

Yes, and then you'd meet the train and then you'd go to the post office and stand around and talk to all your friends till the mail was sorted. Uh, uh - and then you'd walk up to the window and get your mail a, and that was one of the social events of the day. (Chuckles)

Sure, well, that was where you met everybody -----.

That's where you met everybody. And then the a...a...

We didn't do very much sunbathing when I was a boy.

Why not?

Well, I suppose it was partly because we had no really good sun tan lotions. I don't recall anything. Noxema came in. I remember that. You put that on after you got burnt usually.

Uh huh. That didn't tan you.

A, then we would a put a.... we - I don't remember that a people lay around in the sun at all. A women, of course, were very careful to preserve a their complexions. It was considered to be extremely bad taste to get sunburnt, you know. You, you didn't do that.

You didn't even want to get brown?

Oh, you didn't want to get brown, no, no. There wore long stockings on a.....

And big hats.

And long...and big hats, long armsleeves on their bathing suits, you know.

Did they swim much? Did they actually go in the water?

No, a, the women didn't swim much, not when I was a boy. They went out and hung on to a life line out there.

There were, there were ropes out there, weren't there?

There were ropes out there fastened out to some sort of an anchor, you know, and the women would hang on to that if they were..... No, the women for the most part didn't.... Many of them - now, of course, by the time I was a college student coming down here - those are the days I can remember most vividly, of course. A, the girls could swim. A, we did quite a little lounging around on the beach.

This was in 1920's?

This was a oh - I graduated from college in 1915.

Oh, all right. Right before World War One then.

This was during the '11 to '15 period. A... and we had a - the Hotel Henlopen then was the center of social life in Rehoboth.

Is it where, was it where it presently is?

It was where it is, but it didn't look a bit like it, as, as it didn't look a bit like it does now. No, it - you'll see a picture here. There's an issue of an old "Tatler," that I - the town vacationer that a had a picture of the old Hotel Henlopen in it. A.....

It was a wooden structure?

It was a big three story wooden structure, I guess almost four stories if you count the ground floor with a series of porches on it, all around the sides.

People were great for porches, weren't they?

Oh....

They used to love to sit on porches.

Those porches were wonderful. Those porches were a perfect.....

Yeh.

There was hardly a night in Rehoboth in the summer time that you couldn't get up there on the Hotel Henlopen porch and find a nice breeze.

Did people walk up and down the boardwalk?

Oh yes.

The way they do now?

Every night we went down. Of course there were pavilions a...a..at the foot of the streets...a.. first they were on the

ocean side and then when they were washed away, they were put back on the other side.

Was Rehoboth Avenue the central avenue? Was that the central axis where the train came in?

Yes, that's where the trains came in, up, up Rehoboth Avenue. And the post office is usually right near there. And Horne's pavilion, of course, was right at the end. But you didn't need - you went down for the mail and then you walked up and down the boardwalk and talked with all your friends and met your girls and, and, and on Wednesday nights and Saturday nights you danced at the Hotel Henlopen. A.... the other nights - there was a moving picture house too, by that time here.

That was probably Horne's movie house.

Yes, it was the Blue Hen Theater. A...the a... but it was a quiet place, you know. And for a long time it was dry.

I was going to say - was there any liquor here - I doubt it.

No, for a long time it was dry.

Uh huh.

A...and...a... there was no liquor to be sold here at all.

Well, were most of the people here full time? I mean did they live here all summer? But there, there were no weekend people?

It wasn't - no, weekends were hardly worth your while. I took four hours on the train from Wilmington. A....and a.... longer I think. Very few people had automobiles. A....to...a... and it was a long drive down here, too, you know, on rather poor roads.

And the roads weren't very good.

Well, after DuPont put that a....main highway in -

what is now Route 13, at least you could get somewhere near Rehoboth on that. But from Milford down or Georgetown over, it was just pretty much just dirt road.

Uh huh.

A....Rehoboth...a....oh it was a quiet place. Yes, it was a quiet sort of family place. And you knew the same people who came back year after year. You met the same crowd and I enjoyed it very much ...a....

What was it like in the twenties? Did it get gay in the twenties?

Well, I don't....

A little gayer?

I wasn't here so much in the yes, it began as they put good roads in. It began to get much more...a... much more weekend crowd, much more gayer. A, I wasn't here so much during the early a beginning of the twenties. A, after 1924 when I took over this property...a... my aunt died and left me this, this house, this this property here. Then we came down pretty regularly and have been almost ever since. But it was still a pretty quiet place in 1924 a compared with a the a big resorts like Ocean City, Ocean City, Maryland for example. A...no, it a I a, don't like the way Rehoboth is going actually.

Why?

Uh?

Why?

Oh, it's getting too noisy and a (hesitation) of course, I'm getting old, you see. I like it quiet.

Oh now, I, I look at Rehoboth, you know, like a last night and I think of Rehoboth as a very quiet town.

Uh huh.

Compared to a place like a Wildwood, New Jersey or Ocean City, New Jersey.

Well now, I haven't been to Wildwood.

They're very noisy and very carnival like and.....

Uh huh, well....

How do you, how do you account for the fact that Rehoboth has stayed as relatively quiet as it has?

Partly, of course, because it was inaccessible for so many years.

You couldn't get to it?

Uh huh, uh, it was hard to get to, to a...Ocean City, Maryland was easier to get to.

Did they run a railroad over to Ocean City?

Because the railroad, the railroad from Baltimore to Washington over here to Ocean City, Maryland I guess was much, was a much better, faster service. It must have been than the one to Rehoboth. I don't know anything about that. Well, either that, either that or the railroad pushed Ocean City - one or the other.

Uh huh. And promoted it.

Promoted it. I think they did in fact.

Uh huh.

The railroad couldn't get its hands on Rehoboth.

Why not?

This town was run for years by a few, a group of natives I think pretty largely.

People from.....

Mr. Tatman, people that lived here.

Lived in, in Rehoboth?

In Rehoboth.

They were not Wilmington people?

No, no, no, they were the carpenters, the painters, the plumbers, the ...a... others that lived right here in the town as far as I can recall. They pretty much really rightly ran the place.

Uh huh.

Uh, now, there were always some out of town commissioners on the Board of Commissioners but a my impression is that Rehoboth was pretty much controlled by a these people who didn.....resisted, more or less resisted change ...a... didn't want anybody else coming in to get hold of things. That's my impression now. I may be all wrong about it.

They wanted to keep it, they wanted to keep it quiet. They wanted to keep it a.....

I don't know whether they wanted to keep it quiet or whether they wanted to keep it under their control. I'm not sure. I can't really talk about that.

Well, there's been con.....a number of families, or some families have made considerable amount of money out of Rehoboth in real estate.

Oh, they have. Oh yes, indeed they have. Some of these families have made quite a lot of money out of Rehoboth. They bought up a lot of land a... the a..... Now, of course, when I first owned this place, Henlopen Acres over here was just a farm. The a, and the north shores was just a marsh, a salt marsh a.....

This is 1924?

Yes, and what it called Rehoboth Heights, which is a section south of a the Catholic church and the Presbyterian church, that whole area over there, this side of Silver Lake, the last street in Rehoboth was I think Philadelphia Street.

Uh huh.

Run off at an angle there over towards the a.... by the churcha that was just a farm too. So.....

A... did farmers hang on to those. Did the farmers sell off the lots or did someone come in and buy the farms and then sell off.

They bought, someone bought the whole outfit and layed it out in streets, you know, and developed it.

The farmers never really developed it then?

No, no, no, no, no, it a, it a, it was quite a complicated history to this Henlopen Acres that I wouldn't dare go into but eventually - but it fell inot the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Cochoran, who have done a.....

Who, who developed it.

Who developed it and did a beautiful job of it, you know.

Right.

Beautiful job! And a I don't know who was responsible, I don't remember who was responsible for laying out a what we call Rehoboth Heights over there, the area south of the old town a cause the old town was shaped very much like a partially opened fan.

Uh huh, with Rehoboth Avenue in the center.

Rehoboth Avenue more or less in the center, you know.

And Columbia Avenue came off that.

Came off this way.

Yes.

And some shorter streets came off this way. You've seen the old maps?

Yeh, right.

And that was all because the camp meeting was out back here, see.

And that was the Rehoboth Corporation that originally owned that?

Yes.

That was your stockholders when your grandmother.....

That was your stockholders, yes.

Right.

The late ...a... the a so well, no I don't know what.....

Well, we were talking about how it was developed and how and, and.....

Now there are other people down here probably who, who have paid a little more attention to that sort of thing than I have. A..... I haven't been too much interested in the way that it has developed except to keep it a decent cottage colony rather. I, I don't want the place to get over-crowded. I hate to see the place get over-crowded to the point where there's no elbow room in it for anything.

Do you think that's in danger of happening?

Well, you see we have rather a restricted beach here, you know. I mean we don't - this isn't a big place, you know.

Uh huh.

It doesn't have a long a.... it doesn't have a..... we, we, we go back inland more than along the beach front.

Uh huh, yeh, yes, I understand ...a... that you, that you.... it goes back and doesn't spread out like for instance Ocean City does.

No, they're not.....

Like a 133rd Street.

Miles and miles of.....

Right.

Now, of course, there are, there is land down there
but then you run on to Dewey Beach and run on into.....

Now that is developing, that is growing!

That is growing, isn't it.

Yeh.

In sort of a sloppy fashion. (Chuckles)

Well, this is the difference between Rehoboth for
example and Dewey Beach and places like that.

Uh huh.

How about the Depression? Did the Depression hurt
Rehoboth? Did or did most of the, most of the people who lived here
continue to stay on during the Depression because well.....

Well, I don't know, I, I, don't remember seeing....
you mean the people that lived here, the permanent residents?

Yeh.

As far as I know, they all stuck around.

And they continued to come?

And a.... people.... now the a Henlopen Acres was
started just about the beginning of the Depression and, and had a
big struggle getting going. A, what really started Rehoboth growing
fast were the good roads that they put in.

Uh huh.

It's been the automobile that brought them.

And made it accessible.

Made it accessible. It is now just the most accessible
a seashore resort to Washington and Baltimore.

Uh huh, and yet Washington and Baltimore doesn't come
here that much in, in, in a great numbers. Baltimore goes to Ocean
City.

Always have, I think.

Always has.

Always has.

Washington tends to come here.

Washington comes here. This big crowd up the beach here are mostly Washingtonians.

Up on Whiskey Beach?

Yes, on Whiskey Beach.

What kind of a place is that?

Haven't you ever been up there?

Never been there.

Well, it's just park, state parkland.

Uh huh.

And its controlled by the park....

Commission?

Commission. They a, and they a have a great big parking lot and a some a chemical toilets a.... that's all they have up there. And.....a.... these young people go up there by the hundreds and they don't a - to drink their beer and their - mostly beer, I think.

They can drink up there, can they?

Oh yes, there's no law against drinking there.

But you can't on Rehoboth beach?

That's, that's the reason they moved out of Rehoboth, you know. They were chased off the Rehoboth beaches, then they were chased off the Henlopen Acres beaches, beach, which they tried to - well, I don't think they really realized they were trespassing, they were moving up on that Henlopen Acres beach, beach club beach. And a so a then they moved up and they, they've always been a well-behaved crowd, you know.

Uh, but it's not Rehoboth.

But it's not Re - oh, they live in Rehoboth I think.

Do they?

I think most amy. I think most of the, those young -
don't they, don't most of.....

I don't know. I don't know.

Oh, I think they must.

Uh huh.

Stay around here somewhere. You see a.... Mrs. Mabel(?)
McCabe can tell you about that because I'm quite sure she rents cot-
tages to these groups of Washingtonians. A group of men will, will
rent a house.

Uh huh.

And they use it chiefly on the weekends, you know.

Uh huh.

And a group will rent a house and a then they all get
together up here on the, on Whiskey Beach.

Whiskey Beach. (Chuckles)

And I imagine a quite a number of the a larger houses
are rented that way. A.... well a, they're well behaved people.

When did they really start to build hotels in Rehoboth?
Not until the roads opened up I suspect.

Well, the Hotel Henlopen's been there since - well,
the dates given in this, in this record here.

Uh huh.

Before my day.

That's not the same family that owns it now though?

Oh no, no, no.

It changed hands?

It used - when it I was young there, there was a family
named Burton, but Mr. Burton ran the hotel and then there was a
Belhaven...a...on that corner of Rehoboth Avenue and ocean front

...a.... and then there have been other hotels which have burnt down. A.... there was the Surf House, before my day, a.... there were several hotels down here in the early days that have been destroyed. I can mention those three hotels: the White House, the Surf House, and the Douglas House, I think was the old original hotel that was here even before the camp meeting ground.

I remember reading in this Federal Readers Guide, they said there was a hotel here for Negroes as well. There were four white hotels and one for Negroes.

I don't remember.

I would guess that was where Negro servants or people would, who worked here, Negroes who worked here, would stay.

There has been a Negro motel out here.

Uh huh.

On the other side of the Canal, very nice looking one too, Malloy.

Uh huh.

Have you.....

No, I really never been aware of it. I've never been conscious of it.

Well, you ride right by on the way in.

You still don't see many Negroes on the beach in Rehoboth though. You see some.

There used to be a special beach set aside for them for years. It was right south of the Hotel Henlopen beach, right there at the foot of Virginia Avenue.

Uh huh.

There just between Virginia Avenue and the Hotel beach it was. The colored people were a, bathed and they had a colored lifeguard there. They had a pavilion that they could use in the

evening there. A, but now, now they can use, I think, any.....

Yeh, I think it's open completely.

Very different now - restaurants and everything else down here. This place is a completely open to them except a I suppose most of them couldn't afford to rent the cottages down here though.

And most of them probably couldn't afford to build down here.

They couldn't afford to build down here, no.

No, yeh.

A.....

What about the storm in '62? You were here then that - you had moved down here.

Oh, right here in this house! A.... well, it began Monday evening if I remember correctly, that we were - I was in Georgetown at a meeting. We had some difficulty getting home, it was raining so hard and blowing so hard, you know. It was pretty tough driving.

Uh huh.

A....and it blew all and rained all night and the next morning and then it cleared off about noon on Tuesday.

Was it cold?

No, no, it was above freezing. A.... we went down to the.... I took my family, my wife and my sister, down to the beach to watch the surf which was really very, very large and heavy then. And a the tide was high and they were fighting - there was a gang of men down there with equipment trying to....put, to protect the foot of Lake Avenue. Do you know Lake Avenue?

No.

Well, you, you do know the street where the Hotel

Henlopen is?

Right.

Well, a, the first street north of that is Lake Avenue.

Lake Avenue, O.K.

And, and it comes up like this and goes around the corner into Surf and right there is one of the lowest spots in old Rehoboth, and one of the most exposed because it sticks out. The beach is out a high - a far, far out there. And they were trying to protect that area. They were putting great blocks of cement down in there.

Was this the highway department that was doing it or the state or the town of Rehoboth?

I, I don't know. I'm sorry I can't, I don't know.

Well, it really doesn't matter.

It was just they were trying to save the road there. I suppose because the water was already coming up over the sidewalk and a north of the hotel and was cutting in rather badly right where that jetty is.

Uh huh.

And then the storm, as I say, broke up and seemed to be dissipated. And then it clouded over and began blowing even harder. And a.... Tuesday night I, I just couldn't go to bed...a.. it was roaring so around here. These trees make a good deal of noise, you know, these big pines, when it gets to be a gale like that. And I was sitting here. I could hear a tree fall once in awhile and then a the lights went out around ten o'clock. Then finally around two o'clock in the morning, I a, I went over to the, out to the kitchen to get a drink of water and I couldn't get any water. So I called up the police office and they, the police department, and they said, "Well, we've lost all our water. The ocean has washed out the mains,

the ones there down were exposed to the ocean and we haven't been able to get the, couldn't get the mains turned off. So we've lost our water. The pumps won't work." And I thought, "My Lord, what a nice time for a good fire.... to get started and.... So I sat up until daylight, daylight about and then the current came on again and the water came on. So I went to sleep. And got waked up somewhere a little after eight. Drove over to town. Now, of course, as I drove into town....well, I'd never seen anything like it. This little lake over here in back of the hotel was filled with driftwood from the ocean. The water had just come right all over that whole area. In fact I had forgot to tell you that Tuesday evening about eight o'clock I went down to see what was going on down there at the foot of Lake Avenue. And I got down to Lake Avenue right there where First Street comes there by the lake and I turned left to go down towards the ocean, and I realized I was already in water up over my hubcaps from the ocean. And I could see that there were big cars and trucks and men working up there at that dangerous spot. So I backed out and got out of there in a hurry. But the next morning the lake was well up almost level with the bridge there, just about - it was level to that bridge. And the driftwood was all around on the shores clear up. The whole of Lake Avenue was flooded, the whole a..... And as you drove down First Street, you could see the waves breaking! Now you can't even see the, the surf.

Uh huh.

As you drive on Surf, on First Street, you can't even see any surf.

Uh huh.

But you could stand on Surf Street and see these waves breaking, breaking high. My Lord! It was everything, it looked as if it was just going to take the whole town away, you know.

Uh huh.

And I got down to Rehoboth Avenue and that bulkhead held, held there at the foot of Rehoboth Avenue. The waves had hit and the spray would fly - oh, I don't know, Lord knows - how many feet up in the air. You could see these enormous things coming in and here - well, they weren't by that time, they had gotten a....a... some of the mil.... the air force I guess, militia, something, down there, a some of the National Guard. So the town was - you couldn't get - they wouldn't let you get beyond the Hotel Carlton on Rehoboth Avenue.

Uh huh.

But I got my, but I got my camera and went down there and stood on that, the steps of the Hotel and got some rather striking pictures of that surf breaking across the front. The Hotel, the front of the Belhaven was already caved in and the Delle's a.... a....

Taffy.

Taffy place was going. So finally I went back to, I went, I went to Maryland to Baltimore Avenue and I - there was policeman, there was a soldier there and I said, "I want to see Dr. a Marine," friend of mine, old man, elderly gentleman, who lives, retired physician, who lives there on Maryland Avenue, on Baltimore Avenue between the ocean and the First Street. I said, "I want to see Dr. Marine." "Well," he said, "all right, but...a... but be very careful of falling wires." (Chuckles) So, so I went down to the Marines and stopped to see them and then I went down to the a ocean front and a ...a... the front end of the Atlantic Sands Motel was already caving in. The boardwalk was gone. There was - they'd built a new pavilion and a new public accommodations place there for, and a place there for the a beach patrol a office for the a beach partol -

all that was gone. The Dolle's place had fallen into the ocean. Oh, it was a mess! And the tide was already beginning to g.... had passed into high peak for that day, for that morning. Then we came over here into the Acres. We tried to get across Silver Lake, go south towards Dewey Beach and that, that, that bridge was flooded, the whole lake and the ocean had just all met in that whole area there was just under water. A.... then I tried to come over here in the Acres ...a... and then a, all the lower part of the Acres was under about two or three feet of ocean water...a... it just broke through those dunes there and just washed them away. And the whole area, the canal and the ocean just met! At that a, at that a, in that area and we had friends that lived over on the Canal ...a.... we had a friend that lived there on the Canal and another two families that we knew that lived on the Canal and they were excavated (Chuckles) evacuated, I mean - they were evacuated a Tuesday night about a midnight. Some big a army truck came to get them out...a... now, this family had three children and then a one family had three children and the other woman was living by herself. She had to wade in water up to her shoulders almost to get out of her house.

Uhhhhhh.

Right there on the Canal bank was the old DuPont boat house. Her car was ruined, of course. Getting to this truck, and it took them an hour I think as I understand to take that little trip from the north, the edge of north shores there down around along Sil.... beach way to Henlopen Avenue and Rehoboth. A.... everything was completely under water. I don't know how the driver ever knew where he was going unless he was just pointing the light poles and several times the ocean almost overturned the truck...a...

The surf was still pounding in?

Oh yes, Lord! A...well, it was quite an experience

I'll tell you....a....

It began when, on Monday?

The storm began Monday, yes.

And when did it really finally let up?

Oh, it let up about noon on Wednesday. I mean there a, it stopped raining and a I don't recall it was raining at all on Wednesday morning and it began slowly clearing a little, but it continued to blow pretty hard for, for part of Wednesday. But by, by Wednesday evening, I think the storm was definitely over. If I recall correctly, I'm sure it was now. I... of course in a storm like that I'm always afraid of falling trees here where I am.

Uh huh.

There's no danger of our getting flooded out by the ocean.

No, you didn't have water back up this far?

Oh no, no, in fact it never got up in this part of town at all. This is too high. We have too much area between oursa Surf Avenue and the beach.

Uh huh.

But a...a... I had some very good pictures of it too that I took.

It came up Rehoboth Avenue?

It brought driftwood....

Now, the driftwood was probably the boardwalk.

The driftwood, the driftwood was the boardwalk.

Sure.

And the other buildings that were destroyed.

It took the whole.....

Now, Polly Har...Polly Harris's had a three-story

apartment house...a... it's never been rebuilt, there on the boardwalk. What have they built there? A.....

Well, there's still some vacancies, some open spots there on one block.

Yes, yes, well, there was a big, big, a big apartment house there. And that just crumbled, just - it was built on the bluff you see. It wasn't built on piling.

Uh huh.

Anything that was built on piling stood more or less, but anything that was built just on what was the original, that high land in Rehoboth which was just - that was just washed right out from under them and the things collapsed.

Uh huh.

And Polly Harris's apartment house just simply went completely to pieces. I have pictures of it with a toilet standing way up on the air on a top of rubbish, you know. (Laughs)

Sitting on top of the pipe.

(Laughing) Sitting on top of the house.

Oh boy!

Oh, there and a right here at the foot of Lake Avenue there was a house right there north of the hotel there was a "for sale" sign on a lot there and that house - there wasn't one trace of the house except, I think, a couple pieces of ce, cement, not a trace of that house was, was left. That whole road was washed out. in fact. I mean you couldn't drive around through there at all. The whole corner was gone. And the other big house, the, the, right north of it was a very fine house...a...was all undermined and ----- was at any angle about like that, you know. And they had to drag it out finally on the beach and burn it. It ...a... and nothing's ever been a, there's nothing.....

How long did it take them to clean up after the storm?

Well, you know they did an astonishingly rapid job.

Uh huh.

I was as.... I was much impressed with the speed with which things were cleaned up, of course, and with which the beach was built back. Oh, from then on until early - late in the spring, early in the summer trucks were going by here with dirt in them every few minutes, rebuilding the a.... road out there and the beach. A.... and of course, a terrific amount of sand was washed backed inland up in the a on the roads up in the Acres, that part that was flooded and the Acres ...a... much of it was just filled with sand.

So they cleared that sand out and hauled it back down to the beach?

Oh yes, they cleared that sand out and hauled it back, some of it back to the beach, yes.

Uh huh.

(Coughs) the...a...well, they had a boardwalk built before the summer, the refuse was all cleared up. Some of the buildings were repaired. The hotel was, I think, readied back again. I don't know how - it was a remarkably quick job and in some ways it improved the appearance of the front of Rehoboth....a....a....

Some of those old buildings were pretty shabby.

Yes.

And they were the ones that got knocked down, not the big hotels but some of those old houses down there as I recall were kind of ticky looking and tacky looking, the wooden ones. I can't, I can't think of anything in particular but they just seemed to be that way.

No, I, a, the Atlantic Sands Motel suffered quite

heavily, you know. It was, it was a.....

That was a new building, wasn't it?

That was a new building and it was builta.. with a wing out, you know, towards the ocean.

Uh huh.

One wing like on a wing-like, that, that wing is no longer there.

Uh huh.

A..... and it was just built right on the bluff and it just - that whole bluff was washed away and that whole wing just collapsed.

Uh huh.

A...the...a... so they never rebuilt it in quite that form....a... and of course Stuart Kingston Galleries, you know, my heavens, there wasn't a thing left there except the roof.

What happened to everything that was in there?

All gone.

Out on the beach?

All gone but the safe.

All those rugs?

All those rugs, all the antique furniture - everything, everything in the place was completely wiped away except the safe, which had the jewelry and stuff.

Did anybody pick that stuff up?

I don't know. You just couldn't find it.

Uh huh.

(MRS. R.) Didn't I hear you talking about the storm?

(DAVE) Yes.

(MR. R.) Oh, he's probably seen all this.

(MRS. R.) Oh, you have those?

(DAVE) Yeh, that's, that's documented, I know.

(MR. R.) Well, that's the way, that's the way it looked like. That's what it looked like as you can see.

Yeh, there's Dolle's, really knocked down.

There's, there's the end of the motel, I mean of the Atlantic Sands Motel. There's Dolle's, yes. Well, that's about the way it was looking when I got down there somewhere around noon on, on Wednesday.

Uh huh.

When I took my first pictures standing right about there. This was already going. And there was considerably more damage done by the next high tide. Oh my! Of course, you understand this was, this was all over the area, you know about this?

Sure, I remember this.

This, this was....a... now, I've got that picture, that was about noon on Wednesday, just about like that...a...

Were there many people came into town?

Oh yes, lots of people came in to see it. Of course you understand we were under....

You were under martial law, weren't you?

We were under martial law for quite a while to prevent looting.

Yeh, was there much looting?

I don't think so.

Uh huh.

I don't think so. The...a..no, you couldn't get far. It was some time before you could get into that first block.

Unless you were a resident?

Unless you were a resident, yes, a and had a.....

And then you had to have some kind of identification?

You had to have pa- you had to have a pass.

Uh huh.

There wasn't, there wasn't much looting ...a.. but you could pick up all kinds of odd things on the beach.

For example?

Oh, dolls....

Stuff that got washed out of the stores?

Toys, furniture.

Yeh.

Some of the smaller pieces of furniture that weren't smashed up, you know.

Do you remember going up to Coiny or Key Box Road or Coin Beach and picking up anything up there?

I have picked up a very few things there but a.....

What?

Oh...a...chiefly....

Ever find any pennies?

Some old copper coins.

Always copper though?

Copper, yes, now a..... but I was never too much interested in that sort of thing.

Uh huh.

So ...a.. I didn't bother much with it. I have gone down there to look and found one or two pieces a after a storm.

Do people still find things up there, do you know?

I don't know. It's down south of us, you know.

Uh huh.

Way down towards the inlet a..... I haven't been down there for years. I'm not actually much of a collector.

Yeh.

A....the....a....

You know we were talking about how.....

My aunt, my aunt had a whole box of coins that had been picked up here during the course of years. And somebody got into the house after she was away and stole them all.

Uh huh.

But I don't think there was anything there of any great value.

What do you think were the biggest changes in Rehoboth that you've seen since you and your family has come down here, that you remember? How is the town different than it was fifty years ago?

Well..... of course, it's - fifty years ago - that would be

That puts you at twenty-five, just at your heyday, just when you're having a good time on the beach.

(Long hesitation) I should say that the chief changes have been on Rehoboth Avenue and on the beach front, along the ocean front.

Uh huh.

A... in the last twenty-five years, twenty, twenty-five years,a... the rest of Rehoboth is - of course you understand it has grown, just gradually been built up just more and more. And more and more houses built, but along the front there, there have been the Atlantic Sands Motel and the, the condominium and the ...a.... the a motels farther south and a considerable expansion a, extension of that...a... amusement area.

Uh huh.

Farther south down almost now to the start of the sea.

Uh huh.

It's clear down to the start of the sea. A... that area

has, has slowly grown.

And yet, it hasn't grown that fast.

It hasn't grown much in the last two, few years, no.

No.

No, it hasn't. It, it, the growth was some time ago.

Uh huh, right after World War Two.

I think so, yes, most of that ...a... then a.....

Has there been much change in the kind of people who come here?

To tell you the truth, I, I, (coughs) I hardly know how to answer that question because we hardly know anybody now that comes down here to the old part of Rehoboth in the summer time.

Uh huh.

I used to know when I was a boy. I used to know.

Well, then I think there has been.....

I used to know every regular Rehobothite, you know, summer visitor that came down here and owned cottages when I was a boy, all around the old part of Rehoboth ...a... the families came back year after year, not only the first generation but the second generation.

Yeh.

You know and so forth and I knew them all and you'd go down to the boardwalk, you'd, you'd meet almost every other person you knew on an ordinary evening except on a weekend probably when they'd brought some excursion trains in. Almost everybody you knew, everybody you met, you knew. You know, it was a very friendly little neighborhood but a...now....I, I can't mention, I can't mention...a... a person that I know that's, that is coming down here as a summer visitor in Rehoboth. A....well, yes, in this neighborhood, yes, I can right, right around.....

Do these cottages around here still rent? Do they rent these cottages?

Oh yes, yes indeed. This house across the street is rented for July and these people over here on the corner are rented for August....a.... Definitely the season was, was just the length of - mostly July and August and over Labor Day.

Started about the Fourth of July and.....

Started about the first of July or so forth and ran over Labor Day and that was just about the extent of the season, but now this place fills up weekends even in the winter time.

Well, it's a very pleasant place in the fall.

You'd be surprised at the number of - oh, it's a delightful place in the fall.

Yeh.

And people come down here and rent cottages in the fall and a stay here in September and October and of course, so many of the houses now have central heat in them, you see.

Uh huh.

So people used them all year round and these houses down here now....a... have the heat turned on all winter so that the people come down weekends from Washington, a, come here in the Acres, around the other places here in town where they have their homes a at Christmas time, Thanksgiving time, Christmas time, weekends in the winter. A, and in the - it starts early in the spring a... a very considerable groups, large groups of people.

The businesses, many of the businesses stay open then all winter long?

A.....

The stores and

All the stores except the very - just those peep, places

that sell souvenirs.

Yeh.

And a... stuff of that sort. All the main stores stay open. Now, the Hotel Henlopen closes but the motel stays open.

Uh huh.

A.... and you'd be surprised how many cars there'd be at that motel in the winter time on a weekend.

Uh huh.

A.... so you don't feel like you're in an out-of-the-way place at all any longer in the winter.

But it used to be?

But it was, it used to be. See, I spent a winter here back in 192.....4, '25.

Was there anybody here?

Lord knows no!

You were all by yourself?

No, no, and I was all by my - we were pretty much deserted here. There was no house, family lived up on the corner. There was a farm and a garage up there. A.... that was the nearest neighbor that I can recall. We had - our electricity didn't come on till the afternoon around four o'clock and went off ten o'clock at night. (Laughs)

The town had a generating station?

Yes, it had one. You could hear it going pop, pop, pop. And it would turn on about four o'clock in the afternoon and if you were lucky, it would last until ten o'clock at night. And I was trying to write my doctorate dissertation, sitting right in that corner a.... I had most of my material.

You had a very quiet place to work.

And I'd work on that. Then I'd take a gun probably

and go out in the ducking season and try to find something to at out here in the woods cause the Henlopen - that was just a farm over there.

Were you by yourself?

My wife and I.

Your wife and you were here?

My wife and I and a companion that lived here with us ...a...the...a friend of - that helped us.

Where did you buy your groceries?

Oh there was a grocery store.

There was a grocery store open?

Yes, there was a grocery store open. Lingo's was open.

Uh huh.

And ...a... we could get fairly good food and we'd go to Lewes now from here was an A&P in Lewes, a little A&P store in Lewes.

There was a hardware over to Lewes?

There was a hardware store in Lewes, yes. We did a lot of our shopping in Lewes in those days, but no, there was also - I can't remember whether at that time there was a Joseph's that started this hardware store which is now Russell's or not. I don't, I don't think so.

Was, was the highway open upstate? Was there, was the DuPont Parkway built by then? Do you remember?

Yes.

There was paved road over to Lewes?

There was paved road all the way around everywhere if I remember correctly. No, no, we - Columbia Avenue wasn't paved. I know my wife did some substituting over in the Lewes school that winter, and I think once or twice she got stuck here and a (Chuckles)

when the road thawed. But I think the road, I think there was a hard road to Lewes. I'm not sure about that.

But you could get over there anyway?

Oh yes, she drove over there every day for about a month I think, substitute in the middle of winter. I was a.....

Well, that's probably one of the most significant change that has taken place here then, in that this has developed into an all year round community which it was not even.....

Oh, very definitely not.

Even forty years ago.

No, not at all. Oh, no, and of course the Acres is full of people who live there all year around, lawyers, you know, who moved in Georgetown.

Yeh.

Doctors that live down here, retired people a.....

Well, it's a very desirable place to live.

Oh, it's a charming place to live, I think ...a....

It probably - this way it probably has a larger winter time population than Ocean City, Maryland.

Well, I wouldn't want to live there in the winter time.

Well, there's only about a thousand people there in the winter time.

Oh, we have more than that. We have more than that.

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