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Vapaa: I'm going to ah, continue with this series on ah, taped oral histories of people who have come to Delaware from other places. And I couldn't think of a more appropriate person to talk to than my Mother. Now ah, Mom, I want you to ah, tell me now--if you'll lean forward a little bit here--what your name is and your birthdate and so forth.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Amanda Josephina.

Vapaa: All right. And how about the last name?

Mrs. Jarvinen: What is to ~~know~~, I guess.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Jarvinen.

Vapaa: Jarvinen.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Um-hum.

Vapaa: And it used to be, of course, Vapaa?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: When you married my Father?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And when was that?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Don't know what year was that.

Vapaa: Well, it had to be sometime before 1915, because I was born December 23, 1915. So ah, where were you married?

Mrs. Jarvinen: In New York

Vapaa: In ~~FLA~~^{FLA/N} town?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. In New York in ah, ah, in the minister's house, I think it was.

Vapaa: You said minister?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Minister, yes. It was a minister. ~~Ma~~ki.. (sp?) ~~Ma~~ki was his name.

Vapaa: Do you have a certificate anyplace in your records? We've pretty well pulled these records apart. I have never seen one.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't remember. If I--if I had I will have it now. But I think--I don't think I have that certificate anymore.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well now ah, there are a couple of things--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Cause she meant he was a minister and she meant ~~-(?)~~ judge, a Finnish minister.

Vapaa: Do you remember how his name was spelled?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Maki.

Vapaa: M-a-k-i?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Maki.

Vapaa: I see. You don't remember his first name?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No, I don't remember.

Vapaa: But he was a Lutheran minister?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And he was in New York City?

Mrs. Jarvinen: In New York, yes.

Vapaa: New York City?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: I see.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But I--but the church was in Brooklyn where we used to go when we had day off from the work--work. We used to go there, the girls and ah, pour the coffee and ah, cakes ~~(?)~~. Course whenever they had day off eh, they gathered there they have a room downstairs, the church.

Vapaa: I see. Well, I think we're getting a little bit ahead of ourselves. First of all, how did you meet my father?

Mrs. Jarvinen: He worked then when I was in Connecticut for a little while.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. He worked there.

Vapaa: Where else did he work?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I forget now where he worked.

Vapaa: Well, now you showed me a picture of ah, what is it, West Milford, Pennsylvania?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, we were there both.

Vapaa: Both there?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Um, we were both--we were married then.

Vapaa: Oh, I see.

Mrs. Jarvinen: We were married then. And ah, after we got married we got-- he got that job down there.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: As a gardener.

Vapaa: I see. So this would have been some time probably before 1915? Right?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Then when eh, I was expecting you we ~~(?)~~ we come to New York.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, no, through Alfred I. duPont ah, Mrs. Alfred I. duPont, friend was a, a, was a good friend for this lady that he worked in Pennsylvania.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, this lady had a daughter and her husband--

Vapaa: You don't remember their names?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh, Bert--Bertram (sp ?) I think was her name. But what her name was before she married this man. And he was a lawyer.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But ah, he ah, he didn't like that job. He liked farming. He come there and help the farmer, and worked what the farmer like. He didn't like the lawyer's job.

Vapaa: Your talking about the man that Dad worked for?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah--yeah.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. And--

Vapaa: But that was quite a big house, wasn't it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Big house.

Vapaa: Un-hun.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And, and then ah, anyhow this lady's ah, daughter (?) daughter lived in New York on Riverside Drive.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: An apartment. And this la--this lady had prom--promised her-- her father that she would stay with the daughter and look after the daughter. The daughter wasn't very well.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But she was rich. The father left the money to her because Mother take drink too much.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: (unintelligible) . Father left the money to daughter. The daughter was to give to mother so much money each month. And ah, then the mother come to New York and ah, and wanted me there come with her.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And New York. And ah, and ah, your father didn't like that, (unintelligible) In Pennsylvania when he had to take, she wanted me to stay with her in New York. Eh, your father I didn't have to stay with her I already had a house to ourselves.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: So then ah, we left from there. And through this lady that was with her daughter, she was friend of Mrs. Alfred I. duPont. And ah, she had told Mrs. Alfred I. duPont that she had a good man for her. She had ah, say something about a gardener. Said, I have a good man for you. And so from Pennsylvania we come to Alfred I. duPonts.

Vapaa: Alfred I. duPont Estate--out there ah,--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: By the Experimental Station, isn't it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Where--where--where the house is was now ~~-(?)~~

Vapaa: Yes. Now that's where you came after I was born?

Mrs. Jarvinen: He was gardener there raising roses.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: She want a gardener there to raise roses.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And she said that she had a good man. That your--raise roses. Other gardener raise other flowers, take care of the yard and things like that.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: He didn't have anything to do with anything else but the roses.

Vapaa: Now when you went to the Alfred I. duPont Estate this was right after I was born, wasn't it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: I see.

Mrs. Jarvinen: You was born in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Alfred I. duPont said not to bring me and--down country (?) until you was born.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, so I stayed in New York few days in hospital. When I come out the hospital I come down there.

Vapaa: So we really never lived in New York very long?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. No, we didn't even live--um.

Vapaa: Un-hun. And do you remember the hospital where I was born?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh.

Vapaa: Was it in Harlem?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, it was hos--hospital because, (pause) Just a big hospital. There was ah, we were in 121st Street and that hospital was there and ah--. I think we walked in the hospital that night. I felt so good.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I feel pain and I felt so good so I wanted to walk. And we walked in there and that was were you was born.

Vapaa: I see. Was I born that night?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: I see.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Or early in the morning.

Vapaa: Early in the morning.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Well, anyway you moved down to the Alfred I. duPont Estate.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Now, what did you like or didn't you like about the Alfred I. duPont Estate?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, I--I liked it all right, but ah, but then ah, everybody in the house were more (?). There was lot about the house (?). And ah, they were very nice people. And ah, we like it there. And then ah,--.

Vapaa: Could you speak very much English then?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, I think I speak almost the same thing as I do now.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well now, you had come over to this country though not too far earlier than that. Do you remember when you came over?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I came in--was it 1909?

Vapaa: 1909, I think you told me.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yeah.

Vapaa: I see. And ah, you came from where? ^{TURKU?} ~~Tortu?~~ (sp-?)

Mrs. Jarvinen: Un--un, (sounds like Finnish--can't translate) ^{TYPIST,}

Vapaa: (?) you remember is just a small town.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah, Yeah.

Vapaa: And ^{TURKU} ~~Tortu~~ is a harbor city.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yeah.

Vapaa: Yes. And ah--

Mrs. Jarvinen: ~~(unintelligible)~~ ALASTARO

Like same as State of Delaware is. (unintelligible)

Vapaa: Un--you don't know how that is spelled, I guess? Can you spell it in Finnish?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. I can read. You justa--you justa when you write you put ah, t-1

Vapaa: t-1.

Mrs. Jarvinen: in a letter an asterisk. That means (?) .
That means like a state--a state. Same as a state.

Vapaa: Right. It's the same as Delaware.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: I see. And this of course is in Finland.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And you also put Alastaro ~~(2)~~ in there.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. You had to put Alastaro ~~(sp-2)~~ in.

Vapaa: I think one thing we better tell our--whoever may be listening to this tape is the accent in Finnish is always on the first syllable and ah, you pronounce every letter in every word.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, one of the words, Mom, that fascinates me--that gets me excited is the word for no. You want to tell us what it is?

Mrs. Jarvinen: N-o.

Vapaa: No.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. No.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Now what's e-i?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Huh?

Vapaa: The letter e-i?

Mrs. Jarvinen: E-i? A, A.

Vapaa: You pronounce that [̄]a. And what does it mean?

Mrs. Jarvinen: A means ah, a means like ah, a means rev- (pause) Yes, a means same as no.

Vapaa: Ah, that's what I thought. But it's spelled e-i.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: But you pro--you say it--you spell it in Finnish a-e, but it's actually e-i, the letter e-i the way we use the American language.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yeah. Yes. Yes. You do, but I say e-i. *(aye e)*

Vapaa: What's the word for yes in Finnish?

Mrs. Jarvinen: E-a-a-e eh, j

Vapaa: Say it in Finnish.

Mrs. Jarvinen: J-a-i. *(ya he)*

Vapaa: J-a-i.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Hmm.

Vapaa: I see. Just like--that would be just like it is in English.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: I mean the way you would spell it in English, A.

Mrs. Jarvinen: A.

Vapaa: I see. Well ah, let's talk a little bit about Finland.
Where in Alastaro (~~sp?~~)--you lived on a farm?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Do you want to tell us a little bit about what you had on
that farm? And how many brothers and sisters you had, and who was your
mother and father, and this kind of thing? Tell us first of all, who was
your mother and father?

Mrs. Jarvinen: My mother and father was ah, man that is in (?).
Ah, they were from that neighborhood too, but ah, I didn't--I couldn't tell
anything about that because ah, you wouldn't understand it anyhow.

Vapaa: Umm. Try me.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh?

Vapaa: Try me.

Mrs. Jarvinen: It wasn't far from my home ah,--.

Vapaa: O.K. But what were their names? Your mother and father?

Mrs. Jarvinen: My father's name was John.

Vapaa: John.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh. Johann.

Vapaa: Johann.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Umm.

Vapaa: Un-hun.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah--

Vapaa: Did he have a middle name?

Mrs. Jarvinen: My--my mother's name was same as my--my name.

Vapaa: ~~Mandy?~~ MANDI.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And you spell it M-a-n-d-i?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Amandi.

Vapaa: Amandi.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: I see.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Manda (unintelligible) Manda

Vapaa: Manda

Mrs. Jarvinen: Manda

Vapaa: M-a-n-d-a?

Mrs. Jarvinen: A Manda. Mandi.

Vapaa: I see. Amanda.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Yes. Now ah, let's see, I'm running out of questions although I've got lot's of questions. Ah, now ah, do you remember when your mother and father were born or where they were born?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, I couldn't remember anymore but ah, I think when he died I think he was 56, if I remember right. And my mother was young--was young when--. And I was so young I--that I can just remember.

Vapaa: Did my grandfather ever have to go into the Finnish army?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't know. You--you grandfather I don't know anything about it.

Vapaa: That would be your father. You know about your father.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh, oh, oh, yes. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. No, he was--he was never in the army.

Vapaa: I see.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: I see. What kind of work did he do in Finland?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Farming. Farming.

Vapaa: What did you--what did you farm? What did you grow? What did you raise?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh, rye, oats, barley and ah, wheat--little bit wheat, too. Had much wheat.

Vapaa: Un-hun? Did you have any livestock?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: What did you have?

Mrs. Jarvinen: We had some milking cows. We have 5 milking cows. Horses--

Vapaa: Did you sell milk?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: And how many horses?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Two horses.

Vapaa: un-hun. How did you go from one place to another? Did you have a ah, a ah, buggy or a wagon?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Had buggy and ah, and ah, sled in the winter time and ah, carriage on the summer time.

Vapaa: Did it get cold in the winter time?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Gets cold. And snow.

Vapaa: Do you know how cold it gets?

Mrs. Jarvinen: And snow.

Vapaa: Oh. You don't know how cold though it got?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. I don't know. I don't know we had ah, thermometer outside or not.

Vapaa: Well, you--you didn't use the ah, ah, English measure. You used centigrade.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And 0 degrees was freezing.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh, they didn't have that there. They didn't seem that-- we didn't seem to have a cold when was free--freezing. When it was freezing we didn't think that was any cold yet.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: We were used to that.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well of course the--Finland is located up near the North--I mean the Arctic Circle.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: And ah, in the summertime how long are your days?

Mrs. Jarvinen: How long days?

Vapaa: The day, yeah. How long do you have light?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh, my God, we have a long day. We don't have dark just for short while. But that summertime passes so long.

Vapaa: I see. And in the wintertime how long were the days?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Wintertime then the days were short.

Vapaa: Un-hun. Well, now we were in Finland you remember in 1961.

(background noises) She said to turn it off. All right. (Machine turned off)

Vapaa: (machine turned back on) All right, now Mom, before I turned the tape off we were talking about the length of the days in the summer and in the winter. You remember we went to Finland in 1961 and you went again in 1962 with ^{MAURi} ~~Mark~~--my stepfather. Now, ah, the sun went down what time in the evening?

When you were there? That was in July, I think. Midsummers' Day.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Midsummers Day. I forget now but I think its after 10 o'clock it is.

Vapaa: Ten o'clock at night?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: And what time did it get light?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Ah, in the morning I think it 3 o'clock.

Vapaa: Three o'clock in the morning, huh? And if you went up to Northern Finland why the sun never set did it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: But we never went up there.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: And ah, I think that's ah, real interesting. Now that made your flowers grow a lot better in the summertime, didn't it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: The long days?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And we were talking temperature too, but we don't have to go into any detail about that. Except that I know that they read temperatures differently in Finland than they do here in the United States or in England which is the measure we use--Fahrenheit and centigrade.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: Now let's talk a little bit about the farm. What do you remember about the farm?

Mrs. Jarvinen: It was hard work. (laughter)

Vapaa: What kind of work now? Did you do?

Mrs. Jarvinen: All kinds of work.

Vapaa: Un-hun. And--

Mrs. Jarvinen: (?) You know they have to have ditches and field.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: (?) And then when they work on them with the horses why ah, and the machinery the dirt goes in the ditches.

Vapaa: un-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And you have to keep them clean.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And the kids and the woman have to do that work to keep them clean.

Vapaa: Do you remember about the big river you used to tell me about when I was little? That went by the back ~~(?)~~ door?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. (laughter) It wasn't anything but I tell (laughter)

Vapaa: Oh, yeah. The river was still there, but how big was it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: (laughter) Yeah, it was still there, but was just like a big ah, big a ditch.

Vapaa: Yeah. About 20 feet wide I think.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yeah.

Vapaa: Now ah, and do you remember what you said when we took you back to the old farm? You know you'd been away for 52 years?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: What did you say?

Mrs. Jarvinen: (laughter) I really don't remember anymore.

Vapaa: You said something about that everything was the same as when you left except what? (pause) Except it was smaller.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh, it was too small. Yes. It was too small. Everything looked so small.

Vapaa: Compared to what it was when you were on the farm.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yeah.

Vapaa: I think this is a normal reaction even in this country. Now you would find that people as they get older and think back to when they were smaller why ah, would tend to have this kind of reaction.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh. Everything was same.

Vapaa: Yes. Now you told me too--you just told me that you've gotten a letter from your neighbor that you used to have in Finland. Incidentally, now let's talk first of all about what she said when you went up to see her the first time you went there.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh, she said right away, "Oh, Mandi."

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. She know--she know where I was going. She would write and ask me, but we was expecting and she know from that that ah, that ah, it was me.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. I guess this is her daughter or somebody that wrote to me now and wanted me to come and live there for--live there with them for all time.

Vapaa: But you're not particularly interested in going?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Nah. No.

Vapaa: Had enough of Finland?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Huh?

Vapaa: You had enough of Finland?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I had enough of Finland. I--how could I go and leave you? I couldn't do that. I couldn't stay. Bad enough if I went for trip but ah, I couldn't ~~(?)~~ stay.

Vapaa: Well ah, is there anything else about ah, the farm that you want to talk about? Beside the fact that it was hard work.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, there wasn't anything else. It was hard work all way around especially summertime is hard work.

Vapaa: What kind of work did you do?

Mrs. Jarvinen: We all have to ah, like we had ah, farm. We have ah, we had ah, what you--where you have to get the weed out with this tool of ah, for hard work.

Vapaa: Thrash wheat.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. You have to use them things that ah, you beat ah, --

Vapaa: Where you beat the straw.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah. You beat the--you shake them and ah, haul them. Oh, so much work.

Vapaa: Of course they don't do that any--.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And dirty work.

Vapaa: Yes. And they don't do this anymore.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: Now ah, when I was in Finland I noticed the women took care of all the livestock. Do you remember that?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes. I do.

Vapaa: Was there any special reason why?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't think so. I don't think--I guess they always--
always been do (unintelligible) then the woman do that and the man
do other kind of work.

Vapaa: Do you remember we went to Marie Gustafson's brothers farm--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: Or I don't know--. No, that wasn't the farm.

Mrs. Jarvinen: They didn't have farm. They have a, a--

Vapaa: Peat bogs.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Huh?

Vapaa: They had peat bogs.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Um.

Vapaa: But ah, we went to a farm--someone that you knew, I don't re-
member who it was.

Mrs. Jarvinen: That was ^{ANNA'S} Annette ah, ^{AS} Annette--

Vapaa: ~~Annette (?)~~ ^{ANNA'S}

Mrs. Jarvinen: ^{AS} ~~Annette~~ ~~(?)~~ sister's place.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But that was--she was--she was don't living I don't think, was
she?

Vapaa: No.

Mrs. Jarvinen: It was her daughter.

Vapaa: Her daughter and her son-in-law.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Her daughter and then eh--

Vapaa: Her bro--yeah, son-in-law.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I forget her what they where.

Vapaa: um-hum. But they had built--they had a farm too, you remember.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, they had a farm.

Vapaa: And you remember what happened at coffee time?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't remember that.

Vapaa: It was time to milk the cows, and who milked the cows?

Mrs. Jarvinen: She--but eh--they milked--the woman milked the cows. The man don't milk the cows.

Vapaa: No. Now and on that particular farm too--this was right near Alastar^(?) as I remember.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: Why ah, they ah, also built their own house and they were building on to the house when we were there.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, they had also built their barn and a silo.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Do you remember that was a very small silo?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: I think it was only about 15 feet tall maybe.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Do you remember that?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't remember that, no.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well, it sticks in my mind that ah, that was the size of it. And they had made their own bricks--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: ...for the barn.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes

Vapaa: For the sides of the barn.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, of course ah, most of the farms in Finland besides being low--and by the way, low land, that's what Finland means, low land--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: ...and ah, it's very much in some respects like Delaware except that the dirt was--soil was ah, darker I think than it is here. Don't you?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Is--is clay--clay.

Vapaa: More clay like?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Mostly clay.

Vapaa: But how about stone?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Huh?

Vapaa: How about stone? Did you have very many stones on your farm?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. No. Didn't have many stones in our farm. We have any stones.

Vapaa: And we don't have 'em here in Delaware.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. No.

Vapaa: Well, let's see. What else can we talk about on the farm? I mean, I can't think of anything. Ah--

Mrs. Jarvinen: In the summertimes they have wild strawberries in some places on the field where the ditches was. On the side of the ditches. North ditch was here on the side the strawberries. I know every ditch in the field that where the strawberries grow. And I was going up and down there and when I come back I come (static - unintelligible) your father and I. I didn't eat my self, but I brought them the strawberries that I found it. (laughter)

Vapaa: Now you say stepmother. You meant that your father remarried too?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, is that the woman that lives in the house when we were there?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. She--she died. She died few years ago.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well, who was the woman living in the house when we were there?

Mrs. Jarvinen: They were people--that was my stepson's wife.

Vapaa: Oh.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, because when we went there she went right away herself to get the pictures down and show. She said eh, Jonny, they called him he was ta--Johann he was--to take (?). My father was John too.

Vapaa: Um-hum. (yeah/ny)

Mrs. Jarvinen: So they call Jonny. And eh, she went there to get the pictures down. She said eh, "Jonny, he was always taking my pictures down." And ah, she misses Johann. (?) He was master his mother when I left. But eh, he didn't get paid nothing when he did the hard work eh. I ask my sister to senda me a ticket.

Vapaa: So that's why you left Finland?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Are you sorry you left Finland?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. I am not sorry. I am thankful I left. I won't be leaving you (?)

Vapaa: Un-hun. And how old are you now?

Mrs. Jarvinen: How old is I am? I'm born 1888.

Vapaa: 1888, yes. September the 8th.

Mrs. Jarvinen: 8th, um-hum. All 8's.

Vapaa: And you were born in Alastaro(sp?)?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah. I was born in--

Vapaa: Right there on the farm.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Right on the farm we were--

Vapaa: Yeah. Did I get your maiden name?

Mrs. Jarvinen: My maiden name?

Vapaa: Yeah.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Amanda Palojoki.

Vapaa: Palojoki.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Now, let me spell it in English.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: P-a-l-o-j-o-k-i.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: O.K.?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: But you pronounce it Pá-la-yo-ke?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: Un-hun. Well, now we're about to the end of this tape so I'm going to let the thing run out and then we'll turn it over and play the other side. (tape side ends)

Vapaa: Well, let's talk a little bit more about Finland. I don't know-- hardly know what to say. Do you know anything at all about my father's family?

In Finland?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, but they are all dead long time ago.

Vapaa: Um-hum. And where did he come from?

Mrs. Jarvinen: He wasn't very far from my home and he was born.

Vapaa: Is that right?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: How did he get to Savon^{N/A}l^{N/A}ina ~~(sp?)~~? He moved to there didn't he?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. Savon^{N/A}l^{N/A}ina ~~(sp?)~~, no. We were in Alastar^{N/A}o ~~(sp?)~~

Vapaa: I know you were in Alastar^{N/A}o ~~(sp?)~~. But didn't he--wasn't-- when we went to Savon^{N/A}l^{N/A}ina ~~(sp?)~~ you told me that's where Daddy was--went to school.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No, no, no, no, no, not him.

Vapaa: Not him.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. He never went Savon^{N/A}l^{N/A}ina ~~(sp?)~~. He---he never was in the Savon^{N/A}l^{N/A}ina ~~(sp?)~~.

Vapaa: He wasn't?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: But you didn't ^{KNOW}him when he lived in--fairly near you? Did you?

Mrs. Jarvinen: My father?

Vapaa: No. My father.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh. Oh, yes. Oh, you--I'm thinking about my father.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. they ah, where was he now? No, he (?) in ah, he was all way out--out from ah, I mean way, way far where--where I was.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: ...in Finland. Where he was from. And his father died when he was very young.

Vapaa: He did?

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah--

Vapaa: Now where was this?

Mrs. Jarvinen: He had a brother and he had a sister.

Vapaa: And where did they live?

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, eh, I forget ah, now the name them. Ah, I don't think he never wrote them except to his mother. He wrote to his mother. And a I forget a now what he was raised. Raised far from where I came from anyhow.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, his father died when he was very, very young.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And he went to work at a--at a, you know when they had like a
(?) ah, you know when people travel they ah,
they had a horses and then a they drive one place another. If you want like
taxi or something like that. Then they call and they went with the horse.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: So you father he was very young. Eh, he went eh, he went a
high school.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And they--but they--he was a boy that you could trusted and
they let him drive the people around. And ah, he went to school too.

Vapaa: Now you showed me his school grades and it looked to me like
they were pretty good grades.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. He had good--good grade in a school. Of course, I mean

his mother was eh, didn't have much and had 2 younger children to raise.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, but as he used to go after people die or something they used to give a, food for ~~the~~ their folks and nice (?) people come and eat-- and they have to prepare the larder and eh, and she used to go in there and work.

Vapaa: Did my father's mother ever remarry?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: She did.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. But then ah,--

Vapaa: Do you remember what her name was then?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I--I didn't remember then.

Vapaa: Un-huh.

Mrs. Jarvinen: When she wrote ah, she was all right then ah. Then ah, after she got a married she got a very good husband and I think he had a flour mill.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And--and ah, he made very good on that, cause all the farmers when then eh, they stopped there in a flour mill and had all the flour made from oats and barley and rye and everything you can farm.

Vapaa: Did this mill work the whole year?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: They did.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: So in the wintertime they hauled the stuff in a sleigh. Is that right?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: To the mill?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: And in the summertime they'd take it by wagon?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Wagon? No, no. In--in ah, yes, in a--in a thing with the wheels on it.

Vapaa: Yeah.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Mmm. Yeah.

Vapaa: Now ah, Finland you know is called the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Did my Daddy ever go on the lakes at all?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't know. That part of country I didn't know much only what youse telling me about it. And he used to say that he's going to send me down there with you some ti--some day that ah, she his mother should be so glad to. But then she died.

Vapaa: Well she died and he died?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: When I was 5?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And John was 3?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Now ah, do you know why my Dad left Finland? Why did he--why did he come to the United States?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Just like everybody else they looking for the better--better living.

Vapaa: Um-hum. And where did he--and he got his training as a gardener

in school?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: And he worked in Finland as a gardener too?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Ah--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Helper. Helper in eh--I mean just in a learning the gardening in school.

Vapaa: Did he ever tell you anything about coming over to this country-- about the boat that he came over on or the boat that you came over on?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No, I don't remember anything about that anymore. I guess was same thing last--like me. I mean, we come in first in England and then get the boat and then get the boat from there across the ocean.

Vapaa: But you didn't come over on the same boat, so you didn't--

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: ...you didn't meet until you where in this country.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. No. Sh--he got the--the ^{JOB}yard down in Connecticut.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And I was there working in ah, and he got the job there to work in the garden.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, then he wrote me and he said that ah, when he left he's going to correspond with me and if any letter come, why me to send to him and to the place in New York or wherever he went. He wrote again and there I could send it.

Vapaa: Now at that time though you weren't speaking any English where you?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Not much.

Vapaa: Un-hun. So you talked in Finnish all the time?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Let's see, where do we go from here? Well let's talk a little about--now he had worked for ah, Mr. Alfred I. duPont or Mrs. Alfred I. duPont.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And then he left there. Why did he leave there?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Because it was so far from the town and we didn't have a automobile or anything. The chauffeur would take us if we ask. If they--they had a chauffeur with the help.

Vapaa: You remember too that you told me that the wall that's around the Alfred I. duPont Institute was built when?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Was built--start to built a in the fall, because the fall time she was afraid ah, she was afraid that ah, enemy will come. ^{(unintelligible) WAR I} ^{WAR} ^{WAR} ~~fall~~

Vapaa: To the United States?

Mrs. Jarvinen: She was--she was crazy already then.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And she went out at ah--she told him that she ah, children has to care anybody (unintelligible) . If anybody say anything, you run out the gate. When you do you work if you want to go in town or you want a go anyplace, you just a go. If anybody says anything, don't pay no attention. Because she says, "I'm the one going to tell you if--if anything wrong. Why, but don't say anything cause they be jealous and they be saying something to you. But don't pay no attention not. If I have something to say, I tell you. "

And then she got sick. And ah, nobody know where she is--if she

was home or where she was. And ah, we didn't see him and then he heard about the ser--Rodney Sharp. And he applied for the job and he left. But she had asked then in the greenhouse and he wasn't there. And I think she got that much madder. Somebody said she then ah, that she had come in the greenhouse and--and ah, asked and ah, he wasn't there.

Vapaa: Now, when my Father went to work for Rodney Sharp, was he the head gardener?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Huh?

Vapaa: Was he in charge of all the gardeners?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh, yes, all the gardeners. Yeah.

Vapaa: And how many were there? Do you don't remember? Roughly?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Huh?

Vapaa: How many gardeners did they have at Sharps?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Just another man and ah, ^{GALINSKI} ~~Kolinsky~~ and ah--

Vapaa: Frank--

Mrs. Jarvinen: I--I don't think was anymore. If he needed any help, he got there extra help then. But Joe ^{GALINSKI} ~~Kolinsky~~--

Vapaa: Joe ^{GALINSKI?} ~~Kolinsky~~?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Frank was the oldest son.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Of Joe?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No, that was Joe was the father of Frank and them.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: But I'm saying Frank ^{GALINSKI} ~~Kolinsky~~ was his oldest boy.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah, yeah.

Vapaa: And he was killed during World War II, wasn't he?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Un-hun. And Mrs. ^{GALINSKI} ~~Kolinsky~~ is still living?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. I did a see her.

Vapaa: Yes.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. And they was so glad. Marcella and her husband living with her and ah, ah, somebody else wasn't there very long. Baby was in the hall intend to get away (?). Vivian just went down there. Yes.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. We find easy. And Marcella came to door. She's so fat.

Vapaa: Yeah.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And she says,--

Vapaa: (unintelligible)

Mrs. Jarvinen: ..."Oh, yes, ohhhhh." And she was so glad and then she called her mother~~was~~ upstairs, she coming down, and she cry too.

Vapaa: Um-hum. As I remember she lives on Maple Street in Wilmington.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: If I remember right, the number is 1511.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Or something like that.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, it's on--this is Polish town, isn't it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. It's ah, near Polish church. We (??)
that time we were there know from the house. That time when we were looking
for it. And we went the door. And Marcella said that she mother isn't so
well, but she went up and down the steps. Eh, to get something from upstairs.

Vapaa: That's all right.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, she was in her bathrobe. And Marcella took me down the
door--down the back yard and her husband was ah, Marcella's husband was up then
~~a~~^{and} had nice back yard with a flowers and vegetables (unintelligible) stringbeans
and ah, nice.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well, she was a lot like her daddy then, was she?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah, I guess so.

Vapaa: Pretty good garden?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yeah.

Vapaa: Un-hun.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And he's Polish so he grows vegetables, I mean ah--

Vapaa: Is Marcella's husband Polish?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yes. I--I think so.

Vapaa: You don't remember, do you?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I--I think a so. I forget now what her name is.

Vapaa: Well we can look it up.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: We'll have to go see Marcella and Mrs. ~~Kelinsky~~^{GALINSKI} again.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: And we'll see and find out what their--what her married name is.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: Because her brother, Stanley, still lives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, but ah, he's the only older, but if I forget them. But there's John. He was in the (unintelligible). I guess ? remembers it better than I do.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: He was in Europe. He gotta married there.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And ah, he a priest.

Vapaa: Well, he wouldn't get to be married and become a priest.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I think he--

Vapaa: He couldn't be because they're Catholic.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh, that's right he can't be a priest.

Vapaa: He can't be a priest.

Mrs. Jarvinen: That's right. I forget a what he is. But ah, and what's wonder he gotta married.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Did he marry someone in Europe?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: I see. Are they still living in Europe?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I forget that even. If you--

Vapaa: All right. We'll try and find out. We'll ask Marcella or (unintelligible)

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes.

Vapaa: Un-hun. Now, we've about covered ah, Sharp except ah, no we haven't really covered it because let's see--when you first moved to Sharps, you moved in which house?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh, we had a house on a--on a Greenhill Avenue. Was a brick house

Vapaa: At Pennsylvania Avenue?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No, this one was facing ah, facing the--

Vapaa: Greenhill?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Greenhill. But was near the border of Pennsylvania Avenue, but not in a corner. There was another house in corner.

Vapaa: Oh.

Mrs. Jarvinen: A double house. And ah, while we were in this house and they has a hole in the cellar the water comes in it. And then ah, Mr. Sharp didn't like that we living that house that it be damp and the water comes in there. So it wasn't so bad, but he didn't think it was good enough for us anyhow. So he send a, a, he put us in the corner--Pennsylvania Avenue and ah, and ah--

Vapaa: Greenhill?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Greenhill. And the front door facing ah, ah, ah--

Vapaa: Pennsylvania Avenue?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Room was on both side of--

Vapaa: Right.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Both of it out there. So he put us in there. And then ah,-- No, before that there was an English family. He was a butler and valet to Mr. Sharp. And ah, and this man ah, half the day he was taking care of the yard and ah, and ah, horses.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And a he gotta mad a. He didn't like it. He moved away. And then Mr. Sharp told a us to move in there because the house get--gets damp. That's how it isn't good for us to move in that coldness. Then he started to

restore another house to us to move

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And a he started to build that.

Vapaa; Now he--Well, he was still building that house when Johnny was born, wasn't he? You still lived on Greenhill Avenue? That house there? I think you told me that John was born--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, I--I think he was born in that Greenhill Avenue.

Vapaa: Greenhill Avenue house.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yeah.

Vapaa: And this new house that he was building was at 15th and Clinton Streets.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Which is right in back--it's one block over from Greenhill Avenue.

Mrs. Jarvinen: It's on a 14--14th Street in front of it.

Vapaa: 14th?

Mrs. Jarvinen: 14th Street.

Vapaa: O.K.

Mrs. Jarvinen: 14th between us.

Vapaa: Un-hun. Just a short street--2 blocks long.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: No, it's longer than that. But ah, I'm not sure Mom, but I believe that it was 15th & Clinton because the next street up was 16th Street, wasn't it?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah, next street is--. Yes, I think it was 15th Street.

Vapaa: 15th and Clinton.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Yes, I think next one was 16th Street.

Vapaa: Now ah, how long did we live in that house--that new house?
Before Daddy died?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, we lived there over a year anyhow.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Because that time your Daddy died. They were in ah, ah, what
country were they?

Vapaa: Sharps?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Sharps, but in what country They were out^{at} the country.

Vapaa: They were around the world, weren't they?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah, Yah.

Vapaa: Didn't they go around the world?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, they were around the country.

Vapaa: And they took the boys with them.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: Hugh--

Mrs. Jarvinen: And the nurse.

Vapaa: ...and the nurse. What was her name? Do you remember?

Mrs. Jarvinen: What was her name?

Vapaa: ~~Guthry~~ (sp?) (KATR? ?)

Mrs. Jarvinen: What was her name?

Vapaa: Well, it's not too important.

Mrs. Jarvinen: It's not.

Vapaa: But ah, it was Hugh Sharp and what was the other boys name?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh, I--

Vapaa: Bayard.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. Bayard.

Vapaa: O.K. And they're both still living? And Hugh lives on ah, in the old house on ah, he calls it 16th and Brinkley Avenue as his mailing address.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh. Is he--is he living there in that house?

Vapaa: Oh, yes. I guess so. That's his--that's the address that's in the telephone book.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh. Oh.

Vapaa: And I think he has an office--both he and Bayard have offices in the duPont Building.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh.

Vapaa: Downtown in Wilmington.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh.

Vapaa: And I think that Bayard lives ah, out in ah, Centerville.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Oh.

Vapaa: And of course, Mr. Sharp over the years kept buying up a lot of property.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, let's see, he didn't have too many I don't believe when we were living there.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: But over the years I think he bought several properties.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: Well, my Daddy died in June of 1921. Right?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And ah, do you remember the exact date?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: We'll have to look at the tombstone.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I--I ah--

Vapaa: Be easy (unintelligible)

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't remember.

Vapaa: Un-hun. But ah, and then--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Seems me around (unintelligible)

Vapaa: And ah, after Daddy died, what happened then?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Well, she let--Sharp let me stay in the house then and ah, I ah, I suppose to let the ^{GALLANSKI} ~~KOLINSKY~~ ask them that if we could move in the house because they was--they was living in a barn down ah, and was too far him to walk back and forth and he had the responsibility of the place. And ah, in fact the greenhouse and everything they were--they were away.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: They were away. So Sharp let me move (static - unintelligible)
They moved in. Was room enough (unintelligible) They had both.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But then I got this job on ah, Mr. ah--

Vapaa: McQue (sp?) ~~MCCUE~~ (FRANK)

Mrs. Jarvinen: McQue (sp?) came after me when I was to New York to my sister

(?)

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And I was there. And he had message boy come to the door and asked me to eh, eh, come and work for them. And then was it you or Johnny got sick, upset, didn't feel good? And Mrs. Kolinsky was dead.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: So then he gave me messages that John was sick and my sister told me, she say, "You place is home!" That she would never a get better. And I--my place is to come home to (?).

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: You was to come home. (Interpretation ?) I never forget that I come home at 1 o'clock in the morning. And ah, when I walk from the Green-hill Avenue some flowers on the side were there and they touched my skirts--skirts and I was though what was somebody doing to my legs and I--I was so nervous. And ah, I was--I think it was 1 o'clock in the morning when I got home then. And ah, I think John got better, but my sisters eyes--she didn't (unintelligible).

Vapaa: Um-hum. Now, I seem to remember that I started school out there on ah, Union Street.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: I think it was number--I don't ever remember--

Mrs. Jarvinen: 13

Vapaa: Number 13 School. Yeah.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And ah, I went to the first grade.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And I guess I went there a year, didn't I? Or was it quite a year?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I don't ah, remember right.

Vapaa: But then after that ah, we had to--you had to get a--you found another job.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: With Meeds (~~sp?~~)

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And they'd been married not too long.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: So ah, you took this job with Meeds, and you remember what--where we went?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. I work for Meeds already when a Mr. Sharp ah came ah, asked me (unintelligible)

Vapaa: Um-hum. This was at Goodstay?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Un-hun.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Was ah, ~~McQuos~~ ^{McCUES} (~~SD?~~) -- ~~McQuos~~ ^{McCUES}. They on 17th Street and Greenhill.

Vapaa: 17th and Greenhill, right.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Right on the corner.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: What kind of work did Mr. ~~McQuos~~ ^{McCUE} do?

Mrs. Jarvinen: He worked in ah, he worked in Mr. Sharp's office.

Vapaa: Oh. And Mr. Sharp worked--worked for who? ?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh.

Vapaa: Who did he work for?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Mr. Sharp? He had his own--own office.

Vapaa: Um-hum. You mean he worked for himself?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeh. I think so.

Vapaa: Do you know who he--he married?

Mrs. Jarvinen: He married Willy duPont's sister.

Vapaa: Oh.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Mrs. Sharp was Willy duPont's sister.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: She was a duPont.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: They had anything--didn't have--didn't have no money with her, but he was a good man.

Vapaa: He certainly was.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Umm. He gave me \$10 - \$20 a month work.

Vapaa: That was a lot of money in those days, wasn't--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Days was a lot of money, but then when I told eh that I was going to get married why then he quit.

Vapaa: Um-humm. Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But then he got to see me when he was--came to me to see coming in a kitchen to see me.

Vapaa: He did?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah.

Vapaa: That's nice.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: I never knew that.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Of course, Mr. Sharp is dead now.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: But the boys are still living.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And the boys are older than I am. Do you know how old they were when I was little? Now we have a picture of them. And Elsie told me that Mr.-- do you remember when we had that luncheon in January--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: ...that ^{HUGH} ~~you~~ was always the shortest, but he's the older of the two boys, right?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. Yes. Hugh is older.

Vapaa: Because it's Hugh R. Sharp, Jr. That's the way he signs his name.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: He doesn't use Rodney.

Mrs. Jarvinen: No.

Vapaa: As I remember. And ah, Well, we've got you to Goodstay. Now, how long were you at Goodstay?

Mrs. Jarvinen: I was there good many years. I can't even count them anymore.

Vapaa: Well you must have gone about 1916 or 17. Right? Before 1920?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yah, I think so.

Vapaa: And you stayed there until about 1941.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I, wasn't?

Vapaa: When you remarried.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: ~~Morris~~. MAURICE.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: MAURICE
Morris Jarvinen?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And ~~Morris~~ MAURICE has just died this January 9--4 days after my brother died.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And they both had had the same operation. They both had their left legs taken off the same day after Thanksgiving--

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: ...in 19--

Mrs. Jarvinen: It was--that was the funniest thing that--

Vapaa: 74.

Mrs. Jarvinen: ...they both had the same thing.

Vapaa: Yes. Of course, John's trouble was diabetes. MAURICES¹
~~Morris's~~ trouble was more hardening of the arteries I think.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes. But the funny--

Vapaa: But to have the legs come off the same day.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, and the same leg.

Vapaa: Same leg. Right. And John had already retired from the duPont Company.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Because of the so called worn out heart.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: He had had 2 heart attacks that I re--know of.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And ah, so ah, but he died in the ah, I think it was ah, 5th of January and Morris died on the 9th.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: And--

Mrs. Jarvinen: And duPonts ^(COMPANY) give me a pension now.

Vapaa: They do?

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. I get a hundred--what is that thing--\$105. And what is that other thing? I ask Vivian. Ah,

Vapaa: That's all right.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Ah, what is that thing that duPont give me that was (unintelligible)

Vapaa: That's the duPont Company though.

Mrs. Jarvinen: What is--what was it that ah

(voice) ~~VAPAA~~ Blue Cross - Blue Shield.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh?

(voice) ~~VAPAA~~ Blue Cross - Blue Shield?

Mrs. Jarvinen: What was that you said that I don't need that eh--

(voice) ~~VAPAA~~ Bankers Life and Casualty.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Eh?

(voice) ~~VAPAA~~ Bankers Life and Casualty.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But you said no use to keep that Bankers Life and--

(voice) ~~Vapaa~~ Right. Because you have Blue Cross and Blue Shield from duPonts now.

Mrs. Jarvinen: That's what I said that duPonts have.

(Voice) Yes. But it's--

Vapaa: But that's the duPont Company.

(voice) That's the company.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: That's the company.

Mrs. Jarvinen: But you--but--

Vapaa: Because John worked for the duPont Company,

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, but duPont ah, this duPont Company giving me sick wage each month hundred and what is it--just a few--little bit over?

Vapaa: Yes. And that plus social security

Mrs. Jarvinen: And then that--and then a give insurance if I get sick.

Vapaa: Um-hum.

Mrs. Jarvinen: So I drop my Bankers Life and Casualty Company.

Vapaa: Your White Cross coverage ← SAME →

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah. I str--drop that.

Vapaa: Right. Um-hum. Well, I think that was probably a wise move.

Because ah, we found out when ~~Morris~~ MAURICE died we could not collect on the life part of the insurance because the policy said that it wou--it had to be death or had to be caused by sickness. I mean ah, by an accident not sickness.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: And ~~Morris~~ MAURICE die--didn't die of an accident. He died of the sickness.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes.

Vapaa: So that's the reason he--there wasn't any recovery on that.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: Well--

Mrs. Jarvinen: They ah, send me another letter they send one before and I don't--I remember I ask a Vivian cause I get (?) and I can't remember. And ah, I ah, ask her and she said, no because I get a that ah. I say that's why I stopped it.

Vapaa: I should say at this point that we're talking about Vivian Lloyd, my niece. In other words, my brother's daughter.

Mrs. Jarvinen: And, she's your granddaughter.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yeah.

Vapaa: So ah--. Well Mom, we still haven't gotten very far along in Goodstay. Ah, I think I've got some other tapes here that we can take some of the other stuff off of. But ah, is there anything else you want to say about either Goodstay or the farm or anything else?

Mrs. Jarvinen: No. I don't know anything.

Vapaa: Except that Ray, my stepbrother, is taking good care of you.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, he's-- he's wonderful.

Vapaa: At Vivians. I think he is too.

Mrs. Jarvinen: I think he has the--I don't know how he fix that will.

Vapaa: **The wills** all fixed. He gets half of the income from the house when it's sold. So--

Mrs. Jarvinen: I think you should get more than them.

Vapaa: Well, we can figure out what we do and we can change the will.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Yes, that's what I say--that will I--that will wasn't made. It's ah, I don't think its right.

Vapaa: Um-hum. Well, I've got to wind this thing up somewhere Mom. So I'm going to do it right now and simply say that we'll have to refer to the other tapes that we made a long time ago about you to finish the story--to complete what we've gotten on tape so far.

Mrs. Jarvinen: Umm.

Vapaa: So, I'll let the thing stop right about this point I think. I know we're just about out of tape on--on it anyway. So, that'll be it. I'm going to let it run all the way out.

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