

CONVERSATION WITH HELEN (WARD) O'CONNOR
MARCH 1989
NAPLES, FLORIDA.

BERTHA VISITING ON STATEN ISLAND & WAS UPSET THAT MARGE
WAS GOING TO LEAVE THE HOUSE IN A BLIZZARD TO ATTEND
HELEN'S GRADUATION 10 DAYS AFTER PAUL WAS BORN
HELEN GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL 4 FEB 1947

AUNT ETHEL & HARRY WERE LIVING WITH US ON STATEN ISLAND
WHEN MIDGE WAS BORN.

VERNON IN AND OUT (IN SERVICE)

DOTTY WAS MARRIED.

VERN COLLOTT - "LUCKY" MARRIED "BUMPY" EARLY IN WWII JUST
BEFORE GOING OVERSEAS - SHE WAS A USO DANCER
& 1941 HE WENT TO THE PACIFIC, SHE WENT TO EUROPE.
VERN RETURNED AFTER WAR. DIVORCED ABOUT YEAR
MIDGE WAS BORN.?

AUNT ETHEL WAS A WRECK OVER (MIDGE'S BIRTH?) "I KNOW
SOMETHING'S WRONG! I KNOW SOMETHING'S WRONG!"

CHRISTMAS 1945⁽⁴⁶⁾ (MOM PREGNANT WITH MIDGE?) WENT
TO NYC BECAUSE ON THE OUTS WITH AUNT ETHEL,
UNCLE HARRY, AUNT IDA - MOSTLY AUNT ETHEL & MARGE?

(PROBLEMS STARTED AFTER MIDGE WAS BORN?)

AUNT ETHEL DIDN'T MOVE OUT IN WINTER

WHEN PAUL WAS BORN, ONLY HELEN LIVING ON
PROSPECT ST WITH US.

WHEN PAUL WAS BORN (1947):

DOTTY & MARTY LIVING IN THE PROJECTS ON STATEN
ISLAND (PATERICHMOND, WEST BRIDGE?) MARRIED 1944

ETHEL & HARRY WERE OUT IN TITANVILLE, THE
OTHER END OF THE ISLAND.

ON TOP FLOOR OF 104 CANAL ST.

DOTTY & MARTY WERE IN BOSTON WHEN MIKE WAS BORN
IN 1945 (MARTY STILL IN NAVY) - BORN IN CHELSEA NAVAL HOSPITAL

HELEN (ACE) WAS WITH DOTTY IN BOSTON WHEN MIKE BORN
MARTY WAS SUPPOSED TO GET A LEAVE AFTER MIKE
WAS BORN SO THEY COULD ALL GO TO STAMEN
ISLAND WITH HELEN. LEAVE WAS FROZEN DUE
TO ATOMIC BOMB ATTACK ON JAPAN - (CHECK DATES)
DOTTY WASN'T GOING TO GO, BUT MARTY TALKED HELEN INTO IT.
MARTY STAYED, DOTTY, MIKE, & HELEN WENT ON TRAIN
MARTY CAME DOWN LATER, TO 111 PROSPECT.
THEY MOVED TO S.I. WHEN HE GOT OUT OF THE
NAVY.

ABOUT 1947, VERN WAS OUT OF THE SERVICES & HAD
GONE DOWN SOUTH SOMEWHERE, TRAINING HORSES.
HAD JOCKEY FRIENDS & WAS WORKING AT A TRACK.

DAD RENTED 111 PROSPECT ST ABOUT 1943-44 FROM
CHICAGO. HELEN WAS LIVING IN THE HOUSE
BEHIND THE COLDWATER FLAT WITH ETHEL & HARRY.
IDA & TOMMY WERE IN MIDLAND BEACH (BARBERSHOP)

PAUL'S CHRISTENING

GOD MOTHER

ETHEL SCHENKEL - HELEN'S BEST FRIEND
WERE GOING TO GO TO NURSING SCHOOL
TOGETHER, BUT HELEN GOT TURNED DOWN
BECAUSE OF HER DAR. SHE WENT TO CONN.
HELEN GOT INTO LENOX HILL

IN CALIF, VISITED FROM CALIF WITH KIDS
IN X 1966 MET HUSBAND IN ENGLAND
HER COUSIN LIVES IN WAYNE, NJ (FRITZ WOELFLE)?

HELEN & I LOOKING AT VIDEO

? DETROIT APARTMENT (House?)

FIRST PERSON UP ^{STAIRS} APPEARS TO BE BOB NELSON
2ND " " " " " " HARRY ELDERS?
3RD " " " " " " WE HAVE NO IDEA.

CALIF TRIP VERY BEGINNING OF 1948 END OF 47
HELEN CALLED IN FEB 1948 & DAD & VERNE WERE
IN N.Y. FOR THE SHOW TOUR, & MAY HAVE
ALREADY BEEN TO CALIFORNIA.

BOB NELSON WALKING AROUND FOUNTAIN
AMBASSADOR LIDO CLUB.

VERNE SWIMMING IN POOL

CITY COULD BE SAN FRANCISCO?

SOME OTHER ACTOR, VERNE? BOB NELSON, THOM PAT WALKS IN