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Lucille Barnett, Edna Mae Hulstrom, Eleanor McKinley

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- E** Eleanor McKinley 00:09  
Good morning, my name is Eleanor McKinley. I'm interviewing for the Carnegie Library as well as the local Broomfield Museum and our own local library. The date is January 9 1996. And the one who's going to tell us the stories today is Edna Mae Hulstrom. Edna, where and when were you born?
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 00:46  
I was born about six miles northeast of Longmont August 27th 1906.
- E** Eleanor McKinley 00:53  
That's been a few years ago. Can you tell us a little bit about your early childhood?
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 01:01  
Oh, there were 10 of us children. And we didn't have any phone or no, no kind of music or anything. We just played our own way. But we when I gots, just I got to be seven my Dad give me an old cow to milk. Seven years old. And so I'm milked cows
- E** Eleanor McKinley 01:22  
You milked cows?
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 01:23  
After he after I got older. And but he gave me that one. I let's see what I've been on a farm all

After he, after I got older, and but he gave me that one. Let's see what I've been on a farm all my life

**E** Eleanor McKinley 01:35  
Been on a farm all your life. Is that fun to be on a farm?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 01:39  
Oh, yes, that's the best place.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 01:43  
Well now what size house did you live in?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 01:45  
Then we never really stepped up to the had four room, four rooms house. And then one time we had a bigger one. And as he moved around and rented farms. The last one we had was just the five rooms not? Not not nicer.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 02:06  
Where did you What did your dad do? Was he a farmer, then?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 02:08  
Farmer, oh yes

**E** Eleanor McKinley 02:10  
And he had cows that he raised chickens or?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 02:12  
Oh yeah, he always. For cows, why he always fed the cows in the wintertime to sell. You know,

**E** Eleanor McKinley 02:24  
Well tell us a little bit about your schooling where you went to school?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 02:27

Oh, well, school is St. Vrain School. Like that. Seven miles, six miles west of Platteville at an old town and all the way through the eighth grade. And then it's the same school my mother went to when she was a kid,

E Eleanor McKinley 02:49

is that right? Now what did you go all the way through the eighth grade or through high school

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 02:55

Yeah we graduated from eighth grade in those days. And then I went to high school one year in Platteville of one year in Mead. And then I got married

E Eleanor McKinley 03:09

What kind of classes did they teach?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 03:13

The kids nowadays asked me afterward even even know what they're learning that day because we had different. We had history and the government you know, we're all about that.

E Eleanor McKinley 03:31

Did you have a separate class for math and a separate class for spelling and

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 03:35

oh yeah, there were 60 of us kids in one room.

E Eleanor McKinley 03:40

What was the name of the school?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 03:41

Platteville

E Eleanor McKinley 03:42  
Platteville was the name of the school 60, 60 children in one room

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 03:45  
One room and the great big room and there are two teachers that taught Oh yeah, that was really

E Eleanor McKinley 03:57  
what did you wear to school?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 03:59  
In those days, you were usually a skirt and middies middies. They're kind of a frock but they don't have them nowadays when they came down and around here. Long sleeves.

E Eleanor McKinley 04:16  
What kind of coat did you have?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 04:21  
Do we just had any old coat?

E Eleanor McKinley 04:25  
Did you wear mittens and hats? I'm sure it was very cold.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 04:28  
Yeah. And we always were stocking caps. And I put high shoes.

E Eleanor McKinley 04:38  
Did you walk to school?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 04:40  
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On yes.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 04:40  
How far away was that

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 04:42  
had to walk rather longest I've walked is four years, four miles. But during the last it was just about three miles. The farmers did not take their kids to school.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 04:56  
What did they give you a lot of homework.

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 04:58  
No homework at all.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 05:00  
Because they knew you had work to do it after school when you got home. What did y'all do for fun?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 05:08  
Well, every night my dad made us go to bed at a quarter to eight. And then before that why we'd go down the cellar get a carton of apple said he get put down there for the winter. That's all made taffy.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 05:20  
Oh, you may taffy. Did you? What kind of games did you play?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 05:27  
Through the schools that hup hup, pull away, come away or I'll pull you away. And then the rest of the fox and geese and they did so.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 05:39

How many brothers and sisters did you have?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 05:43  
five sisters and four brothers. There's six of us girls and four boys.

E Eleanor McKinley 05:49  
So there were 10 in all so how many are living today?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 05:55  
Three,

E Eleanor McKinley 05:56  
Three. Now tell us when you when you got married? What happened? What Tell me a little bit about your courtship. Oh.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 06:07  
My husband just had an old car. And I think every time we went someplace we had a flat tire. But we always went the long way every Saturday night to the show. And the show was 10 cents. And we did a banana split for 10 cents. He always spent 20 cents on me

E Eleanor McKinley 06:31  
so was he living up there in Longmont? At the time?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 06:34  
Yeah, he lived on a farm too

E Eleanor McKinley 06:36  
How'd you meet

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 06:38  
at a barn dance was first time I seen him and then we were at another barn dance, and I danced with him and then stuff got together

danced with him and then stuff got together.

E Eleanor McKinley 06:50  
What did you do on dates?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 06:52  
Oh, we just talked I guess. We would. We would never any place but the show, in Longmont, that's in Longmont.

E Eleanor McKinley 07:03  
Was there a Grange in those days?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 07:07  
There wwas no Granges in those days.

E Eleanor McKinley 07:12  
Where did people go to have it? I guess they went to church didn't they, to have social socials.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 07:18  
They never had other words needed. Church around there. The ring church Well, damn it burned down.

E Eleanor McKinley 07:26  
So you didn't go to church as a child?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 07:29  
No. Well, it really got older. We went to Platteville we went in the horse and buggy to Platteville church

E Eleanor McKinley 07:35  
To Platteville. So I imagined that was interesting. What what church was that?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 07:41  
The Methodist Church

E Eleanor McKinley 07:46  
Did they have a youth group or

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 07:48  
No, nothing

E Eleanor McKinley 07:49  
they have any pie suppers or no? They just didn't do anything huh? Sunday was you went to Sunday school and church and that was it. So when what year did you get married? That June 24 1924. And where were you married?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 08:10  
In Denver? We just went to the minister's house and got married.

E Eleanor McKinley 08:17  
Can you describe that day?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 08:19  
Oh yes. We had an old car, didn't have any heater in it. We had a foot of snow on and my feet bout froze off then I dont think they ever got warm. That was a cold.

E Eleanor McKinley 08:38  
Did you have a honeymoon?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 08:41  
No He asked to see get we got married they had to go back home and feed cattle. Fed cattle all winter long and hauled from Longmont on a meat wagon, and he got \$98



E Eleanor McKinley 08:57  
All winter long?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 08:58  
For all his work.

E Eleanor McKinley 09:01  
Now where did you live when you when you said you went back and

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 09:03  
was a. Let's see we're just a mile east of Del Camino didn't get valleys didn't enjoy just about a quarter of a mile south on a farm on a farm

E Eleanor McKinley 09:18  
and how long did you live there

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 09:19  
for two years until we moved over here in district 80

E Eleanor McKinley 09:27  
So it was 1926 when you did you have any children by that time?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 09:31  
No return by 1926 When Yeah.

E Eleanor McKinley 09:37  
So what tell us about your your home life over here when you moved all

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 09:43  
we didn't have any. We just had a heating stove and cook stove. And we had our water coming

out of a big ditch and we bring that into our cistern then. Pretty soon we had strain the water bugs out

E Eleanor McKinley 10:04  
Did you boil? Did you have to boil your water

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 10:06  
We didn't do it we should have.

E Eleanor McKinley 10:09  
Well, you're still living. I guess you're okay. But tell us about the house that you lived in.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 10:16  
We lived in that was on the three room house that was over there now where highway with to the valley highway but right to where we used to be. They've moved the house with the born at home. So it's course we had kept all water tab and we were work by hand you know?

E Eleanor McKinley 10:45  
Did you take a bath once a week? Was that what the procedure was there?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 10:48  
We had the ttake a bath in the other room for it's always cold.

E Eleanor McKinley 10:57  
Well now. You lived on the farm. You lived in that house? The three room house for a while? Yeah. Is that the one they'd call the tarpaper shack,

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 11:06  
No, That's when there was here. That was

E Eleanor McKinley 11:09  
here's Okay, so you lived there for a while and then you moved over?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 11:12

And then we moved over to another old raggedy house. Across from his folks just down the road about a mile. About mile and a half, I guess. South north of here.

E Eleanor McKinley 11:26

Did you go did you visit people man did you go around and visit people because you didn't have any?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 11:31

We didn't have to be invited to go anyplace or our neighbors go for a meal. Everybody always come to my house to for meals and now you wouldn't dare to do that.

E Eleanor McKinley 11:44

What did you serve?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 11:45

Oh God, we always had chicken we have our chickens, butchered pigs. We always had our own eggs and milk and meat.

E Eleanor McKinley 11:56

Now did you sell your Did you sell your eggs?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:00

Later on? We did when we sold the first eggs for 13 cents a dozen

E Eleanor McKinley 12:10

and how much we're pigs a pound, pork a pound.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:13

When we got rid of them. We had to sell him we got three cents a pound.

E Eleanor McKinley 12:19  
That's not very much.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:21  
And I sold my 30 pound. Oh gobbler for three for three guests. \$3

E Eleanor McKinley 12:28  
Did you hate to get rid of her?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:29  
Oh yeah.

E Eleanor McKinley 12:31  
Did you had you named her?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:32  
No,

E Eleanor McKinley 12:33  
no, I just You didn't Did you name the animals?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:36  
About the cows? They did? That was all

E Eleanor McKinley 12:41  
what was the name of your cow? What was the name of your cow?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 12:50  
Oh they called her Bessie.

E Eleanor McKinley 12:51

Bessie? That was pretty common name. Bessie. Our houses were named Bessie too. But tell us about the early days of raising children

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 13:02

It was a big job. What didn't have the wash machine had wash by hand. And we didn't have a dryer. We just lived in a three room place. Had to hang them up no matter how cold the weather was the freezing. Didn't have no place in the house to hang them. So the sometimes the daipers didn't get dry. I was always washing for two because I never had the other and towards the end when

E Eleanor McKinley 13:32

he came. So you had him every two years didn't you? Tell us about your kids? How many kids did you have?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 13:38

And 10 altogether. Eight girl to the two boys.

E Eleanor McKinley 13:46

Can you name them?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 13:47

Oh yeah. Bertha, Dorothy and Lucille right here and June. Then Teddy and Joyce and Lois and Darlene and Phyllis, and Roland.

E Eleanor McKinley 14:04

How did you decide what how to what to name them

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 14:08

that I named? The names I like

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E Eleanor McKinley 14:12  
they weren't named after anybody. They would just names you liked. Well, now how did they,  
How did they entertain themselves when they were little

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 14:27  
They brought them to the 4-H for one thing it's doing something for that. And then they went  
the dances at the Grange over in Broomfield

E Eleanor McKinley 14:38  
How old did they have to be before you'd let them go to a dance?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 14:43  
Oh, no. I get us all 16

L Lucille Barnett 14:49  
Well, we were younger because my aunt and uncle took us 40 But Buck and Helen took us you  
know when we were probably 13

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 14:59  
But, Bertha and Lucille had an orchestra with their husbands

L Lucille Barnett 15:07  
Bertha played the piano that's how we entertained ourself.

E Eleanor McKinley 15:10  
Did you did you sing a lot?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 15:14  
Yeah, we had pictures every scene you sang for woody

E Eleanor McKinley 15:19

What about games? Did you play like card games?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 15:25

Yeah, we did pick cards. Well like like on a Sunday afternoon we did company there me just just relation that person I mean [unclear audio].

**E** Eleanor McKinley 15:44

You're just what kind of cards did you play?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 15:49

Pinochle

**E** Eleanor McKinley 15:50

Pinochle play cribbage I just did you play regular card games like hearts or anything like that? Pinochle? Yeah. Who was it? Who won all the time?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 16:06

The ones that was the smartest. Yeah,

**E** Eleanor McKinley 16:16

Now tell us about school and where they went to school. Where the kids go to school.

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 16:23

It's a Burn Lee up here little country school. Y'all went there. And then when he went to high school why they went to Lafayette

**E** Eleanor McKinley 16:32

to Lafayette

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 16:33

I had seven daughters graduated from Lafayette High School.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 16:36  
Oh my goodness. What tell us about going to school there did they was it difficult to get there

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 16:49  
[unclear audio]

**E** Eleanor McKinley 16:55  
you had a bus then that picked you up how far away did the bus pick you up? Did you have to be right right out front. So what did they were they good students?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 17:06  
Oh yeah they were all good. they got to put it together scholarships scholarships.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 17:15  
How wonderful

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 17:16  
They were all smart.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 17:19  
Now when when they were in school, what did you do? We did you always have a baby to take care of in those days.

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 17:26  
The last two was only 20 months apart.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 17:29  
That did keep you busy.

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 17:31




 Edna Mae Hulstrom 17:31

Busy all the time, sometimes when they were sick I had a hold of all day why kids come home from school and the breakfast dishes is still on the table

 Eleanor McKinley 17:48


when I earlier you were talking about the swine flu and I forgot to ask you about that. Can you tell us a little bit about when you got what year that was and how serious that was?

 Edna Mae Hulstrom 18:01

1919, and you had to stay in bed because it was in your lungs? A lot of people died and the school was shut down for three months. The schools are all shut down for three months

 Eleanor McKinley 18:18


now that all your family haven't

 Edna Mae Hulstrom 18:20

All of my family had it but my dad

 Eleanor McKinley 18:24


and what were the symptoms?

 Edna Mae Hulstrom 18:25

Oh it was in your lungs do you get you get real sick or you got fever and your lungs hurt?

 Eleanor McKinley 18:32

Did you know anyone who died

 Edna Mae Hulstrom 18:34

I didn't know anybody who died no just what we heard all over there especially Denver.

 Eleanor McKinley 18:41

So it was all over this area then

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E Edna Mae Hulstrom 18:43  
Oh it was all over United States.

E Eleanor McKinley 18:48  
Well, let's go back and talk a little bit about about life in those early days. did you how did you travel?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 18:56  
horses and buggies

E Eleanor McKinley 18:57  
up until when? Do you remember when you got your first car and what it was?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 19:06  
No car was a Ford. We had well we had horses in part cause we it took us all day to go Longmont and back with a horse and buggy and you this hat was meant to Grandma horse it was still run by the horse and buggy when we will go here 1925 She was I mean she was in

E Eleanor McKinley 19:39  
Well, that was a long time ago wasn't it? So a lot of things have changed. So when you're you're when your kids grew up, what did you do when they left home? What did you do?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 19:52  
Oh, I rested.

E Eleanor McKinley 19:58  
You rested huh, I I think I would have rested to for a long time. Did you get a job somewhere?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 20:10  
Oh, no, no, because on the farm, there was a big job on the farm.

E Eleanor McKinley 20:14  
Well, after your children left, did you take a job

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 20:20  
have been updating Farber our tour to one year we this is true to that. We didn't have money for a turkey for Christmas Eve. So I went over there Turkey patch you know, and I started working. And we've got our turkey and everything, but I stayed seven years.

E Eleanor McKinley 20:40  
What did you do for them?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 20:43  
My job was to pull the lungs from the turkeys.

E Eleanor McKinley 20:47  
Was it hard work?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 20:49  
Oh, yeah. Go and get stand there. All day? Yeah.

E Eleanor McKinley 20:52  
And how much money did you make?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 20:54  
65 cents an hour?

E Eleanor McKinley 20:56  
What year was this?



E Edna Mae Hulstrom 20:57  
50 Was it in the late 50s?

L Lucille Barnett 21:08  
Early 50s, early 50s. Gary, Gary was born in 52.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 21:17  
So was it after him? Yeah, exactly.

E Eleanor McKinley 21:24  
So and then what did you do when you after you quit work there.

L Lucille Barnett 21:30  
You babysat

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 21:31  
Oh I was a babysitter. That's 38 years ago, a babysitting group?

E Eleanor McKinley 21:36  
Is that right? And what families did you babysit?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 21:40  
Oh, there's so many that the only one that I can remember still left in Broomfield is health health charges. Oh,

E Eleanor McKinley 21:49  
yeah. Listen. Oh, you did for them. Oh, I know them well,

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 21:53  
yeah. They had three girls three girls. Yeah. Yeah. One of the others that didn't Well then Hartmans and they their work farms. from she had a baby. She had four boys.

E Eleanor McKinley 22:14  
So they had girls or boys. And so when I tell us a little bit about your husband, because I know he was involved with the school district for a long time.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 22:27  
Just worked on the farm.

E Eleanor McKinley 22:30  
He went two years on scoop on a school board

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 22:32  
for school board yeah for the two years.

E Eleanor McKinley 22:37  
And why did he do that? Do you think

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 22:40  
he was interested in school for the kids?

E Eleanor McKinley 22:45  
And did he see a lot of changes being made?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 22:50  
Oh Yes. I think there was about six schools that consolidated with the one position in then they went from there, up to Thornton. They'd go to high school.

E Eleanor McKinley 23:07  
And has school was named after him wasn't there



E Edna Mae Hulstrom 23:09

Yes. School named after him.

E Eleanor McKinley 23:12

That was wonderful. He sounds like a wonderful person. Can you describe him? No. read all those books sharing those okay. What kind of man was

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 23:25

Tall? He's heavy.

L Lucille Barnett 23:28

Never got mad. He never got mad.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 23:31

Oh, no, he never got mad. So it was really easy going.

E Eleanor McKinley 23:36

easygoing. That was that was a pleasure to live with a man like that. Would you have considered yourself sweethearts?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 23:47

Oh, sure. Sure.

E Eleanor McKinley 23:51

What did you What did you think about the feminist movement and women who have sort of taken a lead and over men do you think that that's right or?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 24:04

I dont think that's right at all? Because the Bible says the man is the head of the family.

E Eleanor McKinley 24:11

And that's the way you responded all your life. By the bible, uh huh what No, you said you were

And that's the way you responded all your life by the bible, um huh what no, you said you were belong to the Pentecostal church. Is that what you belong to later on? Or?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 24:26  
Yeah, I was there 35 years.

E Eleanor McKinley 24:28  
Oh, and where is that church there

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 24:31  
used to be done in Denver and then they moved up in Arvada. Kind of west Arvada

E Eleanor McKinley 24:40  
and West,. That's a long way for you to travel. Yeah.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 24:42  
But I had a good car then.

E Eleanor McKinley 24:48  
When you all did things that was a family what did you do when when you did things as a family did you all have picnics or

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 24:59  
Oh, you really love it? I always had the Easter dinner. We always with the Lyons, you get you in there. But, you know, up to the edge.

E Eleanor McKinley 25:15  
There's a park up there does that where you went? He was the was the park. And how did you get there with all your kids?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 25:21  
Oh, we had an old car. They piled up in there.

E Eleanor McKinley 25:24  
You had 10 Kids and

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 25:26  
it was it was last two wasn't born yet.

E Eleanor McKinley 25:30  
But that's still a lot of people in a car.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 25:32  
Sure. They sit on each other.

E Eleanor McKinley 25:35  
And they got there and they had a good time. When did you go to movies as a family or vacations? Did you take any vacations?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 25:46  
No vacations didn't, no movies?

E Eleanor McKinley 25:49  
How did you spend your money?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 25:51  
But I didn't have any money? My husband kept track of the money

E Eleanor McKinley 25:58  
He kept all the money. And did he give you any money to spend?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 26:03



Not that I know of

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Eleanor McKinley 26:05

Well how'd you get clothes and things?

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Edna Mae Hulstrom 26:08

Go with me and pay for it

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Eleanor McKinley 26:11

So he didn't he never gave you any money to use. Well tell us how you how you saved money. How did you did you can your food and

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Lucille Barnett 26:23

yes, we have gardens. We had gardens and you canned

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Edna Mae Hulstrom 26:27

We had this great big garden up there. We had the FHA loan. Oh, on our place on the 80 acres here, and we had to have garden.

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Eleanor McKinley 26:39

Oh, you had to have a garden.

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Edna Mae Hulstrom 26:41

And ours was the best. Oh, canned about 400 quarts of stuff every year.

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Eleanor McKinley 26:48

What'd you can, what?

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Edna Mae Hulstrom 26:51

A peaches. It didn't have too many pair of peaches. And tomatoes. Oh we had a lot of tomatoes, we had beans and peas. Beans, these you used to canned soup all year.

E Eleanor McKinley 27:13  
Or you can soup? Yes. Vegetable soup. Now where did you put all those cans?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 27:19  
No. We've got to cellar at the house.

E Eleanor McKinley 27:24  
Now, I understood that in the early days used to put them in the bedroom

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 27:30  
And they froze and broke under our bed.

E Eleanor McKinley 27:36  
Oh, what a mess. Describe that house because I think that's very interesting that the shack that you they call the shack. But because you know that's that was hard living in those days. So and you and you. You didn't you didn't have any refrigerator any or telephones or frigerator What do you do in the summertime?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 28:01  
[unclear audio] we had the Iceman come deliver.

E Eleanor McKinley 28:09  
So you had an icebox then? Yeah.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 28:13  
But we we used to have though we didn't have that for years.

E Eleanor McKinley 28:17  
How did you do without What had you keep your meat and all?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 28:24  
This we did. My husband just go buy it

E Eleanor McKinley 28:28  
Oh, he just buy it and you didn't have to. Okay.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 28:31  
Okay, then after a while. He butchered pigs and we kill chickens and put them in the freezer down in Lafayette.

E Eleanor McKinley 28:39  
Oh, you rented a freezer in Lafayette. Did they have a big one down there? Yeah. Yeah. You know, I'd forgotten about that. That people had lockers in those days.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 28:49  
Yeah, they had lockers.

E Eleanor McKinley 28:51  
You know, I think we had one. Yeah, I think that's how they did it. In those days when they couldn't. Couldn't freeze. What did you have a man did the postman come by here?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 29:04  
Oh, yes.

E Eleanor McKinley 29:05  
Did Were you always able to get a postman to deliver mail to you? Or did you have to go into town?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 29:10  
No they always delivered.

E Eleanor McKinley 29:12  
So that was 70 years of delivery through here. And then you had an Iceman.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 29:19  
Yeah, from Denver

E Eleanor McKinley 29:21  
When did you get your first telephone?

L Lucille Barnett 29:23  
I was in grade school? I was still in grade school.

E Eleanor McKinley 29:34  
Was it a party line?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 29:36  
Or four? Or was on the party?

E Eleanor McKinley 29:38  
Did you have a hard time with eight girls and a party line? No.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 29:42  
No, they couldn't or we couldn't get the phone.

E Eleanor McKinley 29:47  
That's true. Now what if there were an emergency? How did you handle that on a telephone?  
Would the people get off the line and if you had an emergency and

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 29:56  
we didn't we didn't even have a phone? Dorothy had whooping cough so bad. We couldn't call  
nobody but didn't tell the doctor. What to do. Dorothy really had it bad. then they all had it.

E Eleanor McKinley 30:15  
So did the doctor come out here to visit in those days?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 30:18  
Yeah. One from Lafayette and the one from Brighton,

E Eleanor McKinley 30:21  
who is the doctor from Lafayette.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 30:23  
Braden, Dr. Braden

E Eleanor McKinley 30:25  
Dr. Braden, and he did all house calls and

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 30:28  
Oh, yeah.

E Eleanor McKinley 30:30  
He brought medicine. Did he have a horse and buggy or a car.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 30:33  
Old car,

E Eleanor McKinley 30:34  
an old car. But tell me a little bit about him. Was he a good doctor?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 30:38

Oh, yes, he was good doctor. He always knew what was wrong with the kids if you got medicine together,

E Eleanor McKinley 30:47  
but did he deliver your baby's?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 30:50  
Bertha. He delivered her at home.

E Eleanor McKinley 30:54  
Oh, he delivered her at home. Did you have the rest of them at home? Or? Did you have him at a hospital?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 31:00  
Rest is all in the hospital.

E Eleanor McKinley 31:02  
And where did you go?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 31:03  
Well, some belong with you for as long as 30 was born in Longmont. You've grown along with and wrestled more than that. I guess it changed the hospital now but it's correct. It did not. And then two of us born at the lambs out in Denver,

E Eleanor McKinley 31:25  
lambs. Dr. Lamb Oh, yeah. He had his he had his own hospital. Yeah. And what they charged to deliver a baby

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 31:37  
\$30

E Eleanor McKinley 31:38

\$30 Did you have any help after that? Did people come in to help you after you've had a baby?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 31:44  
No.

L Lucille Barnett 31:46  
We did.

E Eleanor McKinley 31:47  
So all the girls helped when there was a baby a new baby in the house. Is that it? Yeah. So did you have new clothes for the baby? Was that something that you did?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 31:57  
Yeah, there was just a shower.

E Eleanor McKinley 31:59  
Oh, you always had a shower? Yeah. And so people you probably went to a lot of showers too because people had big families in those days. What about this world do you think is has gone wrong? Or you'd like to see changed? Or what about this world do you like at this point in your life?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 32:31  
They said it's the families that's gone apart that makes rural bad. But the women don't stay in their home they have messed up the homes

E Eleanor McKinley 32:43  
you think because they're not there

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 32:46  
for kids kids or army you know kids writing history not at all there were their mothers at work but the kids are at home

- E** Eleanor McKinley 32:58  
What you think they need to be better supervised. What do you think about the educational system today?
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:04  
That's alright, not sex education. Should never have that
- E** Eleanor McKinley 33:10  
never had sex education
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:11  
should never had it.
- E** Eleanor McKinley 33:14  
How did you learn about sex?
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:17  
I don't know. I never heard nothing about it. Never told my kids nothing about it
- E** Eleanor McKinley 33:24  
some people just had to learn on their own.
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:25  
Oh, yeah, that's always my mother didn't tell me nothing. I thought well, did I supposed to know anything? So I didn't tell my girls.
- E** Eleanor McKinley 33:36  
About what about menstruating? did was that a sort of a hush hush thing people didn't talk about it.
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:42



Oh you didn't do that

**E** Eleanor McKinley 33:44  
And what kind of what what did people use it for? Kotex in those early days? I've often wondered

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:49  
Just any old rag they could find

**E** Eleanor McKinley 33:51  
You just wash them.

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 33:55  
but I I didn't have any Kotex or that, they didn't make them.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 34:01  
They didn't make them he had to make them yourself, didn't you?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 34:04  
Yeah. We never made it though. We just used took the old you know an old like an old nightgown, tear it up. Make it right here.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 34:14  
Like an old what. Nightgown. Okay. What are some other things that you had to make on your own that you couldn't buy?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 34:30  
We made our own sourkraut

**E** Eleanor McKinley 34:31  
Oh your own sauerkraut? Okay. You couldn't buy that. What about soap?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 34:33  
No. We didn't make our own soap

E Eleanor McKinley 34:33  
you had your own you could buy your own soap

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 34:43  
or mother made her but she was oh, the government. Government when we bought this place they tried to tell me how to make breakfast food. Cereal. Well after they left I did

E Eleanor McKinley 35:03  
why were they trying to teach you how to make cereal?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 35:06  
Just save money

E Eleanor McKinley 35:09  
when Did someone come to your house to teach you how to

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 35:12  
No the we didn't make it goes up did cereal was only nine cents a box

E Eleanor McKinley 35:21  
so that one very very much in those days to spend for cereal went out during the war during World War Two. What did you all do for gas rationing and shoes and

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 35:35  
we had books, stamps, I mean, you could only. The only reason you could get any that was huge stamp. I took that line wherever they covered their butt and everything. didn't love them, or

E Eleanor McKinley 35:49  
did you use them? Did you go by the law?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 35:51  
Oh yeah, you had to?

E Eleanor McKinley 35:54  
Because some people cheated. You could only get so many shoes if I remember correctly. And seems so long ago.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 36:06  
Especially canned food. Do you only gonna have covered much canned food? But I didn't need it need that because I had my own. Yeah.

E Eleanor McKinley 36:17  
Well, you all were pretty self sustaining. Weren't you? You didn't have to. You didn't have to rely on other people at all to to for you to live.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 36:26  
You know, we didn't love for our milk cows. Chickens.

E Eleanor McKinley 36:32  
You always had food here if you grew crops and oh, yes, and, and canned and. So well. Can you all think of anything else that we need to talk about?

L Lucille Barnett 36:43  
You might ask her about the neighborhood club?

E Eleanor McKinley 36:46  
Oh, oh tell us about the neighborhood.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 36:49  
We got that up at 19. Oldest must have been 1950

L Lucille Barnett 36:58  
No, 30 was 1930. Oh, we've already hit our 60th.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 37:05  
Oh, yeah, we're that

L Lucille Barnett 37:07  
I was eight years old.

E Eleanor McKinley 37:09  
When it started. What was 60 years? What tell us about it, Mae


E Edna Mae Hulstrom 37:14  
in six of the three of us, made it up. And then one of the ladies named it the Neighborhood Club. And so that was there's only I'm the only one left. But one lady didn't die. Just she's 95 and one left in 93.


E Eleanor McKinley 37:35  
That's pretty long life. Yeah. Now what did you do in this club?


E Edna Mae Hulstrom 37:40  
Over just during the war. We may. Well, just like loners and stuff, you know, for the for the kid for kids. And then the early that's a good thing, whatever.


E Eleanor McKinley 37:58  
What did you just sit around and talk Did you meet once a month or how did you do?


E Edna Mae Hulstrom 38:03


 Edna Mae Hulstrom 38:03  
Proximate?


 Eleanor McKinley 38:04  
What day did you meet


 Edna Mae Hulstrom 38:06  
on Thursdays? Thursday afternoon,


 Eleanor McKinley 38:09  
Thursday afternoon,


 Edna Mae Hulstrom 38:10  
we started but now we have it Thursday nights.

 Eleanor McKinley 38:14  
So it's still going and going? Oh, how many members now?

 Lucille Barnett 38:24  
14?

 Eleanor McKinley 38:29  
Do you keep records? Do you keep minutes? Or oh you do? Is there a president? And

 Lucille Barnett 38:37  
sister in laws? Judy, the president

 Edna Mae Hulstrom 38:40  
Judy's the president.



- E** Eleanor McKinley 38:48  
Is it just a social club? Yeah. Just sit around and talk and eat?
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 38:53  
Yeah, I mean, there's a lot to say. educational games, that's where all the showers you know, the neighborhood club head off of their items. And all your baby.
- E** Eleanor McKinley 39:05  
Oh, and all the baby showers for the for the people in the neighborhood. Whether you belonged or not. They would have
- E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 39:12  
Oh, yeah. Yeah,
- E** Eleanor McKinley 39:14  
You had to belong to have a shower. Was it an exclusive club? Is it an exclusive club?
- L** Lucille Barnett 39:21  
Yes. We won't allow any more than 20 members, right? No, I think there's only 14 members
- E** Eleanor McKinley 39:27  
and you have to be voted on.
- L** Lucille Barnett 39:29  
Not really voted someone in the in the club has to invite you to come in
- E** Eleanor McKinley 39:36  
with the agreement of the other people.
- L** Lucille Barnett 39:40  
Usually yes.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 39:43  
So well, I imagine the Hulstroms make up a little bit of it. Membership. I think clubs are wonderful things they have they bring people together and an exchange of information and, and friendship.

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 39:59  
You Oh, now we play. Bingo.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 40:03  
Oh, are you a winner?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 40:06  
Sometimes I am, sometimes I win too much. times little gifts

**E** Eleanor McKinley 40:15  
well, how were things during the Depression? Did you feel the depression at all?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 40:19  
Oh, yes. Because for a for us though, like we would get for the exam a method to get 100 pounds of flour or other bands of sugar. You know? And then that's the last so we didn't hurt us too much cuz we had our own house, our own milk.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 40:44  
What kind of food did you fix?

**L** Lucille Barnett 40:47  
Well, we had potatoes every

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 40:52  
We had potatoes every noon and every night.

E Eleanor McKinley 40:55  
Did you fix your big meal at lunchtime?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 40:58  
Oh, yes. Dinner. For the farmers that call it dinner and supper. And everything. We had a lot of chickens to find a lot of chickens for

E Eleanor McKinley 41:14  
what kind of what kind of

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 41:16  
made my own bread

E Eleanor McKinley 41:21  
how many loaves of every week did you make

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 41:23  
All week? About 18 to 19 a week. One lady said to never forget she came in here. I had the whole table full of sliced bread. Make, fixing the kids their sandwiches for school.

E Eleanor McKinley 41:38  
What did you put on their sandwiches?

L Lucille Barnett 41:40  
Oh peanut butter? Bologna?

E Eleanor McKinley 41:48  
did they did they take their sandwiches? They're launched during high school.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 41:51



Edna Mae Hulstrom 41:51

No, no that. The first first hot meals they had there's there was 10 cents. Now they're \$2

E Eleanor McKinley 41:55

Oh, I know. That's a lot. Can you tell us about the Lafayette school? what you liked about it or what you didn't like that your kids went to? And some of the teachers they had

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 42:15

it was a good tool kids all got along with everything.

E Eleanor McKinley 42:19

Where was it? Where was the Lafayette High School?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 42:22

Teachers? Right.

L Lucille Barnett 42:23

So it's a middle school now right by this the cemetery. Okay, on Baseline, right on Baseline.

E Eleanor McKinley 42:34

And that's where that high school was. Okay. And you went there by the kids went by bus.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 42:40

While we're there. Yeah, but the dad walk up to this country school.

E Eleanor McKinley 42:45

To catch a ride.

L Lucille Barnett 42:48

We had to walk to the, when we were in grade school. We had to walk two miles.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 42:55  
First came after just after the road.

E Eleanor McKinley 42:59  
Is it fun being a grandparent?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:01  
Oh, yes.

E Eleanor McKinley 43:02  
What's the best part about being a grandparent.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:06  
You don't have to take care of him all day.

E Eleanor McKinley 43:11  
That's a pretty full time job when you're a mother isn't it? So how many grandchildren do you have?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:20  
27

E Eleanor McKinley 43:21  
27 and great grandchildren

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:23  
36

E Eleanor McKinley 43:26  
36

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:27  
There's all so cute

E Eleanor McKinley 43:30  
Well now tell me about Tell me about your your Christmas dinner. When you entertain everyone.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:39  
Just this table has eight leaves from over there. Decide what to hear and to votive tables in here then when in the bedroom. And we have two 25 pound turkeys.

E Eleanor McKinley 43:54  
And how many people? How many people do you serve

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 43:57  
77 last Christmas?

E Eleanor McKinley 44:00  
Oh my goodness. 77

L Lucille Barnett 44:02  
Roland takes all the furniture out of the bedroom.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 44:06  
That was put that's all. That's all they look forward to all year. They said Christmas Eve

E Eleanor McKinley 44:14  
now do you have Santa Claus?



**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 44:15  
Oh, yeah. Real? Yeah. Real Santa Claus.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 44:18  
A real Santa Claus. And what, who was he

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 44:24  
got different ones.

**L** Lucille Barnett 44:28  
Now we got our cousin that lives up north here.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 44:31  
Does he bring gifts for the children?

**E** Edna Mae Hulstrom 44:34  
They gift each other.

**L** Lucille Barnett 44:37  
Draw names. And so the gifts for the children they put in outside bags in the box and then in the bag.

**E** Eleanor McKinley 44:46  
And then when Santa Claus comes in, he picks them up and brings them in. Well, that sounds wonderful.

**L** Lucille Barnett 44:54  
We've worn out about four Santa Claus suits over the years

**E** Eleanor McKinley 44:59  
Well now, do you entertain any other time of the year?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 45:03  
Oh, Fourth of July.

E Eleanor McKinley 45:04  
And what do you do the Fourth of July?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 45:06  
Everybody comes here for picnic dinner. I mean, everybody brings everything. It's just an potluck. You know? But if things are usually

E Eleanor McKinley 45:21  
how many pounds of potato salad do you make?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 45:25  
Kids all make salad and that was only about five pounds.

L Lucille Barnett 45:32  
We make half of it. Yeah.

E Eleanor McKinley 45:35  
It sounds like you're a busy lady. Even at 89 You've got plenty going.

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 45:41  
Yeah. Yeah. You're gotta want to know.

E Eleanor McKinley 45:48  
Do you think that's a nice part of life? Is to be able to do what you want to. When you went to Broomfield what Where did you shop in Broomfield?



E Edna Mae Hulstrom 46:01

I only shop King Soopers

E Eleanor McKinley 46:08

but say in 1950 When, or 1955 when Broomfield was just getting was growing a little bit. Did you go over there to the grocery store or use the bank or

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 46:18

There was no grocery store? It was only when we moved over and 1925 The building was right at the depot

E Eleanor McKinley 46:30

Did you take the train there? Did you use that train at all?

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 46:35

My husband went to Denver in the grocery store for the whole week

L Lucille Barnett 46:42

46 and Washington.

E Eleanor McKinley 46:44

Are they you shopped at 46 in Washington? A Safeway Hmm.

L Lucille Barnett 46:49

too. Case cases of eggs, trade for groceries,

E Eleanor McKinley 46:57

Two cases of eggs with trade for how many groceries

E Edna Mae Hulstrom 47:03

Enough for a week.

E

Eleanor McKinley 47:04

How many eggs in a case how many 30 cartons? 30 dozen? So you had 60 dozen eggs? That's a lot of chickens you had

E

Edna Mae Hulstrom 47:14

Yeah, we did. Dorothy couldn't even carry the, carry the bucketfuls like these five gallon