

Anne Crouse 0:07

Right. This is Anne Crouse I live in Broomfield, Colorado, and I'm about to interview Anna Fonay and this is March 4 1996. Okay. Why don't you start, Anna, by telling me where you were born?

Anna Fonay 0:30

Where I was born. When or where I was born?

Anne Crouse 0:35

Both. Tell me when and where?

Anna Fonay 0:38

Oh, I was born on the western slope. Delta Colorado July 6 1917.

Anne Crouse 0:49

And your parents were

Anna Fonay 0:52

John and Catherine Kloberdance.

Anne Crouse 0:57

Is that a German name

Anna Fonay 0:58

Sure is

Anne Crouse 1:01

And did you have brothers and sisters?

Anna Fonay 1:04

I had, there was nine of us in the family, 7 girls and 2 boys

Anne Crouse 1:08

Really? Were you the oldest or the youngest? In between

Anna Fonay 1:12

I was third from the youngest

Anne Crouse 1:23

and then you told me once before that when you were probably seven or eight or along in there. You moved from Delta to the

Anna Fonay 1:33

to Denver

Anne Crouse 1:34
to Denver. Okay,

Anna Fonay 1:35
that's right, we went to Denver first, then to Aurora, then to Brighton and then he moved over here. He was. But we used to rent the land just farm, you know,

Anne Crouse 1:50
okay. So every time when he moved he just rented a different piece of land from a farmer usually.

Anna Fonay 1:59
Well, I was born raised on farm ranch anything else?

Anne Crouse 2:03
What kind of crops did he like to raise?

Anna Fonay 2:08
Oh gosh. I'll hold the boys raised mostly grains and then we had water for corn and beets, see. So [unclear] barleys and wheats and

Anne Crouse 2:25
dryland crops mostly

Anna Fonay 2:28
they watered them but they don't have to water as often as they did the beets and the corn, see. They never had water enough to pay out.

Anne Crouse 2:35
And not animals not pigs or cows or sheep or

Anna Fonay 2:41
Oh they did, they had cattle. Milked a few cows. Had a few chickens and hogs you know how farmers are. Little bit of everything

Anne Crouse 2:53
did you learn how to do all of that? yourself? If you ever killed a chicken

Anna Fonay 2:59
Oh heavens, yes.

Anne Crouse 3:02
Have you milked a cow?

Anna Fonay 3:03

I should never after I got married but my sister and I used to do all the milking

Anne Crouse 3:08

When you're growing up. Did you really? That's neat. then you get in then you said you had? Did you ever have pigs?

Anna Fonay 3:17

Well, He had a few you know not, no hog farm or nothing. Just a few.

Anne Crouse 3:24

And you did have cows? Yes. Because you told me that you milked. How, you said you were, you had older brothers and sisters and younger as well. And you were third from a younger the youngest. Were most of your immediate siblings were those girls or boys. The ones closest to you,

Anna Fonay 3:49

I had a brother that was the baby but family and I had one that was, oh, he was about maybe four or five years older than I maybe six years.

Anne Crouse 4:04

Okay, tell me about the house you lived in.

Anna Fonay 4:08

Pardon?

Anne Crouse 4:08

Tell me about the house you lived in

Anna Fonay 4:11

The house I lived in last?

Anne Crouse 4:13

No, the first one, when you were still in Delta.

Anna Fonay 4:16

Oh, I don't remember. I was only eight years old.

Anne Crouse 4:24

How about after you move to Broomfield area? What kind of house did you live in?

Anna Fonay 4:31

Usually what was on the place, the land that he you know, had rented but they were always pretty livable. Beautiful.

Anne Crouse 4:43

But did you usually have like what two or three bedrooms?

Anna Fonay 4:48

Oh, I imagine about two or three.

Anne Crouse 4:52

And then did you I suppose you helped your mom with cleaning house and doing dishes and setting table and that sort of thing.

Anna Fonay 4:59

That we did.

Anne Crouse 5:01

Was she a good cook?

Anna Fonay 5:01

Beside that we helped Dad with the crop.

Anne Crouse 5:05

So you really didn't have time to go to town much, did you?

Anna Fonay 5:08

No.

Anne Crouse 5:10

What kind of social life did you have?

Anna Fonay 5:12

Huh?

Anne Crouse 5:12

What kind of social life did you have?

Anna Fonay 5:16

Oh, we, we had a lotta friends. Dad and Mom would have company all the time

Anne Crouse 5:22

Did they? Did you, did they ever have dances or parties at the church or anything like that?

Anna Fonay 5:31

They used to go once a while to church doings, but I don't know. I used to go dances, they enjoyed it. Those German wedding [unclear]

Anne Crouse 5:58

When you were in the Broomfield area that would have been about what year do you have any recollection?

Anna Fonay 6:08

I would say possible about 31, 32.

Anne Crouse 6:14

Okay, 31 or 32 All right. Well, that's the year I was born 31

Anna Fonay 6:20

Oh!

Anne Crouse 6:23

Did did you do you remember much about the Depression?

Anna Fonay 6:28

Yes. I'm sort of remember quite well about that Depression. I wasn't that young anymore.

Anne Crouse 6:35

That's true.

Anna Fonay 6:36

And

Anne Crouse 6:40

what do you remember about it?

Anna Fonay 6:42

Well, I think everybody had an awful hard time that's one thing that it was. Money was awful scarce, no jobs, and you know, well people were working for a dollar for a whole day, not an hour, a whole day then. And I think we've come a very long way from that.

Anne Crouse 7:05

I should say. Now your since your father was a farmer, was he ever out of work during the Depression, I mean even though

Anna Fonay 7:16

no, he'd find some time the crops didn't turn out too great but the farm anyway and through the winter he used to just fix his old harnesses, we didn't have tractors them days, few maybe but not many. And, um. he used to keep busy that way

Anne Crouse 7:36

Did he Did he ever farm just to be paid with crops? That was money you know,

Anna Fonay 7:44

No, we took sharecroppers

Anne Crouse 7:47

Yeah, I understand Do you remember any floods or wind storms or grasshopper plagues or any natural disasters during that time when you lived out there?

Anna Fonay 8:08

Yes, I do. We had a lots of wind a lot of times Broomfield was very windy. it didn't miss us because we would straight east, we was up almost on 144th is where the land come down to that -oh am I doing something?

Anne Crouse 8:25

You might cover it up if you have your hand over it

Anna Fonay 8:27

Just just sweep it and um. That-a-way, why we did have a lot of wind I can remember quite often it would blow things away like shed or something, knock it over, something but we had nothing to do but set it up

Anne Crouse 8:49

How about the Dust Bowl was that were you living out there at that time when things were really dry and

Anna Fonay 8:57

We went through that too but I don't think we were as bad as the state of Kansas you know where everything has sand out there and ours wasn't sand

Anne Crouse 9:11

so that made it a little easier.

Anna Fonay 9:13

It got dusty but not like it did, you don't pick it up and put it somewhere else.

Anne Crouse 9:19

Have you ever lived through a grasshopper plagues? Like won't you describe that for me, how do you feel about that?

Anna Fonay 9:30

Oh my gosh, I wouldn't just grasshoppers all over's all I can say they actually set on the on the posts, the fenceposts and ate the fenceposts there was nothing for teeth. That was set how bare it got they had eaten that far down.

Anne Crouse 9:47

Do they ever get into the house?

Anna Fonay 9:49

Well, no if somebody would have one on them or something you know, but otherwise they didn't?

Anne Crouse 9:59

How long did that last?

Anna Fonay 10:02

maybe a year?

Anne Crouse 10:03

really

Anna Fonay 10:04

just through summer you know, through the wintertime they did pass away like everything does

Anne Crouse 10:11

did they eat the crops as well?

Anna Fonay 10:13

Oh yeah they ate the crops. Anything that was edible, sure

Anne Crouse 10:20

that made, I suppose that made it kind of difficult for your, for your dad

Anna Fonay 10:26

Well, we went through dry weather. I tell you, when you make it your whole lifetime on it I think he had about everything we never had, unless somebody used to go by the row and throw a match off after they get through doing the grain or something before they had it cut, but something burned but not. There was no disasters or anything

Anne Crouse 11:00

Did you ever have a sense of being poor or wealthy or in the middle someplace? Did you ever feel want

Anna Fonay 11:12

Did I ever feel poor? No, not really. I don't have a sense of being exactly, we weren't wealthy neither. I think that's some [unclear] false security.

Anne Crouse 11:39

Do you did you go to church? And there which church did you go to?

Anna Fonay 11:46

We were Catholics

Anne Crouse 11:48

They had a church nearby How far did you have to go? To go to church

Anna Fonay 11:53

Oh, went up here to East, to Broomfield for a while, Oh yeah, long time when they we arranged that they we have to be on the boom side field. And we district stop down on a mile down the road. And we were up here in Broomfield.

Anne Crouse 12:19

Where is the Catholic Church in Broomfield?

Anna Fonay 12:21

Right where it's at right?

Anne Crouse 12:23

Same place it is now?

Anna Fonay 12:23

Well, I shouldn't say that. They did go to church first in the basement of the bank.

Anne Crouse 12:34

I don't think I ever knew that. But you went to school here

Anna Fonay 12:42

I didn't

Anne Crouse 12:43

No? Where did you go to school?

Anna Fonay 12:46

We were, almost two school? I did Westlake

Anne Crouse 12:52

Oh, did you. That old schoolhouse is still there

Anna Fonay 12:56

That old schoolhouse is still there, yeah. that's where we were

Anne Crouse 13:01

That's been made historic monument the state's going to save that school.

Anna Fonay 13:07

No, I well. It wasn't a bad old building I guess but it was very inconvenient I guess they remodeled it, I don't know.

Anne Crouse 13:22

Tell me how you celebrated Christmas or family get togethers that sort of thing.

Anna Fonay 13:31

You mean when I had my own family, or with my family

Anne Crouse 13:35

when you were younger before you had children of your own

Anna Fonay 13:39

Oh, always went to Midnight Mass, just like everybody did she used to have a Christmas dinner, we got gifts just like everyone did

Anne Crouse 13:50

did you help your mom make Christmas dinner?

Anna Fonay 13:53

No,

Anne Crouse 13:54

no, she did it all herself, huh? For all her children

Anna Fonay 13:58

I was. After we got big enough. We took over the cooking, Mama didn't cook, she hated to cook.

Anne Crouse 14:07

did she really?

Anna Fonay 14:08

She hated it. I don't know why she'd rather taken a hoe, went out and hoed in the field or something like that before she would cook

Anne Crouse 14:20

Did you think she was a pretty good cook?

Anna Fonay 14:24

Oh, I guess she was

Anne Crouse 14:27
Even though she didn't like it.

Anna Fonay 14:29
She didn't like it. No.

Anne Crouse 14:32
And then tell me about how you met your husband and married him.

Anna Fonay 14:36
He was my neighbor.

Anne Crouse 14:37
Oh, is that right?

Anna Fonay 14:39
Yeah.

Anne Crouse 14:44
did you, well then then you didn't really have a, well maybe you did. Did you have a regular what'd they call a court ship?

Anna Fonay 14:54
Oh yeah but we didn't, I don't know. It was just very simple wedding. Very simple. I'm a simple person I don't care for this. It isn't really part of my makeup at all.

Anne Crouse 15:13
How long do you suppose you know you had known him before you finally got married?

Anna Fonay 15:19
Seeing him off and on, maybe years so.

Anne Crouse 15:22
So you really, you knew each other? Pretty well.

Anna Fonay 15:27
I don't know.

Anne Crouse 15:29
Did he take you to parties or anything like that.

Anna Fonay 15:32
No! He didn't like parties. They didn't, that was the family. Nobody liked parties in that family,

Anne Crouse 15:42

Is that right?

Anna Fonay 15:43

Yeah.

Anne Crouse 15:44

Where did you Where did you go? And did you ever go anywhere?

Anna Fonay 15:49

Oh yeah, we went/ But it wasn't to big parties and stuff. He wasn't a drinker, he didn't smoke. You know? He just was like that

Anne Crouse 16:04

Were your parents still alive at the time of your wedding.

Anna Fonay 16:08

Oh yeah, they've been dead 30 years now. Mama died, I would say, close to 50

Anne Crouse 16:17

so they lived quite a while after you were married.

Anna Fonay 16:20

Oh, yeah

Anne Crouse 16:21

where did you live? Where'd you after you were married?

Anna Fonay 16:26

On Huron

Anne Crouse 16:29

Okay. On Huron

Anna Fonay 16:30

Yes. That [unclear] big two story house and I lived in a two story house

Anne Crouse 16:40

on the northern end of Huron, north of 120th, say

Anna Fonay 16:48

we were up close to 144th, land was right on 144th.

Anne Crouse 16:54

Okay, I know where that is. Did you stay there for a long time?

Anna Fonay 17:01

He was born and raised there

Anne Crouse 17:03

Is that right?

Anna Fonay 17:06

That place that we had was, I imagine close to nearly 100 years in that family

Anne Crouse 17:15

Really?

Anna Fonay 17:16

Oh yeah, there was three, four generations in that

Anne Crouse 17:21

So then he probably had relatives in the area as well didn't he? No?

Anna Fonay 17:26

He had one sister. And now, five nieces and nephews

Anne Crouse 17:36

Not a lot of cousins in the area, even with four generations.

Anna Fonay 17:43

Children were too much. They had one brother had one, sister had three so there wasn't that many children, see

Anne Crouse 17:57

what year was that when you were married? The year you were married?

Anna Fonay 18:03

34

Anne Crouse 18:04

1934? What date? Summertime

Anna Fonay 18:10

10th of December

Anne Crouse 18:13

10th of December Was it cold out we married at the house or at the church

Anna Fonay 18:19
At the church

Anne Crouse 18:20
the church right

Anna Fonay 18:22
No, you wouldn't have gotten away with marrying in a house with my mother dear

Anne Crouse 18:29
then did you have a reception afterwards? Have something to eat people stand around?

Anna Fonay 18:36
No, no. We have had nothing. We just. I'm me! Just quite a plain person.

Anne Crouse 18:49
I understand I understand that you have a honeymoon ever. What we call a honeymoon today anyway?

Anna Fonay 18:56
No.

Anne Crouse 19:00
And then you had how many children of your own?

Anna Fonay 19:03
I had five children, have two boys and three girls.

Anne Crouse 19:07
are they all still alive? Are they all still living

Anna Fonay 19:13
No. I got the three girls left. The two boys died.

Anne Crouse 19:16
Oh they did. Sorry about that. Let's talk a little bit about the changes that you've seen during your lifetime. What would you think if you had to name maybe one thing that made the most difference in your life what would it be?

Anna Fonay 19:39
Oh I can't think of just one thing that really changed my life

Anne Crouse 19:57

How about in the kitchen

Anna Fonay 19:59
in the kitchen?

Anne Crouse 20:00
yeah what things in the kitchen changed your, the amount of work you had to do

Anna Fonay 20:08
I don't know, electric stoves, had them for years. I don't know really, in truth we had pretty darn everything that I got here

Anne Crouse 20:22
How about a dishwasher.

Anna Fonay 20:25
You know, I don't use the one I have

Anne Crouse 20:34
you don't need to and

Anna Fonay 20:35
then after we had cesspools, we didn't have sewers. And you could use all those things. So we had to sort of watch that. Life is different, really only in the country than it is out here is a city.

Anne Crouse 20:54
That's true. And it's it was different than and it's still different people that live in the country or oh, do some things differently than, excuse me, that people live in the city. How about transportation?

Anna Fonay 21:11
You had a car?

Anne Crouse 21:12
You guys had a car.

Anna Fonay 21:15
Car. Now Bob [unclear] they used the buggies and this and that and all the way up. First car I remember, we got wasn't. He got one was a whippet.

Anne Crouse 21:31
A whippet?

Anna Fonay 21:32

A whippet yeah. [unclear]? I don't know. It worked alright.

Anne Crouse 21:48

You told me once that you went to Denver for your groceries and things.

Anna Fonay 21:53

I've done all my shopping at Denver. I didn't do the grocery there was no place to shop. And we went in to, I used to go to every Friday, I'd leave in morning and come home when I was all done shopping with my groceries and everything.

Anne Crouse 22:13

How long did it take you to get to town

Anna Fonay 22:15

It all depended what I had to do

Anne Crouse 22:18

No but I mean, just physically.

Anna Fonay 22:19

Oh, how much time it took for me to about a half hour, we were only 12 miles out of city limit.

Anne Crouse 22:28

That's pretty good.

Anna Fonay 22:29

So that, what was city limit, it was [Smolder Hill]? Be about 12 miles.

Anne Crouse 22:38

But how far down would you guess? Because Huron's a north-south street. So how far down did you go

Anna Fonay 22:47

Oh we went down to Washington, I went, in Washington and we went right down on 46th is where the Safeway was.

Anne Crouse 22:55

Okay. That's quite a ways. That's quite a distance

Anna Fonay 22:58

right down. Yeah, go over the stockyards. That was and that was the first Safeway we shopped at then they got Miller's out to Thornton and they had been down in it doesn't matter so well. And we didn't do that very often in North Valley in that shopping center. I don't know were else we went from there. Maybe Safeway built up here. I don't know.

Anne Crouse 23:39

Well, they did that in about 1957 along in there. Maybe

Anna Fonay 23:46

I know Jeanie said the other day, Jeannie and I were talking. She says it was in 57. She graduated from Lafayette because the kids went to Lafayette, the two older ones. And she says that's when she, they started to do quite a bit of building around where they went around to pick up kids

Anne Crouse 24:08

now How old were the girls when they were going, when they were going to Lafayette? How much?

Anna Fonay 24:13

They had high school there

Anne Crouse 24:15

Were the two years apart? Three years apart?

Anna Fonay 24:19

Well Brad, I mean, uh Jeannie and me was 17 months apart, we were close together. And May in June were three and two years but Beth didn't go to Lafayette she went down to Thornton to that.

Anne Crouse 24:45

Okay.

Anna Fonay 24:46

Her and Jim both went down there. That watched that growth more than I did Broomfield to be honest with you because we were in Adams County, and that's where the kids went school and everything and that's the, we watched that more than we did here.

Anne Crouse 25:05

How old [unclear]? I'm trying to think how well you might have been when Broomfield, Broomfield started in 1955. Broomfield Heights, there was an old Broomfield, that had a few little stories before that, but Broomfield heights came along in about 1955. So you were, well, you were maybe 40, 41 along in there when they started Broomfield

Anna Fonay 25:33

when they did? I think so. Just here I'm sure. At this place here, could. It was a pasture there was always cattle stuffing here, grazing? And it seemed to me there was a lake right down here, I think that's what you [unclear]. So don't tell our mothers that

Anne Crouse 26:00

There used to be a number of lakes in the Broomfield area and I think where the high school is now was a lake at one point because the cemetery that's right north of the high school is called Lakeview

Anna Fonay 26:17

Well that's right across the street isn't it

Anne Crouse 26:19

That right? And it was called Lake View Cemetery. Do you remember that at all?

Anna Fonay 26:25

No, when I read that in that little Broomfield paper I was wondering whether they were taking the dead bodies and putting them but then I went a little further mentioned the cat and dogs cemetery so

Anne Crouse 26:40

well since then, it's become it was it was reopened by the city for ashes of people who have been cremated that they don't bury anybody in there anymore.

Anna Fonay 26:52

Such a small little place and then I've got a word that was pets, I figured well

Anne Crouse 27:01

that wasn't for you. And how long has your husband been gone?

Anna Fonay 27:08

What was that?

Anne Crouse 27:08

how long has your husband been gone?

Anna Fonay 27:13

About 22 years now

Anne Crouse 27:16

quite a while

Anna Fonay 27:20

gone a long time. The oldest boy been gone about 20 years, maybe 21 years. He had Hodgkin's disease and the youngest one been gone, be nine years and he had leukemia

Anne Crouse 27:42

Gee, that's too bad. Did you ever have any illnesses yourself that were troublesome or lasted a while

Anna Fonay 27:51

now that lasted a long time except the arthritis

Anne Crouse 27:54

Yeah.

Anna Fonay 27:56

That's not That's not curable.

Anne Crouse 27:59

I mean during the time that your kids were growing up or even when they were small children you were pretty healthy were you?

Anna Fonay 28:07

I was pretty healthy we're always figured if the doctors had to rely on me, they'd probably starve to death. I was I was always, and I still am I'm not really, I don't feel bad it's just just kept moving along.

Anne Crouse 28:29

Yeah, you told me once the you were sensitive to the sun is that true? Because you, I remember asking you one time cuz you had your curtains pulled so often?

Anna Fonay 28:46

Oh, I am Yeah, I had um, what's that called, cataracts taken off and that didn't do what was wrong? I had them in corneas. Oh, I had the graphs. Well they worked pretty good if I get the right light feel right or some some days not but don't stay in places definitely work. I'd have been blind otherwise. Yeah. So I don't know that that's reason I do kind of you know lights I have to switch the light off. They're real sensitive.

Anne Crouse 29:37

I see.

Anna Fonay 29:39

But otherwise nothing.

Anne Crouse 29:42

And when did you when did use troubled by arthritis

Anna Fonay 29:49

[unclear].

Anne Crouse 29:52
Has it been quite a while?

Anna Fonay 29:55
About 47, 48 years.

Anne Crouse 29:59
Oh that is quite a while. Now when you had to go to the doctor, where did you go?

Anna Fonay 30:05
Well, for a long time I went into Denver and they did get a few doctors up in here. They started that health center there, and we eventually got up in here now my husband had [Krukov] Did you know [Krukov]?

Anne Crouse 30:27
Yeah, in fact he's back here. He moved away and now he's come back and he goes to our church I see him.

Anna Fonay 30:32
He's back? Where's he at?

Anne Crouse 30:35
he bought they built a house up north here and on the ridge in, I forget the name of the development

Anna Fonay 30:47
He went to California I know.

Anne Crouse 30:50
He did, but he came back about a year or two ago,

Anna Fonay 30:54
and I had Dr. May for 25 years with glasses and stuff, you know,

Anne Crouse 31:00
he's still practicing

Anna Fonay 31:01
[Kolb] for a dentist, so

Anne Crouse 31:04
you know them all, are you still going to the same doctors except for Dr. [Krukov].

Anna Fonay 31:12

No, I I don't I changed doctors. I did go to the [unclear] for a while. I guess about 12 years and it got so hard for me to get up there you know it's right on the hill there. So I quit and I went over to that hospital over there. And I went in with that group there

Anne Crouse 31:40

What changes have you seen in Broomfield now? I know you've not been here a lot not nearly as long as you were when you lived out in the country but what changes have you seen since you moved here

Anna Fonay 31:52

I don't know. I don't watch Broomfield very much. I didn't ever, I shouldn't say this, I wouldn't have ever moved up here except for the kids.

Anne Crouse 32:14

would you have preferred to stay in the old house?

Anna Fonay 32:17

No. I would not preferred stay in that old house. I'd went someplace else

Anne Crouse 32:22

Would you, where would you, what we were

Anna Fonay 32:26

I don't know. I like Northglenn better than I did it here. It had a little bit more to offer. Broomfield was still very much on a standstill. I thought it never had much store for people. And I guess they just didn't get started right and move out right.

Anne Crouse 32:48

Where they were certainly different than Northglenn. That's for sure. Right? Yeah.

Anna Fonay 32:56

But I like it here alright now. It's alright?

Anne Crouse 33:02

Do you ever get out at all? Do you, does Jeannie take you to the store or any of those things?

Anna Fonay 33:07

No, I walk so cotton picking slow to the store that she would. at my speed. No way you can take these kids down that road.

Anne Crouse 33:19

Have you been in the new Safeway store? No, I haven't. I'm gonna have to take you over there one of these days.

Anna Fonay 33:26

Oh, I says to Jeannie if I ever feel good. I go down when she gets groceries. I don't know. She always gives me an hour's notice or two.

Anne Crouse 33:38

She's a busy gal, isn't she.

Anna Fonay 33:40

She can go any time well she gets Time Off the post office you know so. But she been working up there about a year now, I guess.

Anne Crouse 33:53

Is that right? Does she like it?

Anna Fonay 33:57

It's post office.

Anne Crouse 33:59

What else can you say?

Anna Fonay 34:00

She worked out at the big post office for a long time busy. And then they transferred her and she got this place

Anne Crouse 34:12

do you get to go for a ride around the area at all? Very much anymore? Oh, I'll just take you for a ride one these days?

Anna Fonay 34:21

Well, you know really and truthfully I do so that once in a while she takes me a different way. But she wants to go down by the post officer call or come up. I used to go with a hero. It's just the way you like to drive I think.

Anne Crouse 34:40

How about Louisville and Lafayette, do you see any changes over there

Anna Fonay 34:45

You know I haven't been over there for quite a while but I don't know I guess they're building over there, that little gal that was here this morning said that they were building over there. They were building a golf course and all this stuff to keep the people happy, I guess. But down in Louisville, should almost be door to door by now

Anne Crouse 35:18

It's getting pretty crowded, more crowded than it was years ago.

Anna Fonay 35:23

But when we come in from Boulder I swear you can't tell the Louisville stopped. It just, one started the others were close together and I think that's what's going to happen to Broomfield one day I think it's gonna take a long time or a lots north. Yeah. And they don't own the hills over across, do they? On the highway

Anne Crouse 35:50

on the other side of highway? actually the interlocken development where all the buildings, big buildings are that complex is part of Broomfield but that's it. I mean, they You're right. They don't, no.

Anna Fonay 36:07

I kinda thought that was Boulder, I didn't know whether it was or not but it to come right up. I kinda watch Boulder or. Wadsworth. See?

Anne Crouse 36:25

Yes.

Anna Fonay 36:26

That is built completely up. I remember when that thing was nothing

Anne Crouse 36:32

It was a country road.

Anna Fonay 36:34

Just a country raod, that's right. So I imagine it'll all be filled up one day. They're even doing that at the old place out on, they're building homes. I don't know who's going in, all such huge.

Anne Crouse 36:51

But now your old house out there is still there.

Anna Fonay 36:54

Well, they didn't tear down yet. Last time I was by

Anne Crouse 36:57

Are there people living in it presently.

Anna Fonay 37:01

He got it rented.

Anne Crouse 37:02

Good.

Anna Fonay 37:03

So I don't know. I don't know what he gets for t or nothing.

Anne Crouse 37:09

Now, was your husband also a farmer?

Anna Fonay 37:12

Pardon?

Anne Crouse 37:12

Was your husband also your husband also farm? I know you said your dad did. Did your husband work on a farm? as well? Yeah.

Anna Fonay 37:25

Born and raised that ways, that's what you do.

Anne Crouse 37:27

That's what you do.

Anna Fonay 37:28

That's what you do. Right?

Anne Crouse 37:31

How much property is with this house? That's up here on Huron and 144th?

Anna Fonay 37:38

What was that?

Anne Crouse 37:38

how much property is up there? How many acres did you have at that place? would you guess?

Anna Fonay 37:46

360

Anne Crouse 37:48

and has that ever been divided up?

Anna Fonay 37:52

Well, there was two brothers. And when the old man died, the boys kept adding you know and they split, and that's did not sit well. He still on places up there. But I didn't want mine, to save it we can't hardly hold it. I mean, you know? You're taking the chances with [unclear]. So what am I saying?

Anne Crouse 38:33

Well, I think if you're not going to live there, it's hard to be able to see what they're doing

Anna Fonay 38:39

You just kinda gotta keep it moving. I, they were going to build out onto something but I don't think he could get anybody to buy. He wanted to start from the highway. It goes right down to 25 You know, and come up. But I don't think he got anyone to buy it.

Anne Crouse 39:00

When your house was your house was further east and then I 25

Anna Fonay 39:05

it was at the end of the, right on the road. And the highway went through, it was through the middle section, see. And they took part off ours, and part off whoever dies.

Anne Crouse 39:22

I see, did your husband buy that when you were married? Did he already have that?

Anna Fonay 39:32

Oh yes. They had that for years, since a lot of it they had for years. Land wasn't as much, wasn't as expensive as it is right now.

Anne Crouse 39:44

That's true, nothing was

Anna Fonay 39:48

I mean, you know, really and truthfully, it's just no comparison.

Anne Crouse 39:56

That's true.

Anna Fonay 39:57

That's true. Very much so

Anne Crouse 40:02

What would you, if you, if you could go back in your life to any place, where would you most like to be?

Anna Fonay 40:12

You know, I don't know. I never had a place that I really and truthfully, would care to go back to. I always when I was tired of it, I left and that's the end of it. I don't even go back and look over, see what they're doing with it. Always say as long as have my check in the mail I don't care. It's his

Anne Crouse 40:47

Sure. Do you have any other comments that you'd like to make?

Anna Fonay 40:52

Pardon?

Anne Crouse 40:52

any other comments that you'd like to make?

Anna Fonay 40:55

No, I don't I. I don't know. I was talking to Jeannie, she says, I says you were thinking about building a shopping center, she says [unclear]

Anne Crouse 41:15

it's at 90, It's just called the 96th Street interchange. You know where the Denver Boulder Turnpike comes down like that. And Broomfields over here

Anna Fonay 41:29

in my little corner.

Anne Crouse 41:31

This is the Denver Boulder Turnpike, this is Broomfield. This is over here is that Interlocken where all the bigger buildings are going to be, office park, and 96th Street interchange, what they call the interchange, it's being built right now. They're putting a bridge right across the turnpike. And then it turns and goes on up here to Dillon road. And that shopping center if and when they get one done. Will be right on the corner.

Anna Fonay 41:57

Close to maybe Boulder, Louisville.

Anne Crouse 42:01

Yeah, it is. But they seem to be getting closer all the time. It just amazes me.

Anna Fonay 42:08

Yeah, but mean, for your shopping center. If you think of a shopping center, and that's in that place, don't you think your business is already taken?

Anne Crouse 42:18

Evidently, the people that are interested in doing that, don't think so. It's going to be sort of more like Cherry Creek, you know, it's going to be on the high end, there'll be a lot of Broomfield people that won't shop there. And a lot of Boulder people who will that we don't even know about yet. So, but that's what they're talking about. And then they've talked about putting a rest, what they call a restaurant pad in over here. Now. I even have a whole group of restaurants right about

Anna Fonay 42:48

I think a nice restaurant might be a nice addition,

Anne Crouse 42:51

I do too. So that you get you to drive over from from Broomfield over here and pick any one of four or five restaurants on that same property.

Anna Fonay 43:02

Then it'll really be. We used to come up here, there was not even a place to buy a hamburger. And it wasn't fair, really to the young kids. Because the young kids could never, they couldn't. Never go to Boulder or something go on.

Anne Crouse 43:20

Do you remember any stores from over here at all? Any or any places where you any restaurants, any places where you came to do any kind of shopping at all

Anna Fonay 43:29

Not when we first when we first come up, the only one was I don't know whether it's a red and white or what? Over there by Huddarts, you know, gone Wadsworth, right? And that was the only one that I can remember. I don't know where people went for their groceries. I don't know, I guess that they did [unclear] this many people go here.

Anne Crouse 43:55

I know when when we moved here. We moved here in 1957. And we had to go to we went south we went down towards Denver, probably Arvada to get groceries because there wasn't a grocery store

Anna Fonay 44:10

That's shameful really, in a way.

Anne Crouse 44:13

They have to have the people and it took a while to get the people here and then it took a while to get the building built.

Anna Fonay 44:19

Well, I think you're getting the buildings gone. This is for sure. I think there's enough homes and stuff. Now whether those big houses have a couple of [unclear].

Anne Crouse 44:36

They say they average about 2.8 people per home, which isn't really very many. If you think about it, you would have had a lot more than that. In your house when you were growing up.

Anna Fonay 44:53

Well, in my house when we were young. Everybody had large families and it wasn't a crime when you had children in the bedrooms in a bedroom and time just plain change. Yeah. I never had room enough in my house need before each one of the kids a bedroom but we got by. I had to be upstairs and two bedrooms downstairs and it seemed like it worked alright,

Anne Crouse 45:29

you just do with what, make do with what you have.

Anna Fonay 45:32

That's all you can do.

Anne Crouse 45:34

Yeah. Yeah, that's right. Listen I thank you very much

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