

Tom Peyton 0:01

All right, Paul.

Paul Tice 0:02

My name is Paul Tice. Today's date is 9/5/18. And the interviewer, and I actually actually happen to be docents together and museum volunteers. So that's how we met each other.

Tom Peyton 0:23

Yeah. Well, I wanted to ask you a few background ques-questions. Like, where were you born?

Paul Tice 0:30

Well, I was born in Denver at Mercy Hospital, which doesn't even exist anymore

Tom Peyton 0:34

So you're a Colorado native?

Paul Tice 0:36

Yes.

Tom Peyton 0:37

And what schools did you attend, like your grade school junior high.

Paul Tice 0:42

Well, I went to St. Philomena School, which was a parochial school,

Tom Peyton 0:47

Catholic?

Paul Tice 0:47

It is a Catholic school, through eighth grade. Then I went to Mullen High School, another Catholic High School for ninth grade, went to Cathedral for 10th grade, which was another Catholic high school and then I ended up going junior and senior year to East Denver High School.

Tom Peyton 1:04

Right.

Paul Tice 1:05

And then I went to it's, I'm trying to think of the name of it Northeastern Junior College. Up in Sterling, Colorado. And then I went through Control Data Institute. After I got hurt some years back about 35 years ago. And then I went and years ago, back late 60s, I went to Denver Automotive and Diesel College,

Tom Peyton 1:29

So you went to the three different tech schools

Paul Tice 1:32

I did.

Tom Peyton 1:35

And when did you get married?

Paul Tice 1:37

My wife and I got married in July of 72. So 1972. 46 years

Tom Peyton 1:43

46 years ago, and you have some children? I know cuz I met a couple of them a couple of weeks ago,

Paul Tice 1:49

Okay. we have a daughter who lives in Portland, Oregon. And she works for Volkswagen. We have a son who lives in Fort Worth, Texas. He's, he works for Lockheed Martin as an engineer.

Tom Peyton 2:02

Wow, yeah. Any military service or?

Paul Tice 2:09

No, actually, I didn't go into this into this army. I was classified at what they call the classification. And there was a they, they couldn't draft me Vietnam was going hot and heavy. And I was an eighth of an inch under five feet. So

Tom Peyton 2:23

Probably like four, 4F

Paul Tice 2:24

4F I believe that it was it. But I did not head to Canada to get out of the service.

Tom Peyton 2:31

That's good. And what kind of jobs have you had through the years? I guess you've had a ton of them.

Paul Tice 2:38

While I broke through quite a few places. Before my wife and I got married 1972, I worked as mechanic up in Glenwood Springs. It didn't last very long because the season was really short

Tom Peyton 2:49

How'd you end up in Glenwood Springs for heaven's sakes.

Paul Tice 2:52

We had my folks had a cabin up there that we built in 1962 I think it was, up on the Crystal River which was right across from Mount Sopris, And then I had, any other job that I had was in the, in the Denver area. I worked for Toledo Scale, and I traveled a lot. I went up to Wyoming, pretty much all over Colorado and a little bit of Nebraska.

Tom Peyton 3:22

Do any repair work or what

Paul Tice 3:23

I did, I did service work until I got hurt 35 years ago. And then I ended up working retail, which I didn't particularly like, but I worked for humanoids, which was part of paydays, cash waves, and went bankrupt in 2001. And then I went to work for Home Depot. So I had about 27 and a half years in that particular business.

Tom Peyton 3:47

Wow. That's great. We're getting more close to Broomfield. When did you move to Broomfield?

Paul Tice 3:55

We moved up here in 2004. And we we just bought the house

Tom Peyton 4:00

In the same house you're living in today?

Paul Tice 4:02

It is yes. The same one.

Tom Peyton 4:04

2004. Do you like the neighborhood you live in?

Paul Tice 4:09

We do. We really like it. It's the house where we lived before it started out to be a relatively calm street. It wasn't super busy. And then it got busier and busier. And it was just terrible. And where we are now is a very quiet neighborhood. It's, well I should say quiet traffic wise. We have tons of dogs in the neighborhood and the people don't mind having their dogs bark at all hours.

Tom Peyton 4:34

Yeah. So you know the neighbors.

Paul Tice 4:39

We do we're we're pretty good friends with some of the people. A young couple live moved in right behind us, Pamela and Robbie. And they're really decent. We've been giving them well we've been swapping produce with them this year, this summer.

Tom Peyton 4:56
You and everybody else

Paul Tice 4:57
From the garden as well as giving a whole bunch of it to Tara and to Tom. Yeah.

Tom Peyton 5:04
Yeah, we're both volunteers here in Broomfield and wherever else have you volunteered? Not just in Broomfield

Paul Tice 5:10
Actually no, place Tom, this is the first time I volunteered.

Tom Peyton 5:14
Oh is that right? At the Depot Museum,

Paul Tice 5:17
Right about somewhere about a month after I retired I went ahead and I just called called Museum, which was not listed on the website as needing volunteers, talked to Jacqui, and

Tom Peyton 5:29
Yeah how did you get involved with?

Paul Tice 5:31
And so she said, Well, she wanted to know what my background was. And I just told her I said, I said, I'm pretty handy. I do, you know, repairs, stuff like that. And I. And so she said, Can you hang something for me on the wall? I said, Sure. When do you need it done? She goes, Oh, I don't know. I said How about right now? So I grabbed grabbed my tools went up there and installed that on the wall for her

Tom Peyton 5:56
All right. been there ever since

Paul Tice 5:59
I have been. Well, except for a couple of months right around Christmas this last year.

Tom Peyton 6:02
Right, Right. All right. Any other activities? I know you. Do stuff at the woodshop

Paul Tice 6:11
I'm a wood turner I do work on on the lathe. And I really enjoy that. I've made a lot of bowls and things like that. So

Tom Peyton 6:21

you're a member of the Rec Center.

Paul Tice 6:23

We are we're Silver Sneakers my wife and I are both in Kaiser so you automatically become Silver Sneakers and we've done like aerobics classes up at the Paul Derda Rec Center. And then some aerobics classes at the older rec center, the one across from the city city buildings

Tom Peyton 6:45

Oh right when they're going to remodel.

Paul Tice 6:47

Yes.

Tom Peyton 6:51

And actually nothing to do with Broomfield, but you do a lot of trips. What's your favorite place you like to go? Vacation

Paul Tice 6:58

Well, we really like Maine, and we really like Canada, both both coasts of Canada. We've never really spent a whole lot of time in the middle of it, but it's just I just love Canada. It's so clean. And it's not so hustle somewhat sure about hustle bustle like it is here in the States and Maine is just completely awesome. And, and it says any notable experiences on any of your trips. Fort Knox I think comes to mind and I'm not talking about the gold Fort Knox in Kentucky. There actually is a Fort Knox, which was the original Fort Knox in Maine.

Tom Peyton 7:07

Oh! Didn't know this.

Paul Tice 7:40

It was it was built during the Civil War. And it covered or it was built right on the Penobscot Narrows to keep the Confederates coming down that way and they never fired a shot.

Tom Peyton 7:56

Oh, I'll be darned

Paul Tice 7:57

But it's beautiful because it's built out of, all the Maine is an awful lot of granite is granite everywhere, and it's absolutely gorgeous. But and then some brickwork is up but it's it's a terrific military installation. I don't know that much about military installations, but it's really beautiful, the way it was built and everything. And it's huge.

Tom Peyton 8:19

All right. I'm getting back to Broomfield, you you moved here in 1982, you said?

Paul Tice 8:27
No, it was 2004

Tom Peyton 8:29
Oh, wait. where did I get that? Okay. 2004 Yeah. So since then, how's Broomfield changed.

Paul Tice 8:38
Well, traffic

Tom Peyton 8:40
for the better is worse.

Paul Tice 8:41
There's a lot more traffic than there used to be. And I, it, it just seems to me that the city could move traffic more efficiently if they quit building

Tom Peyton 8:56
Apartments.

Paul Tice 8:57
No, not even that, it's the where they have the thing between the lanes, you know, the

Tom Peyton 9:02
Oh, the dividers,

Paul Tice 9:03
divider things and it's like in those darn things, would they put flowers in there. They're beautiful, but they also make it impossible to see traffic. I wonder how many accidents have been caused by them. And I don't I'm not to complain because we have beautiful flowers. And we also have a lot of a lot of more people and I'm sure that that's happened all over the country. It's I don't know where the people are coming from that I've talked to people from various parts of the country and they said the same thing. And the other thing that I find kind of weird about it is it's lost some of its small town appeal to be Broomfield. I'm not, not saying it's gone completely, but it doesn't feel like small towny before and it did, which was really nice because you had the feeling of being in a small town yet you had all the services of the big city

Tom Peyton 9:50
Yep, keeps expanding. Yeah. And about the future do you plan on staying here or you want to retire to warmer climate or what?

Paul Tice 10:01
I'm retired now and this my idea of retirement, I don't want to be. I'm not going to be somebody who goes to someplace that's too darn hot. I like the seasons personally. And now we we have

a house. It's a ranch style, so it works out quite well for us and nice, nice garden in the back. veggie garden.

Tom Peyton 10:22

Yeah, you got a nice house,

Paul Tice 10:25

but we're pretty happy with it.

Tom Peyton 10:27

Pretty nice, quiet street. Well, anything else you'd like to

Paul Tice 10:32

No? Offhand? I can't really think of anything. It would happen right now.

Tom Peyton 10:39

Alrighty. Sounds good. So I guess we'll end this recording for a second. All right. Okay, continue a little bit with Paul.

Paul Tice 10:54

Any significant people or events. One of them would be Mrs. Martha Derda. She's a really nice lady. I've never met her husband and also the Mayor Randy Ahrens he seems to be a very decent gentleman. So I have been lucky enough to have met both of them. And I've the mayor, the mayor, I've met him on a couple of occasions and I wanted to get back to something on the neighborhood and I probably should have said it when I went through that but it was I like the trails system at Broomfield. The taxes are a little high here but it's well worth it because we have some really nice amenities. Number one being the trails to do a

Tom Peyton 11:38

lot of hiking.

Paul Tice 11:39

We do

Tom Peyton 11:39

Lot of walking in the trails

Paul Tice 11:41

We can walk right across the street from the house and one of the trails starts right there.

Tom Peyton 11:45

That makes it nice

Paul Tice 11:48

because we do enjoy walking that's pretty much it, Tom

Tom Peyton 11:56

Any kind of entertainment you do in Broomfield? Besides drinking beer?

Paul Tice 12:03

Drinking beer, playing. What's the, oh, Mexican train dominoes. And that's that's good. Tom and I played that many times together. And I don't know I really enjoy doing the woodworking over there. If it ever becomes a job to me, I'll quit doing it. But I just really like doing it.

Tom Peyton 12:25

Yeah.

Paul Tice 12:25

So

Tom Peyton 12:26

yeah, you've returned out some great bowls.

Paul Tice 12:29

It makes

Tom Peyton 12:30

And vases

Paul Tice 12:30

they make nice Christmas presents. Let's put it that way.

Tom Peyton 12:36

That's great. All right.

Paul Tice 12:39

Okay, thanks, Tom.

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