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[00:00:03] Roger Leonard

This is Wednesday, June 28th, the year 2000. And I'm Roger Leonard and I'm talking with Sid De-la-noy about upper Red hook and his memories of upper Red hook. What was it like growing up in upper Red hook?

[00:00:22] Sid Delanoy

Well, it's an awful lot different today than it was when I was a boy. Of course, the school was over there next to the church. You know where that is. And where there was actually up here in upper Red hook was two garages. There was very few people known.

[00:00:42] Roger Leonard

And where were.

[00:00:43] Sid Delanoy

They? Well, the one garage was right where it is now, where Red Miller had that place.

[00:00:50] Roger Leonard

On the corner.

[00:00:51] Sid Delanoy

Of.

[00:00:51] Roger Leonard

Old Post Road and Staubach Road.

[00:00:55] Sid Delanoy

And then the other one was down The corner of the old Post Road and well, watch what they call Pitcher Lane now.

[00:01:06] Roger Leonard

Oh, okay.

[00:01:07] Sid Delanoy

Right there. Right across from the old store. From the store.

[00:01:11] Roger Leonard

So where are the Travers? Where Arthur.

[00:01:13] Sid Delanoy

Travers was? His garage there.

[00:01:15] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:01:17] Sid Delanoy

At one time. Well, at one time, behind that garage, near that field near where Gordon de Saba has. Ollie rider had a sawmill there? Oh.

[00:01:27] Roger Leonard

Well, I didn't know about that.

[00:01:28] Sid Delanoy

And the sawmill he made, he saw the lumber for this house over here. He used to live on the corner here. And he saw the house where he saw the lumber for the house where our trailer lived. And then, of course, if you notice, I don't know if this mill cut it, cut the lumber, but there's three houses down in Red hook, right around the VFW post. It's all just about the same, with the exception of one that stuck out.

[00:02:02] Roger Leonard

Oh, is that right? Yeah, I'll have to take a look at that.

[00:02:05] Sid Delanoy

Yeah, yeah. And of course the house there were Freddy Coon lived. It wasn't there. And the next place used to be Cooper shop and and blacksmith shop.

[00:02:25] Roger Leonard

Was that where Henry Brenzel.

[00:02:27] Sid Delanoy

That's where Henry Brenzel had his Cooper shop. Blacksmith shop? Okay. And then Henry Brendel lived down the road from there a little ways. And, of course, then well, kind of diagonally across across from the from the blacksmith shop was I think it landed. Ehm. Now He was a butcher, and he raised a lot of chickens.

[00:03:04] Roger Leonard

Oh. The butcher. Oh, okay. Stall.

[00:03:09] Sid Delanoy

No no no no no no. Stall was a he. He used to take care of the, the fires and in that, in the school, in the old school and, and Episcopal church and and a little like hall in the back and the Grange Hall. Johnny Smith was a man's name.

[00:03:33] Roger Leonard

Oh, okay. Joseph Smith.

[00:03:35] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. And of course, they rented rooms there. Two upstairs in his place. And he had a great big chicken coop there. Chicken house. Of course, that's all taken down now.

[00:03:47] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:03:48] Sid Delanoy

And. Then the next place. That's where. That's where Brenda lived, right? Of course it's burned down now, you know.

[00:03:58] Roger Leonard

Yes. Right by the big oak tree.

[00:04:00] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. And of course it went down. Harvey Moss lived in that house down the hill where Mr. McCann bought. Right. And then next to that was Mr. Stahl's place where he used to live.

[00:04:17] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:04:18] Sid Delanoy

And across the street from the two places there was a big house. Mary Kelly lived here now? Yeah, right. But years ago.

[00:04:35] Sid Delanoy

I used to just about. I don't know how many houses up here had stills in them. And that was one of the big stills right there. That was a big one. They made all kinds of bootleg liquor there. Yeah. Yeah. That one. And well, there was one down, you know, across from the hotel where the hotel was. Well across from there there was a, another big house built very similar to this one.

[00:05:05] Sid Delanoy

They made, they made liquor in that one too. So and then of course, you know where curly red curly lived.

[00:05:15] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:05:16] Sid Delanoy

That was that's the old one, the old curly homestead's there. I thought he way back, but grew up across the street right here.

[00:05:23] Roger Leonard

And then he bought the other.

[00:05:24] Sid Delanoy

But then they bought that place over there that now I don't know if they bought it or if it was given to them after the curly died, because that house and the house just south of it where Michaels. Michaels live belonged to, to to to Doctor curly. Now, that's the only thing I can tell you. This was many, many years ago. And of course, a hotel. And you know, now this is hard to believe, but there was there was a blacksmith shop here and a Cooper shop. Right. There was two garages at three stores. What do you think of that? Now there was a store where you know where that store was. Right over there. And down Arrows Teeter store. I don't know who owned that before him. And then, you know the hotel, the old hotel is.

[00:06:25] Roger Leonard

On.

[00:06:25] Sid Delanoy

The on the triangle. The triangle right directly east of that. There was a bunch of houses there all together. Well, where the store was was the last place there. But it's torn down now, and there was a big step to go up there. And that was a big store in there. Mr. Hammond, that store. Oh, And with those three stores here, you. Of course they had groceries. They had everything in the one store. You could buy anything. And I mean feed shotguns, licenses. As a matter of fact, it was even in that store that one, there was even a post office in there. You know, the other store where teeter was teeters.

[00:07:14] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:07:15] Sid Delanoy

And they saw sold clothes, shoes, and well, you know years ago here overhauled heavy jacket shirts, heavy shirts, work boots, work shoes. That's the main thing they had.

[00:07:35] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:07:36] Sid Delanoy

You know, it was all farms here. It wasn't like it is now. All farmers and mostly all fruit and dairy and every, dairy farm. You know, they had, they had fruit on the same farm. And that is kind of sad to see everything. Everything going.

[00:07:58] Roger Leonard

Here.

[00:07:59] Sid Delanoy

Everything is leaving. You know now this place, for example this was all you know where Don lived? There next door. Of course. That was all for. That was all for now. I see Bob Craig is Boy, he got it all pushed out. Just about everything is gone.

[00:08:23] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:08:24] Sid Delanoy

I don't know what was going to go in there.

[00:08:26] Roger Leonard

Berries, cherries, blueberries.

[00:08:29] Sid Delanoy

I would as I've been told here that there's going to be a big winery down there and I was going to be growing grapes.

[00:08:41] Roger Leonard

Well, that's, I Did you always. Were you always in the sawmill business?

[00:08:47] Sid Delanoy

Well, I had.

[00:08:50] Sid Delanoy

I first got back home from overseas. I went to work for Central Hudson. I was a lineman in Central Hudson. And then I quit and I, I went and I did a lot of tree work. And from tree work I done, I went to sawmill work and I went back and forth to work and I made Post rail fence also. But it, it is kind of hard to see a lot of this stuff going away, but

[00:09:29] Roger Leonard

When did your family move? When did your family come here?

[00:09:33] Sid Delanoy

Well, my father. Came here and. My father originally from across the river in Glasgow. I think he came here around about 19. About 1910. And my mother came here in 1908.

[00:10:02] Roger Leonard

So what was her maiden name?

[00:10:05] Sid Delanoy

My, my mother's maiden name was Shaw. Shaw. Daughter.

[00:10:11] Roger Leonard

Oh. She was she was doing. Yeah. Okay.

[00:10:15] Sid Delanoy

And not the dosage that you're saying, not yours.

[00:10:18] Roger Leonard

No. So what I knew was her brother.

[00:10:23] Sid Delanoy

Was the one you knew was her cousin. Cousin Henry's boy.

[00:10:27] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:10:28] Sid Delanoy

He had a had a big a big well, he had a cider mill.

[00:10:39] Roger Leonard

And.

[00:10:40] Sid Delanoy

A lot of greenhouses. And under the greenhouses. And then the one big house he had was a great big steel. That was one big way of making money here at one time, I guess.

[00:10:53] Roger Leonard

So.

[00:10:54] Sid Delanoy

Down the road from us here was a big farm at the end of Fisher Lane.

[00:11:00] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:11:01] Sid Delanoy

That was one of the biggest hills, Dutchess County.

[00:11:07] Roger Leonard

And it must have been known by everybody.

[00:11:09] Sid Delanoy

Oh, it was, but they finally rated it. That was it. And thousands of five gallon cans behind. You know, it had a they used to draw hay and buy a wagon load. Not, not in a bale. And of course they had this frontage here hay and buying a was thousands of five gallon They had one house, the one house. It was a. Of course, it's a big farm and the one house had two floors cut out and they had just like a great big silo in there that big vat to, to hold liquor.

[00:11:55] Roger Leonard

Oh.

[00:11:56] Sid Delanoy

It was a big it was a big deal. Big operation.

[00:11:58] Roger Leonard

I guess so big operation.

[00:12:02] Sid Delanoy

But all I've got, eventually, I guess all of them quit or what wasn't found. What they what they did. Afraid to quit?

[00:12:14] Roger Leonard

Well, then they repealed prohibition.

[00:12:19] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. That's what. Shut it all down. Yeah. Because different people got paid off. I, I know this for a fact. But that was, that was The way of life at one time here. But the farming was. This was always a farming district. And now. Now there's nothing. I was coming home from across the river about a week ago, and I was just thinking from my knee up to here, there was and I'd gone too far, not too far north or too far south. There was 11 farms. Yeah, there was only one in operation. And I just, you know, it makes you kind of wonder.

[00:13:18] Roger Leonard

What was your did your father come over here to from Glasgow to.

[00:13:23] Sid Delanoy

Come over? No. Dad, come over here. And he he first lived in Red hook. Yeah. And then he was a bartender down to the. Hotel for many years.

[00:13:39] Roger Leonard

What was his name?

[00:13:40] Sid Delanoy

Howard. Howard.

[00:13:41] Roger Leonard

Howard.

[00:13:43] Sid Delanoy

Howard. And al called camper.

[00:13:47] Roger Leonard

Oh.

[00:13:49] Sid Delanoy

Nicknames.

[00:13:50] Roger Leonard

Where did that come from?

[00:13:51] Sid Delanoy

I have no idea. I couldn't tell.

[00:13:53] Roger Leonard

You.

[00:13:54] Sid Delanoy

I don't know. No. They Well, that's I was thinking here. A while ago. It used to own a big place down here. Of course, he passed away now. I don't know where he got it from, but some reason, he always called me Muldoon. Oh, now why? I couldn't tell you. I have no idea. My dad worked down. Down on his place for Apple seed for quite some time. He owned an awful lot of the poverty that. Cookingham did. He owned an awful lot of property that great owns. Now today. And he had some big orchards, and he could do, I guess. I never thought that I would.

[00:14:53] Roger Leonard

Hear oh that's right. So tell me about the school.

[00:14:59] Sid Delanoy

Well the school was.

[00:15:01] Roger Leonard

I got a noise on here.

[00:15:13] Sid Delanoy

Well the school was a two room school first. And for grades on the bottom floor and on the top floor. Is this two feet? When I first went there as Dick was a school teacher, and in the first fourth grade and Mrs. Fraley was upstairs on the fifth through eighth. And then Mr. Dick, I think, was what you would call a principal at the time. And then she left, and then Mrs. Fraley took her job.

[00:15:54] Roger Leonard

What did you call the principal? Oh, she was the principal.

[00:15:58] Sid Delanoy

Of this school. Right. And and Sally Ziegler took one through four. And, of course, the teachers then had to know, you know, they taught each grade one teacher at each on the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade. They had fellows in the fifth grade. I guess it was about, 1012 students. Sixth grade. Maybe. Maybe five. And seventh grade would be around about ten and eighth grade about the same. They had about oh, I don't know. Maybe. Maybe 35, 40 students on each floor. It was it was just different. Yeah. Different than what it is today.

[00:17:07] Roger Leonard

Do you think that that as long as the school was there, upper Red hook had its own identity separate from Red hook down below.

[00:17:22] Sid Delanoy

I don't know.

[00:17:23] Roger Leonard

But they did think of upper Red hook is different from Red hook. It wasn't.

[00:17:27] Sid Delanoy

Yes. At one time they. Of course, these are all stories. At one time they said Red hook was Red hook, and Red hook was hardscrabble.

[00:17:39] Roger Leonard

Yeah, yeah.

[00:17:41] Sid Delanoy

How factual that is. I don't I, I, I really don't know. Yeah, I've heard this from people from older people years ago.

[00:17:54] Roger Leonard

Right. Well, I've got the information about David Van Ness, the postmaster, moving down 1800 or so.

[00:18:01] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. But it's possible.

[00:18:03] Roger Leonard

But when you grew up here, you didn't you didn't think of yourself as Red hook. You thought of yourself as upper red.

[00:18:10] Sid Delanoy

That's right. Yeah. Red hook. Yeah. I always thought that Red hook was always Red hook in tomorrow night.

[00:18:15] Roger Leonard

Yeah. And that's where you'd go to do bigger shopping.

[00:18:19] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. Yeah. That's right. That's right. Yeah. It do. Just about anything you wanted was in Red hook. Well there was two. Two clothing stores. 3 or 4 markets for alcohol stores that sold groceries. There was a butcher shop, two butcher shops, three, three barber shops. Two. Two drugstores. Notion shop, car salesman. There was 2 or 3 car salesmen. There was. It was just altogether different than it is today. Yeah. You know, the fire company was down there too. And The fire company at that time was was over where the old Grange Hall is now, and where the Grange Hall. Fire Department was over there, and then it moved from there, over, you know, over there in the village. Right in the village.

[00:19:38] Roger Leonard

Now, when the upper Red Grange burned, did the fire trucks have to come all the way from Red hook?

[00:19:45] Sid Delanoy

Oh, sure.

[00:19:46] Roger Leonard

There was no fire department in upper Red hook. Do you tell me about that fire? Do you remember the night of the fire?

[00:19:52] Sid Delanoy

Yeah, sure. Yeah. Well We just. As a matter of fact, we just went to bed. We had a company here, one of my wife's friends when she went in there when she was a nursing. And she was here with her 2 or 3 little girls, and she called us. She was sleeping in the south bedroom, and she called us. And So Louise and I went over and looked, and she was all a fire. It was a bad, I guess, summer lightning storm. And so I went down. We went down. The time we got here, everything, everything was just on fire. The fire company couldn't do anything. Well, I had I think we called. They called in Tivoli and Milan, you know, but we saved the big barn. But we couldn't do anything. We seen the. You see, the piano was up. One piano was upstairs. You could see it. You see? Come right on down. Is there any. But there was nothing. That's the second time I think it had burned.

[00:21:09] Roger Leonard

Yes, that's right. It burned down around 1917.

[00:21:12] Sid Delanoy

Burned before? Yeah. Because it was a that was a, School. A private school, right?

[00:21:20] Roger Leonard

It was an Academy Academy.

[00:21:22] Sid Delanoy

And they had a couple of those around here, a couple academies up in Claremont. There were academy up there.

[00:21:31] Roger Leonard

It was identical. And it was built by the same builder, Philip Palm.

[00:21:35] Sid Delanoy

Well, I don't know who built it, but I know that it was. I know I've heard stories that it wasn't Academy.

[00:21:42] Roger Leonard

Yeah, it was identical to that building.

[00:21:46] Sid Delanoy

I think it must have been very nice one. Yes, yes. Heyday. Well, of course, you know now. Well, another thing, I don't know if I ever told you this before or not, but now I have to be in in the 30s, I would say about 35, 36. They had a band here and the band used to practice in the Grange Hall once a week, and how I know that Leonard was in the band and he played the trumpet, and he had a cornet, and they, I, I got to play the cornet in the band. There was a, there was a band. They had bullets from here in Red hook, both in the band. There was quite a few members, I remember.

[00:22:40] Roger Leonard

Did you go around and play in different places?

[00:22:42] Sid Delanoy

Oh, well, we. We played up to the Grange Hall a lot. I don't know where. I guess we went to Red hook a couple of times.

[00:22:51] Roger Leonard

And this was for dances.

[00:22:53] Sid Delanoy

No, no, this was more like a. Well, this was a big band. It was, it had. But it must have had 15, 20 pieces.

[00:23:06] Roger Leonard

Yeah. For an audience, they'd play a concert.

[00:23:09] Sid Delanoy

We played concert music.

[00:23:10] Roger Leonard

Right.

[00:23:11] Sid Delanoy

That's what we sit on the stage. Oh, we wanted to do we did go to Rhinebeck once.

[00:23:21] Roger Leonard

Albert Curley said what? Curley said that Rudy Vallee sang there once.

[00:23:29] Sid Delanoy

It very.

[00:23:31] Roger Leonard

Does that ring a bell with you?

[00:23:32] Sid Delanoy

I wouldn't remember that. She was older than me.

[00:23:36] Roger Leonard

Yeah, but what year were you born?

[00:23:40] Sid Delanoy

1923.

[00:23:42] Roger Leonard

43. Yeah, yeah. So you would have only been a kid when Rudy Vallee was.

[00:23:48] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. Now one of them. I can't think of which one his name used to stop at. My mother and father stand down here all the time. And she made pie for him. He order a pie and he'd stop every time he'd go back. I don't know which one. I don't think it was Rudy Vallee. But I know it was one of them that stopped down there, and that was 1929. I know that because 2930.

[00:24:22] Roger Leonard

Of course. Go ahead. I was just going to say, have you had any stories?

[00:24:29] Sid Delanoy

No. See the story? You know, it's a lot of the stuff that I know. And then there's of course, there's a lot of stuff, hearsay.

[00:24:39] Roger Leonard

Stuff that you remember.

[00:24:41] Sid Delanoy

Well, I'll tell you now, I remember this. I remember when I come back home from overseas, they was doing a lot of logging right up here in the in that woods right across from the farm.

[00:24:55] Roger Leonard

Oh yeah.

[00:24:56] Sid Delanoy

That was. Yeah. And they was cutting railroad ties in there. Oh that, that. And they used to go around and cut ties all around here. That's where I mean, you know. Of course style. I'll tell you this. 30. 738 I one of the first jobs I had, of course, I'd go to high school, and at that time it was a lot different as today you, if you took a job on a farm or that you had to do and be as good as a man you had to do, you had to produce as good as you did, or you didn't have a job very long. And. I thought of this many times, the wages that we were paid. Then they were \$9 a week. And for that \$9 a week you went to work at 7:00 in the morning and you worked at 6:00 in the afternoon.

[00:26:06] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:26:07] Sid Delanoy

And he worked from Monday through Saturday and Sunday off. That's the only day we were off. And of course, another thing too, that used to be, which is not now when they had the fair in Rhinebeck Fair, Dutchess County Fair on a Wednesday, everything closed up here on a Wednesday. Everything was closed. Everybody went to the fair. And of course, that was all. That was all agricultural. Yeah. Not like not like today. Everything was fruit and dairy. Everything. Animals, of course, they used to have well, they started it back now, but they used to have a lot of pulling contests with the horses.

[00:26:51] Roger Leonard

Oh, yeah.

[00:26:53] Sid Delanoy

Now, they started that back again. I think it's more of a show than anything else. But sure, they had an awful lot of pulling contests. And I guess I told you before, but when they built this road through here, this was 29. When they had only mules over there by the. By the by that that big barn just just north of where the Grange Hall was.

[00:27:24] Roger Leonard

Oh yeah.

[00:27:25] Sid Delanoy

I. The mules got out one night and they run all through the property over here.

[00:27:30] Roger Leonard

Oh.

[00:27:33] Sid Delanoy

Yes, that was quite. That was quite a deal, though.

[00:27:39] Roger Leonard

They were.

[00:27:40] Sid Delanoy

Oh, they rounded them all. Took a day to get them all wound up because that's all you know, they had instead of dump trucks like you got today. They had four mules on a wagon on a big wagon that had the bottom would drop, you know, pull, pull a lever and a chain, open the bottom. It opened up and everything. Then of course, everything instead of, you know, gasoline or diesel, everything was powered by steam.

[00:28:12] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:28:13] Sid Delanoy

A steam shovel and steam rollers and everything. There's a steam roller right down here.

[00:28:18] Roger Leonard

Yeah. Tell me about that.

[00:28:20] Sid Delanoy

Well, I had it was coming up through there.

[00:28:25] Roger Leonard

This is when they built the road.

[00:28:26] Sid Delanoy

When they built the road, built route nine. And just south of Gordon. Gordon was placed here. Swamp quicksand. I guess they didn't know it. And they left a roller set there. And they come back. The next morning was gone and it went down.

[00:28:44] Roger Leonard

So as far as your note, you know, it's still.

[00:28:47] Sid Delanoy

The way it's got to be. There ain't no way to get it out.

[00:28:50] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:28:51] Sid Delanoy

And But I know when they cut through the shale bank up here, that was all done on steam. Shovels were all steam. They were all steam operated.

[00:29:01] Roger Leonard

Now, what? Shell bank, is it?

[00:29:02] Sid Delanoy

Well, you know. Right. Just, you know, a lot of cabinets.

[00:29:06] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:29:06] Sid Delanoy

All right. Just north of that there was all shale right through there. And they cut that back where?

[00:29:14] Roger Leonard

They're just north of your place here.

[00:29:16] Sid Delanoy

Yeah.

[00:29:17] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:29:18] Sid Delanoy

And of course, this property, this property at that time went on about it was about five foot in front of that building across the street.

[00:29:34] Sid Delanoy

And. The way I understood it, the state, when they bought the right of way through here, they own almost up to that building. About five, ten feet from the building. I don't know if anybody knows this. The reason they came to the West. So I understand West on the right of way was because the big farm up here, they had a big, big cow barn there at the time. And and of course, they had a big bull pen where they had a bull. And so instead of having, you know, making Mr. Patrick tear that all down, why they stayed to the, to the west and they went that way.

[00:30:25] Sid Delanoy

Now I see that a cow barn and all that that's all torn down.

[00:30:30] Roger Leonard

Yeah. Any school stories?

[00:30:36] Sid Delanoy

Oh. Oh. Well, what about myself or or anything?

[00:30:43] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:30:43] Sid Delanoy

Oh well I, I a couple of. Yeah. I can remember a few, a few. I can remember one time I won't mention the, the little girl's name, but she wanted to go to the bathroom. And the bathroom is a lot different than they are today. And she wanted to go to the bathroom. You had to hold your hand up there and tell the teacher. And I guess the teacher didn't recognize it quick enough. But of course, the water was all over the floor.

[00:31:16] Roger Leonard

All over the floor.

[00:31:18] Sid Delanoy

And I know that upstairs. Well, the biggest boy is upstairs. I got Ahold of me one day and had a little old snake dead snake, and they stuck it in my pants pocket. Scared me to death.

[00:31:35] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:31:38] Sid Delanoy

And then.

[00:31:42] Sid Delanoy

I think it was Gordon Mead that that was they was throwing snowballs at. And they had all the little fellows. I was little, they had had us get get snowballed and I know he got he got I think Gordon got. I'm pretty sure he got hit the base with a with a piece of ice that they that they threw.

[00:32:08] Roger Leonard

Oh.

[00:32:14] Sid Delanoy

And they, they had they had different stuff to play with that too in the playground. Like they had a thing called a whirligig. And of course they had swings. That's 3.

[00:32:26] Roger Leonard

Or.

[00:32:27] Sid Delanoy

4 swings that they had a seesaw. That's all we had on that.

[00:32:33] Roger Leonard

Right.

[00:32:35] Sid Delanoy

And of course they had a big flagpole. That was another thing. They. They said the Pledge of Allegiance every morning in school, every morning. And then the maypole we used to have, we used to have a maypole. The maypole dance.

[00:33:01] Roger Leonard

Oh, yeah.

[00:33:02] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. And we had there was Mrs. Fraley. She was great for putting, putting on plays and that, and we put on plays to the school. She put on plays in the Grange Hall and also over in the church where you were.

[00:33:27] Sid Delanoy

And. Wheeler Hall. That's another hall by the church.

[00:33:33] Roger Leonard

The Episcopal.

[00:33:34] Sid Delanoy

Church. Yeah. I know they used to put on different things there, but I can't remember if they if they put on any plays in that place or not. And now they're Mr. Stahl, he. There was a great big potbelly stove in there, a big one. And he fired that keep that. You know, he kept that place for him. And he fired a place in the church and a school upstairs and downstairs. Oh, yeah. I'll tell you something. What happens? One day. For some reason or another, we thought we didn't want to go to school. Most of us upstairs now, we. I was either in the seventh or eighth grade. I guess it was seventh grade. Well, at that time, my Uncle John lived here with us. And he used to do a lot of traveling. Well. When he came, he had some. He had taken some scent bags out of them. Autism. Stumps and I knew where they were in a bottle. And so me and a couple of the other other people over, and we got.

[00:35:00] Roger Leonard

To.

[00:35:01] Sid Delanoy

Take a long Alka-Seltzer bottle and we went over before school opened up for school went in. And there was.

[00:35:16] Roger Leonard

A.

[00:35:18] Sid Delanoy

Big, big stove there with a pan on top of it where they put water in the pan to make it, you know, heat. We took them bottle and opened the top up and filled them things in there. Well, it got pretty warm and the bags broke and it stunk.

[00:35:43] Roger Leonard

Oh. Oh.

[00:35:45] Sid Delanoy

Well, Mrs. Fraley come there. She was a. Let all the girls go. The boys had to stay. The boys had to stay. She had to stay. It got so bad. About 10:00 school was let out. And that poor old Mr. Stahl had to come up and clean that thing out, and she. She had an idea who done it, but she didn't know for sure, and she couldn't prove who done it.

[00:36:15] Sid Delanoy

So. I there was three of us, and I can't remember the other fellow. Which other fellow was John Bishop and me and somebody else. I can't think of the other fellow that was done. I remember that.

[00:36:37] Sid Delanoy

And another thing that we had this was not in school, but John Bishop and I was who used to be pretty good, buddy. And we made a canoe. Of course, we didn't have cameras. And we took one of his mother's sheets and tacked it on this, or we thought we were doing a good job anyway, and we tacked it on this frame. We had painted it. I don't know how many times. I know it was yellow. I can still see that thing. And we took it up to Al Cole's Pond. Pond. We set that thing in there down by the falls there. So John said to me again, and I said, John, I said, you get in that thing and I'll get it right behind you. Well, he got in it, and when he got in it, the both ends come in and folded right up. It's like a book.

[00:37:37] Sid Delanoy

I think we we done two different things. Yes. And Halloween used to be a big thing here. Yeah. Not, you know. And another thing that we was thinking about, I saw we saw a movie on television the other night Oklahoma, the name of the thing. And and they talked about a chivalry. Have you ever heard of it? Oh, yeah. They don't do that anymore. And, of course, when I got married, we came home. They had a they called it a Shelton and they had one for Louise and I. When we came back tomorrow, I didn't know what was going on. You know, we had some for around for a while and that's all that's passed. That's nothing. Yeah, yeah. Now you were in the service.

[00:38:29] Speaker 3

How many others from upper Red hook were in the service?

[00:38:32] Sid Delanoy

In the service from upper Red hook. Right. I see there was blood red, curly and John David Fraley. Jack. Well, he was a little bit further out and. Henry Ryder Howard Sydenham. Quite a few. There's quite a few fellows. Cady Huffman. There's quite a few.

[00:39:23] Speaker 3

Well, Howard was the only one who didn't come back.

[00:39:25] Sid Delanoy

Howard didn't come back. Howard didn't come back. The rest of them. Rest of us all got back?

[00:39:32] Speaker 3

No. I recorded on the other tape about your war experiences, but I didn't remember whether I asked on there. You said your parents were notified that you were killed.

[00:39:43] Sid Delanoy

Well, I don't know if they were notified or not, but I. I was supposed to have been killed. March 19th, 1943, in Italy. Yeah.

[00:39:53] Speaker 3

Now, did you come all the way home before your parents knew that you were still alive, or did they hear about it before you?

[00:40:01] Sid Delanoy

I guess they I guess the priest found out that I was a liar.

[00:40:06] Speaker 3

So you didn't just walk up on the porch and.

[00:40:08] Sid Delanoy

Well, I when I got home, I, I come home about midnight. That's the time I got home. I come into the. I got into the railroad station down in, down in Brincliffe. And at that time a taxi driver, Julie Morrell, he, he he brought me home and it was about, about midnight when I got home.

[00:40:36] Speaker 3

And they weren't expecting you, but they didn't know before you got here that you were okay.

[00:40:41] Sid Delanoy

Yeah, but they didn't know I was in the States.

[00:40:43] Speaker 3

Yeah. So it must have been a happy surprise because they.

[00:40:50] Sid Delanoy

They, well, they didn't, they didn't give us a chance to write and tell them, tell anybody that we was coming stateside. And when we got stateside we couldn't use any telephone, so.

[00:41:09] Speaker 3

It must have been really happy to see you.

[00:41:12] Sid Delanoy

Yeah, yeah. I was gone for about two years, and of course, I was missing in action for about 19 months, I guess. Yeah.

[00:41:23] Speaker 3

That's been a terrible time for them.

[00:41:25] Sid Delanoy

Yeah, well, I guess well, of course, I don't know.

[00:41:30] Speaker 3

Now, your father was still alive then.

[00:41:31] Sid Delanoy

My father was alive? Yeah, he died in 1949.

[00:41:36] Speaker 3

Did you have brothers and sisters?

[00:41:38] Sid Delanoy

No.

[00:41:39] Speaker 3

You're an only child.

[00:41:40] Sid Delanoy

I don't know. Yeah. Yeah. After they actually had me, they couldn't have any more. Oh. That's what I say. But I made. Over my shoulder. Ain't no more.

[00:42:00] Speaker 3

I couldn't have any more since now. Do you remember the ministers from there? There were two churches in Upper Ritter.

[00:42:10] Sid Delanoy

Oh, I can remember one pretty good. Well, well. Let's see.

[00:42:19] Speaker 3

Oh, of course you remember Chester McCann?

[00:42:22] Sid Delanoy

Yes, yes. But there was one before him.

[00:42:26] Speaker 3

Lawrence. French. French.

[00:42:28] Sid Delanoy

Mr. French, yeah. And the other minister here I remember real well, was.

[00:42:41] Speaker 3

At the Episcopal Church.

[00:42:43] Sid Delanoy

Yeah.

[00:42:44] Speaker 3

You were married in the Episcopal Church? Yeah. All. All. Oh. The one.

[00:42:50] Sid Delanoy

I married.

[00:42:51] Speaker 3

In Christchurch.

[00:42:52] Sid Delanoy

Yeah.

[00:42:53] Speaker 3

So you weren't. You weren't married?

[00:42:54] Sid Delanoy

No, I wasn't married.

[00:42:55] Speaker 3

At All Saints Church.

[00:42:57] Sid Delanoy

No. Huntington.

[00:43:02] Speaker 3

Huntington.

[00:43:02] Sid Delanoy

Huntington. And the minister before that. I don't remember him. There was. I. Mr. Huntington was. He was a man I knew. I used to play with his boy a lot, too. He had a boy.

[00:43:19] Speaker 3

Yeah.

[00:43:20] Sid Delanoy

We used to. He had three. He had three sons. One got killed out there from the church.

[00:43:25] Speaker 3

Really?

[00:43:25] Sid Delanoy

Yeah. Yeah. In. Oh, that was sad. Yeah. Yeah, the a youngest one. Who killed the car? Yeah. Yeah. Now, May McCann told me one time that there was a blizzard and Carol was sick, and you had to go. Yeah. She told me to cross the snow fields. I forgot. I forgot all about that. I don't remember. Do you remember it now? Vaguely. She couldn't get. The roads were covered with snow. Yeah. And you walked all the way from route nine in to carry her over the snow? Yeah. Take her to the hospital. Yeah. Yeah. That's what they told me. I guess it was through a lot of these things that Mr. McCann saw. I had Boy Scout troop because we. We formed a well through Mr. McCann, a Boy Scout troop was formed here in Red hook. A troop of 48 hours or more in existence. I had to I had the troop for I was scoutmaster for a troop for ten years because we moved from here after the troop got real big. When we went to Red hook to one sponsor was a VFW hall. We used to go there because the building was bigger. But we had a.

[00:44:53] Sid Delanoy

Well, that's before you had the hall on the church up here too. You had the what? You remember now you got a big education wing. Yeah. That wasn't there then. Yeah, that was 72. If that had been there, most likely we would have stayed right here for right. What wasn't there. Well then also before that, after the Grange burn, they added the dining hall. Yeah. Yeah. Right. So the scouts used to meet there. Yeah. We moved back there for I, I, I can't quite remember how many years now, but we met there. At first. The troop was formed there. Yeah. And. You said you worked on a farm. Which farm did you work on? Well, what you know is Al Cole's farm. Right. And but I worked on it. It was a teeter pile. Right. Mrs. teeter on the pile. Oh, Mrs. Teeter on the farm. And then Roscoe Teeter was her son. And then he passed away, and Mrs. Teeter and she passed away. So young Mrs. Teeter, she took the farm over. And then I worked on the farm when young Mrs. Teeter had the farm, too. And there was a man that was a.

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