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Roger Leonard

Gary Finkle

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

START OF TRANSCRIPT**[00:00:00] Roger Leonard**

Roger Leonard. I'm going to be interviewing Gary Finkle. And it's June 2nd, 2009. Well, I'll I'll start right in. When and where were you born? I was born June.

[00:00:21] Gary Finkle

30th, 29 in Yonkers.

[00:00:24] Roger Leonard

And so your family moved up here after that?

[00:00:31] Gary Finkle

Yes. I moved into the Red hook area. I think I was five years old when I came up here.

[00:00:36] Roger Leonard

Okay. 1934

[00:00:39] Gary Finkle

Or thereabouts.

[00:00:40] Roger Leonard

So so you were you were old enough to have attended the upper Red Hook School then?

[00:00:47] Gary Finkle

No.

[00:00:48] Roger Leonard

No.

[00:00:49] Gary Finkle

I may have been, but I did not attend it.

[00:00:51] Roger Leonard

Oh, okay.

[00:00:53] Gary Finkle

I wasn't I don't think I don't remember even when we lived over here.

[00:00:58] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:00:58] Gary Finkle

Because it mean that that the school was even then in operation?

[00:01:02] Roger Leonard

It consolidated with Red hook in 1939.

[00:01:06] Gary Finkle

Because I know the building over there was the school, I guess.

[00:01:10] Roger Leonard

Right, right. So they must have stopped being the the local school. They had first through eighth grades, and it was consolidated with the Red hook School for high school.

[00:01:25] Gary Finkle

Because any school I remember, I had always gone to the Red hook schools in the village.

[00:01:31] Roger Leonard

Right. Okay. Well that's interesting. So. And who were your parents?

[00:01:40] Gary Finkle

Myron and Carolyn Finkel? Myron spelled MYRON, right?

[00:01:47] Roger Leonard

Okay. And brothers and sisters.

[00:01:53] Gary Finkle

I have a sister, Lael.

[00:01:56] Roger Leonard

Oh. How do you spell that?

[00:01:57] Gary Finkle

Lael.

[00:02:00] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:02:01] Gary Finkle

And she's in California. And I well, he's passed away now, but had a brother, Elmer. He's been he's well a couple of years now. Anyway, I don't remember the date without looking it up.

[00:02:18] Roger Leonard

Okay. Well, so you came from Yonkers?

[00:02:27] Gary Finkle

Yes.

[00:02:28] Roger Leonard

And whereabouts in Yonkers?

[00:02:31] Gary Finkle

Well, I don't know. I'm not. What I remember at one time, the place we lived in. I could look out the one window on the second floor, and we was right alongside the railroad tracks.

[00:02:45] Roger Leonard

Oh, okay. Yeah. Why did your parents decide to move up here?

[00:02:52] Gary Finkle

I really don't know for sure. Unless it was because my mother's family was up this way.

[00:02:57] Roger Leonard

Oh. What was her maiden name?

[00:02:59] Gary Finkle

Court KORT. And there was And the grandpa court had a farm down on Metzger Road.

[00:03:12] Roger Leonard

Okay. So they decided to come up here, and so did they have a farm up?

[00:03:22] Gary Finkle

Well, they property that the folks had there was, I guess grandpa gave them some acreage off part of the farm.

[00:03:30] Speaker 3

Hello, Roger.

[00:03:31] Roger Leonard

Oh. Hi, Nancy.

[00:03:32] Speaker 3

How are you?

[00:03:35] Roger Leonard

I wanted I wanted to ask if your grandfather's farm was up on. Didn't didn't you live?

[00:03:42] Gary Finkle

That was another part of the family.

[00:03:44] Roger Leonard

Because I see on an old map in the 1930s, it says Finkle.

[00:03:48] Gary Finkle

That was another part of the family. That was another grandmother.

[00:03:52] Roger Leonard

Where? Star.

[00:03:53] Gary Finkle

Star road. Yeah.

[00:03:54] Roger Leonard

Ran into Williams Road.

[00:03:55] Gary Finkle

But the farm mother's mother, which was grandma, caught. That farm was down on Down below the Red hook there. That's okay. And that farm over the years had been sold to people by the name of Rao. And in fact, before Rao's got it, I think somebody, Danny O'Neil had the farm for a while. Yeah. I remember being in it because all that down through there was all from route nine in Beyond the Residents on wrong nine. That was all apple orchards because grandpa, they had apple orchards and they had cows. Okay. Yeah.

[00:04:46] Roger Leonard

And that's why you didn't go to the upper Red hook School because you didn't live in upper Red hook? No, I was thinking you lived in upper.

[00:04:52] Gary Finkle

No, because we live down, down. Yeah, yeah.

[00:04:54] Roger Leonard

Okay. So but.

[00:04:58] Gary Finkle

Up here on.

[00:04:59] Roger Leonard

Our home was your home was on Metzger Road.

[00:05:01] Gary Finkle

Yes.

[00:05:04] Roger Leonard

Okay. And what did the farm specialize in?

[00:05:09] Gary Finkle

Oh, my folks had chickens.

[00:05:10] Roger Leonard

Oh, okay.

[00:05:13] Gary Finkle

Yeah.

[00:05:14] Roger Leonard

And your grandfather?

[00:05:15] Gary Finkle

Grandfather was cattle and fruit. Yeah. Apples, pears, cherries and gravel. They had a gravel bank there that used to sell gravel out of.

[00:05:29] Roger Leonard

So where did you go to school? Which schoolhouse did you go to?

[00:05:33] Gary Finkle

I went to well, now it's apartment houses that's behind what used to be the horse barn. When the old Empire Market was there, the old firehouse was there. There was a building in the back Back in the hotel was horse barns, and they converted that into school buildings for schools to grade. Then down by the soap factory where the fishing shop is, that was also school. I went in there.

[00:06:08] Roger Leonard

That was the high school.

[00:06:09] Gary Finkle

That was. Well, the high school, yes. But building this side of it were the guys that got a store with fishing tackle and that kind of thing. There was also school in there.

[00:06:22] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:06:24] Gary Finkle

And what is now the Oh, I can't remember the Red Hook Hotel. I think it's now Red Hook Hotel. Yeah, there was school in there for a while. That used to be Doctor Richards house.

[00:06:37] Roger Leonard

Is that the one next to the the library.

[00:06:43] Gary Finkle

This side of the library.

[00:06:44] Roger Leonard

North of the library.

[00:06:45] Gary Finkle

North of the library. And Yeah. And the insurance place is just north of the insurance place. And yeah, that was that was a private home. And then afterwards it got to be private home again. And then they had school kids out of school.

[00:07:10] Roger Leonard

Well, now do you remember when the high school burned?

[00:07:12] Gary Finkle

Yes. I don't know the exact I don't know the year though, now, but.

[00:07:16] Roger Leonard

Yeah, I have that.

[00:07:18] Gary Finkle

Because we could we thought it was another place burning. When we looked out our windows we could see it.

[00:07:25] Roger Leonard

Oh, it was in the middle of the night wasn't it?

[00:07:28] Gary Finkle

Yes.

[00:07:29] Roger Leonard

Yeah, yeah. And as I understand it, that was as a result of that they decided to consolidate the schools.

[00:07:36] Gary Finkle

I would guess. Yeah.

[00:07:37] Roger Leonard

I don't know where the Linden.

[00:07:38] Gary Finkle

I didn't go to school in that building, though.

[00:07:41] Roger Leonard

Okay.

[00:07:42] Gary Finkle

No, I started in the new school on Linden Avenue. I was in the fifth grade there. And I went through through all the grades from there on and graduated from that building.

[00:07:58] Roger Leonard

So you don't remember anything about the upper Red Hook School then? No. No. Do you remember anything? Anybody that you know from upper Red hook that you went to school with?

[00:08:11] Gary Finkle

Yeah. There was in my class. Was Judy hard? Of course. She's passed away now. And there was quite a family of them. And then there was Albert Cole had some children. He was the farm manager up there. He had the farm. And then Ernie Haag was his manager there on the farm. And of course, Al's Albert Cole. There was Katherine and George and Audrey Cole, Of course, with the hearts I was, I don't know, 8 or 8 or about 7 or 8 children there. But as I say, Judy was when I were in class together, she was I think she wound up to be valedictorian and salutatorian. One of the two, I'm not sure.

[00:09:02] Roger Leonard

Yeah. They were all very bright kids.

[00:09:03] Gary Finkle

Because there was some older and some younger. Than she. As I say, I think she's passed away now. Yeah. Of course, Audrey Cole, she's still alive. Yeah. And she didn't change her name when she married. She married Bobby Cole.

[00:09:22] Roger Leonard

Oh, is that why? Okay, I wondered about that.

[00:09:25] Gary Finkle

Did they live out in Milan somewhere? Right. Yeah.

[00:09:33] Roger Leonard

Where did you go? To church.

[00:09:36] Gary Finkle

Started at the Lutheran church in the village. And then when the folks moved up here to Pitzer Lane. Then I went over here to Saint John's. I like to think if we had actually joined the church at the time. We'd probably been over a 50 year member now.

[00:09:55] Roger Leonard

Yeah. Now, you say you moved your family, moved to Petrolia. Yes. Which house was that?

[00:10:04] Gary Finkle

The third one in on the left. From here, you go in and make your left or left turn and go on the lane here. And it would be the third house on the left.

[00:10:15] Roger Leonard

Okay. That big house.

[00:10:16] Gary Finkle

The big house. Yeah. At the time, that house then, was already 75 years old. Okay.

[00:10:22] Roger Leonard

So do you remember what year that was? You moved there?

[00:10:25] Gary Finkle

Oh, and I don't.

[00:10:27] Roger Leonard

Just a guess. I really don't remember. I know who you bought it from.

[00:10:36] Gary Finkle

Yeah. Abraham Becker.

[00:10:42] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:10:43] Gary Finkle

And a lot of the outbuildings have since been taken down because they were kind of falling down anyway.

[00:10:51] Roger Leonard

So did you farm from that house as well?

[00:10:53] Gary Finkle

No. Well, the folks had a few chickens, but there was no actual farming done.

[00:11:00] Roger Leonard

No. And when did you sell it? Oh, gosh. And who did you sell it to?

[00:11:09] Gary Finkle

I just had about 4 or 5 owners since. Since my folks sold it. And Oh, gosh, I can't remember dates at all.

[00:11:20] Roger Leonard

Yeah, well, what decade? Oh, gosh.

[00:11:39] Gary Finkle

Well, let me ask Nancy.

[00:11:41] Roger Leonard

Well, we'll get back to that.

[00:11:42] Gary Finkle

Nancy could probably tell you better about that than I, because she might remember the date when the folks say, because then. Mother sold that house and then she moved and they bought a house and she bought a house in the village. After she sold this up here. I, I almost didn't want it. It was almost too big for me to have it along with this.

[00:12:11] Roger Leonard

Yeah.

[00:12:12] Gary Finkle

Was this it.

[00:12:13] Roger Leonard

Was where your house is now.

[00:12:14] Gary Finkle

It was all part of that property.

[00:12:16] Roger Leonard

Yes. Now, this house on the corner, who lived there.

[00:12:22] Gary Finkle

At one time. The only name I remember is, well, John Hathcock.

[00:12:26] Roger Leonard

Right.

[00:12:26] Gary Finkle

I remember him, and then Barrett. Tom Barrett owned it. After that, I think. And I don't know who's got it now.

[00:12:41] Roger Leonard

Did you remember Curley's owning it?

[00:12:45] Gary Finkle

He may have. Earlier on. I don't remember saying that.

[00:12:52] Roger Leonard

But whether they lived there or not, I wasn't sure who lived in the Illinois house.

[00:12:57] Gary Finkle

As far as I know, Illinois has been there ever since I can remember.

[00:13:00] Roger Leonard

And foster Coons next door.

[00:13:03] Gary Finkle

That changed hands. I don't know who's in there now. Yeah.

[00:13:06] Roger Leonard

And Don Johnson.

[00:13:07] Gary Finkle

Don Johnson was there. Of course, Don. He was. He married Gladys. So they was kind of. Gladys stayed right there.

[00:13:19] Roger Leonard

Right.

[00:13:21] Gary Finkle

Don and Gladys and Foster and.

[00:13:25] Roger Leonard

So who was the minister when you came up to the church up here?

[00:13:30] Gary Finkle

I think Chester McCann.

[00:13:31] Roger Leonard

Yeah. He was there from about 1938 or 39 until 1958.

[00:13:40] Gary Finkle

Of course I remember when he was. Another fellow and I, we would lift the wheelchair up onto the platform.

[00:13:50] Roger Leonard

Oh, yeah. Yeah. I was going to ask some questions of Nancy, too. Like what was her, what were her names and so on. Well, anyway, let me ask you what you did. So then where did you work?

[00:14:14] Gary Finkle

I worked at IBM.

[00:14:17] Roger Leonard

Yeah. And when did you start working with them? 1952.

[00:14:29] Gary Finkle

I retired in 1993.

[00:14:36] Roger Leonard

Where did you go to school after you left?

[00:14:41] Gary Finkle

I did not go to any other school.

[00:14:43] Roger Leonard

You were in the service?

[00:14:44] Gary Finkle

In the service I had service. One of the service schools were.

[00:14:49] Roger Leonard

When did you go into service?

[00:14:51] Gary Finkle

1947 to 50.

[00:14:54] Roger Leonard

When you missed the war.

[00:14:55] Gary Finkle

I missed everything. No benefits? Nothing.

[00:14:59] Roger Leonard

Oh, really?

[00:14:59] Gary Finkle

Zilch. Oh, yeah, I was, you know, there had been changes made, so I didn't qualify for any of it.

[00:15:10] Roger Leonard

You were in the Army? Navy, Navy. Where'd you serve?

[00:15:16] Gary Finkle

I got on board ship. I was on several ships. Three different ships. Then I went to engineering school in Great Lakes while I, you know, went to boot camp in Milwaukee, in the Chicago area. That area around Great Lakes.

[00:15:40] Roger Leonard

So you you learn stuff that you could put to good use with that.

[00:15:44] Gary Finkle

Probably. But then I didn't work out that way.

[00:15:48] Roger Leonard

Oh, no. What did you do with IBM?

[00:15:52] Gary Finkle

I was on an assembly line typewriter, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and then had several jobs. And then the last job I had on, I was they moved you around different departments. Then that department moved to Kingston. So when they started Kingston, I went with it up there.

[00:16:22] Roger Leonard

That's about the time they built the bridge, right?

[00:16:24] Gary Finkle

And yeah. A lot of subtlety. Yeah. Red hook was Kind of a bedroom community for IBM. Yeah. So back to Pitcher Lane, then who lived in the house as far as I know, they've always been junkies. Okay. Because I think he was a radio. He was some kind of a serviceman repair service, not service radios. I think it was radio. Yeah. Yes. And then the next house we're going to. Yeah. I don't remember the name now, but Yeah. And of course, and of course Greg. Greg's farm. And then the next big white House was on the road. I don't remember any names, actually. Or farther down. Further down? No. And Yeah, well, what about this line out here? Remember, Ernie Churchill's house was a little restaurant. It was called the Nibble Nook. Yeah. And so that was a business for quite a while. Yeah. How long? Oh, I have. Oh, it was it didn't seem to be. It was in business for very long because I don't know how you take the road traffic side travel. And then across the road was a motel. Cabins, cabins are still there. I don't know the name. Well, it might have been back then earlier, but I don't really know. How Michael might be able to tell you more about that, you know. And Mrs. Peck, who had the haircut, I.

[00:18:49] Gary Finkle

Don't remember that. And then Gordon was here the whole time. Yes. Because he had the business and was in partnership with someone else in the tractor business. And. Then after a while, the partnership separated, and I. Because the partner then went somewhere else and started a business with his sons somewhere else. And then Gordon went into the trucking business What they call bulk hauling. You remember the name? The name? Yes. You didn't know much about it. And from what I remember about Lew Brown, he lived in what was the school, right? Yes. But you don't remember anything in particular? No. Not specific, except that he would. He was kind of a. Well, he would do odd jobs around refrigeration repair and other, I guess, other things. And so when did you. So at some point, you moved from your house on Fisher Lane and built this house? Yes. When my father said we had the house built in 1964. This was before I. Because one day he called me out and we walked the road and he said, no. You're not going to take out this little postage stamp piece of land. Can you figure out what you think you want? Okay, drop the line. So it went from the highway straight back to the other property on the other side.

[00:20:55] Gary Finkle

So I wound up with. About. Well, now, because mother gave me the deed for that roadside frontage and it wound up now. So I've got about three and a half acres. So without that small piece, just under three acres. So during the years that we lived in upper Red Oak, do you remember any stories of interesting things you did to put this history? Not really, except that Lawrence had the bakery over here, and then I always. I don't know what it was, but it was referred to as beefy young hands. They had a store. The building is gone now. He had a kind of a grocery store. Where was that? Where? Now? I guess just right around near where the church is. Where's the church? All Saints church. The Episcopal church. The church right across the way here. It was a church. Then back away. He had a store there towards the store. What was his first name? Yeah, I'm not sure. Nancy, would you remember? Probably not. But we always knew being young has had a grocery store over there, just below where the church is. There were so many young guys down towards, oh, that was Henry. There was somebody else that was another. Yeah. They could have been. So anything else brought up or Red hook in particular? Well, then sit down, boy.

[00:22:59] Gary Finkle

Then he had a, he had a, he was trying to run a business from the house over there making fence post building. He had one here, but the only time he would, he would make his yard swings. He had quite a business doing a fence post. Of course, Louise can probably tell you more about that. Yeah. Interesting. How were you connected to the Finkel family? That was up on the top of the hill? Oh, that was Frances Finkel. Yeah. And that's my father's side, Frances. And my. I think Frances was my father's stepmother. Because there was two boys, Clarence and Rader and a girl, Edna. Yes. And now Clarence has passed away. I think Edna has passed away. Rader is still alive, but he's out in the Oneonta area. He's he's an elderly man now. He's got to be. A few years. Somebody he went to college with. His name was Thomas and he became one. Thomas became the dean of the Brunswick Seminary. And every time I saw an arm, he would say to me, how's the parental. Because he went to college. Oh, yeah. And he mentioned his name. He said, I think he gives it to you. Yeah. Did you know Paul Smith, who lived across the road from. The house is the only Paul Smith I remember lived in the village of Red hook, right next door to Alvin Batiste.

[00:25:16] Gary Finkle

Right. That's the same one. He grew up in Upper Well, I didn't know it then. On the road. On the road toward Spring Lake up there. I didn't know him then because I think he was also a member of the Lutheran Church right down there. Yeah. Bernice and I bought his house. He was born in Florida. So they had a place. Alvie had a place over on Twin Lakes. And I'm not sure if it was just a summer camp or full time living beyond the one in the village. And the house in the village. He had Alvie. He had the dairy and processed milk. Bottled milk in the barn, in the back. Yes, that was right in the back yard. Just behind the house. The house It was almost like a garage, right? It was turned into an apartment. Yeah. Now, you know, we bought Paul Smith's house. Now, Nancy, Nancy has a business. She calls it shop for you. It's not a real large thing. She does shop grocery shopping for people who can't get out. You know, they'll give her a phone call. Somebody order over the phone. She'll go and get it. Deliver it. And sometimes she'll even put it away for them in their closet and refrigerator. I mean, that's.

[00:27:09] Speaker 4

So what else did you do at IBM? Did you have more than one job there?

[00:27:14] Gary Finkle

Outside from working on the assembly line in the beginning. Then I went into what they called a reproduction department. That was the, I guess you could say that was kind of the main title for a copy center work, making copies of documents. Drawings, that kind of thing. They had quite a large need for that type of work, and they had a large area for it. Then. The drawings got smaller and everything got more computerized, so it didn't need all that heavy reproduction type equipment for the drawings. Then it dropped down mainly to letter size material.

[00:28:19] Speaker 4

Back to route nine is next door to you. Going south was at least for a while. It was a lumber.

[00:28:27] Gary Finkle

Oh.

[00:28:28] Speaker 4

Lumber store.

[00:28:32] Speaker 4

And now it's a Pentecostal church.

[00:28:36] Gary Finkle

Oh, no, that wasn't lumber. That was plumbing. That was Smith's. But the son, Gerald took it over. Yeah. So. And then there was the other boy's name was Robert. Oh, yeah. That was a plumbing business. Yes.

[00:28:59] Speaker 4

And then the next house, South.

[00:29:01] Gary Finkle

I think that's where the cabin is.

[00:29:04] Speaker 4

Okay.

[00:29:05] Gary Finkle

Cabins. And then the other house there. Now it was called The Ridge.

[00:29:10] Speaker 4

Yes.

[00:29:11] Gary Finkle

And I think that was Herbert. Of law. He had realized he was in real estate, and his house was the one on the other side of the road, where I think he also owned this one. And I think he had apartments in there at the time.

[00:29:28] Speaker 4

And the house across the road. Joel Foster lived there, and that used to belong to the Nelson family in the 19th century.

[00:29:36] Gary Finkle

I don't know who's in there now. And the only other one I remember, of course, now where Daniel Jimenez is now, that was Warren Rockefeller.

[00:29:46] Speaker 4

Oh, is that right?

[00:29:47] Gary Finkle

Yeah. And he had what's now the Merritt Bookstore. Warren Rockefeller had was a notion shop, a big ice cream soda fountain in it. Besides all the other stuff.

[00:29:59] Speaker 4

Yeah.

[00:30:00] Gary Finkle

And then, of course, you probably know in the village there, there was, there was a tailor and. Department store, of course. That was has also been on on the other side of town and on the other side of the light, too, on that drugstore side as well. But that was much smaller than the larger store was on. The other side. Yeah. And what is the bookstore down there across from another bookstore. There. Was a bar. On that side. That was West Stockbridge. This is now Williams Express. There was also a bakery along on that side. And Oh, gosh, I can't remember. An old barber shop, a barber shop, a barber shop on that side.

[00:31:10] Speaker 4

Yes. Yes. Do you remember him? Yeah.

[00:31:21] Gary Finkle

Where CVS is now, that used to be an A&P market supermarket. Of course, they took down several houses along route nine.

[00:31:29] Speaker 4

There are some beautiful houses.

[00:31:31] Gary Finkle

And of course, what's now kill farm equipment. That was stand up stand place auto dealer.

[00:31:46] Speaker 4

Talking about the burning of the high school, do you remember the burning of the Grange up here? Do you remember when that burned?

[00:31:51] Gary Finkle

Only. Only by. You know. Yeah.

[00:31:54] Speaker 4

You don't you don't.

[00:31:55] Gary Finkle

I really don't remember much about that. Was on a night where we was raining. It might have got hit by lightning.

[00:32:00] Speaker 4

Yeah.

[00:32:01] Gary Finkle

Yeah.

[00:32:05] Speaker 4

Okay. Nancy's been walking back and forth, and I wanted to ask some questions about her. What was your maiden name?

[00:32:13] Speaker 3

Maiden? Needhamo. According to my grandmother, it was started in Needham, Massachusetts was named for some of our relatives out near Boston, and that's where they came from. I haven't traced I'm with the DAR, but I went in on Well, my cousin was already in, so I called my aunt and she said, well, you don't have much work. You just find out how you're connected to this cousin and that. So I never really went back all the way to which I intend to do someday, whenever that time arrives.

[00:32:56] Speaker 4

Where did you grow up?

[00:32:58] Speaker 3

Orwell in Shoreham, Vermont. Up until I was 12 and I was in junior high, and we came to Columbia County, Livingston, I went to school in Hudson, and from there I met Gary as a blind date and we got married. And I'm here.

[00:33:16] Speaker 4

Oh, everybody always has a great story about how they how they met. So it was a blind date? Yeah. What year was that?

[00:33:23] Speaker 3

Well, they were in Livingston. Was a family by the name of Hoffman. And it turned out that the Hoffman was going with my sister. He says I've got a cousin that would. You know, we can go double date. So that's how we happened to to meet you. A double date with my sister and her boyfriend. And she was younger than I. And of course, Gary's a little bit older. Not that much.

[00:33:49] Speaker 4

And what year was that? What year did you get married?

[00:33:53] Speaker 3

Well, I graduated from high school in 53, and we were married in 56. We had our 50th wedding anniversary in oh six. So we've been married 53 years.

[00:34:04] Gary Finkle

Oh, wow. Went on a honeymoon and a new car bought a new car that year.

[00:34:09] Speaker 3

In March, he bought a new car and we were married in July, and we had to get married in July because with IBM they closed the last two weeks of July.

[00:34:18] Speaker 4

Oh, everybody.

[00:34:19] Speaker 3

So everybody got the same vacation and that's. So now everything comes due in July. The household insurance, everything. Because everything started in July. Yeah.

[00:34:30] Speaker 4

So what were your parents names?

[00:34:34] Speaker 3

Linus Needham. And my mother was Marjorie Coggins. She was strictly English.

[00:34:41] Speaker 4

Collings.

[00:34:42] Speaker 3

Coggins. Oh, Coggins. How much more English can you get? And they lived in Burlington, Vermont. And my mother was a school teacher, and my father was. He went to school in Rutland, but somehow I don't even remember how they actually got married. I got met and got married, but it was. They lived in Orwell, Vermont, which is right on the shore of Lake Champlain. And he had a farm there. And was it strange going to school to your mother? She was a substitute there for a while. So she had the three children, and then she stayed home all the time. But I can remember going to school as a substitute.

[00:35:34] Speaker 4

And your brothers and sisters?

[00:35:35] Speaker 3

No, just two sisters. One lives out in Milan and one lives down outside of Washington, DC.

[00:35:45] Speaker 4

So you get to see your sister in Milan?

[00:35:48] Speaker 3

Yes. Quite often. And she goes by, stops in. If we're home or we get together for. She's about three years younger than I.

[00:36:05] Speaker 4

Well, you remember any good upper Red hook stories that you heard over the years?

[00:36:14] Speaker 3

Not really. What did I do with that clipping that I just I just I've been house cleaning and I found some clippings that I saved. One is the Alice Michaels in her garden, and the other one was Mrs. Cook with her bakery. And they had kind of right up on, on them. But you know, that's all really. I remember because I walk around through the village and stop and talk to people. Yeah, that's about it. So they never really told me too many stories.

[00:36:48] Speaker 4

Well that's good. Everything is sacred. You now say that about the.

[00:36:58] Gary Finkle

What? I remember the next. Garage. Parking? I'm not sure which is. The name of British singer who did well in the other corner is literally that way. That would probably be the garage. And further down. Another building? I'm not sure who it was. Over the years. At any rate, he also. Brought in what's inside that garage? I'm not sure what actually happened that night. Now the village diner. Next. Door. To. This place. There was a diner there. Empire was down in the. Parking lot. I almost think that's what. I think. I'm not sure about that. We're out of school.

[00:41:08] Speaker 3

I went to a hospital for nurses training and we were paid \$30 a month.

[00:41:13] Speaker 4

Oh my.

[00:41:15] Speaker 3

And out of that \$30 a month, you got your personal things. You're spending money. And that's what I remember, that when I started putting change in a jar. And by the end of the month, I was digging into that jar of change. So I made that \$30 go the whole month, and we got the next check for \$30.

[00:41:37] Speaker 4

You knew how to do.

[00:41:38] Speaker 3

It, but I decided it was decided that I was not meant to be a nurse. My mother kept saying, you weren't going to like it. I could see myself in a white outfit with the cap and everything just going up and down the corridors, helping people. It didn't work that way. When you got out and into the thing and you saw death and sickness and all of this, and I said, no, it's not for me.

[00:42:04] Speaker 4

That wasn't it.

[00:42:05] Speaker 3

I was in, I got my cap and I was in maybe a year and I said, no, I'm going home. So it wasn't too long after that when we started back up again and we got married in 56. So I graduated from high school in 53.

[00:42:25] Speaker 4

Right.

[00:42:26] Speaker 3

So it was in between that and the year that I went there. They'd had that terrible hurricane over in Massachusetts, and we had people with broken bodies, with boards into their legs and everything from that hurricane.

[00:42:41] Speaker 4

I think that was 55. Yeah. Yeah. Right.



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