

BOB DOXSEE, JR. March 8, 1988

SIDE A

- 001 Story about house on Meadow Island. Parents married July 1923 - was their 1st house, Doxsee lived there as a child. Access by boat only. Kerosene stove and lamps. Rain barrel. Artesian well. Fish camp.
- 012 Popular summer place. Vacationers.
- 016 Black ducks on island. House was on pilings.
- 018 Brothers and sisters played with other kids on island. Learning to swim.
- 023 Foreigners who worked on water. Swedes and Norwegians worked for Doxsees. Characteristics.
- 035 Camp on Meadow Island. 2 narrow buildings: storage for net and gear, one was bunk house. Cook.
- 040 Used "jimmy boat" for shore leave. Characteristics.
- 043 Drinking by workers.
- 046 Hard workers
- 052 Rum runners. Coast guard. Capt. Bill McCoy, Rum runners
- 066 Story about a rum runner near his house
- 072 Doxsees set up fish packing plant in 1933 at Point Lookout
- 074 1936 house moved from Meadow Island to Point Lookout
- 087 End of story. Written in 1984. Age 57 today.
- 084 Great grandfather - J. H. Doxsee - started business in Islip - clam canning. "J. H. Doxsee & Son"
- 089 Genealogy. J. H. Doxsee born in 1825 - 1907. Father born in 1896 - grandfather had two wives
- 103 One part of family moved business to North Carolina. John C. Doxsee. Grandfather stayed on Long Island. Went into fin fishing. Dissolved partnership with brother, Henry C. Doxsee.
- 110 Dissolution agreement said he couldn't fish out of Fire Island inlet. Family then moved to Nassau and set up camp at Meadow Island.
- 114 Meadow Island had a lot of summer residents - Ernie Wagner of New York Philharmonic. Arts people. Houses still there.
- 125 Photos
- 140 12 workers at camp. Brothers were there too.
- 149 Bob Doxsee, Jr. born in 1931, Father built house in Point Lookout in 1933. Traveled to Meadow Island during 1933-36. Remembers workers at the camp.
- 158 When camp was set up - during WWI. Father and brother were fighting in the war when family left Islip and came to Meadow Island. Camp was there from 1918 - 1933.
- 165 Dipping net. How they were made. Not a good mender. Was too young.
- 179 Pound fishing "Bright Eye Fish Co." How company was named.
- 187 Permanent traps. 3/4 mile long
- 195 Photos
- 199 Camp house removed

204 Father sold land to state. Used to pay taxes  
214 Some of the workers he knew. Swedes and Norwegians. None live in area today.  
229 "Big Andy" - Hendrickson. Died 1950. Photo. Johanssen, Chris.  
242 House on Meadow Island - northern end. Where his house and camp was.  
256 Outhouse and plan of main house. Photo of coast guard drinking.  
268 Builder of pound boat. Dorries. Never built a boat.  
Walter White of Baldwin built boats.  
296 No bay house when they left Meadow Island. Some baymen - Decker & Combs had houses there.  
310 Capt. Jack's Bait dock was in Doxsee camp buildings.  
319 Development plan for Meadow Island  
328 Mary Scott and Meadow Island. General McClellan Scott. George Scott.  
363 Meadow Island development plan 1900. Ferry to Ellis Point and Point Lookout.  
390 Land shifts. Meadow Island and ocean. Smith and lifesaver. Island was his award.  
417 Plan abandoned due to depression, ecology movement in 1960's. Island's natural resources - soil high in nutrients.  
440 Dredging and activities. Side effects  
460 Family. Age 57. Depression. Grandfather - ill at early age.  
489 end

#### SIDE B

001 Working philosophy. Father's attitude.  
010 Pound fishing. Steering the Scow. Picture of it. 60' long.  
030 Nets and cleaning. Lifting the nets. Algae.  
050 How father taught him.  
065 How pound nets worked. Fish swam in - technique.  
093 Stopped pound fishing in 1943. Father drowned in car accident. Was Mayor of Freeport. Problem solving.  
123 Went pound fishing 6 summers. Changes in boat. Donkey engine. Bull net.  
145 Sorting fish. Pens on boat. Porgies, butterfish, squid.  
167 Nets set daily, except Saturday and Sunday. 4 traps.  
175 Labor intensive. Movie of it 8 mm. Nassau County museum. Has original film - 40 minutes.  
200 Cleaning nets - spray off algae. Carpet beaters.  
210 Bought clam boat c. 1940. Hurricane ripped up pound nets in 1943. Only did clamming after that.  
220 Went on clam boat. Not too interesting. George Streit.  
237 Photo of Islip factory - canned clams. Factory gone.  
262 Family tree. Raynor related. No family recipes. Origins

in England. Brother says they left France, went to Holland and then to England. Smith related.  
Bull in Smithtown.

312 Stuff he has - tools. No items that fishermen made. Wrote  
poetry - reads one.

328 Poem by one worker. Bill Snyder.

357 Poem about new boat, father and pound trap and fishing.

370 end.