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Joseph Smith: Okay. Joe Smith here. We're here at the Beaufort Laboratory, May 20th, 2024. Today, we're interviewing Ms. Joyce Clark. Joyce, I believe started here at the laboratory in 1957. She may correct us on that. But also participating in the interview are two former directors of the lab, Dr. Bud Cross, Dr. Don Hoss, and also Dr. Doug Vaughan, Dr. Gretchen Bath, and Dr. Jeff Govoni, and Joyce's daughter, (Kathy?) . So, without any further ado, I think Don will start the questioning.

Don Hoss: Okay. Well, I'm so happy to do this interview [laughter]. Joyce was at the laboratory when I arrived in [19]58. She was one of the people that got me through the first couple of years. [laughter] I didn't know anything, and she helped me out on lots of stuff. So, I was really glad that we're able to do this. I'm going to start the way we normally do and just ask, Joyce, I know that you're not from Brooklyn. But if you tell us where you're from, how you got here, maybe where you went to school. Then we'll pick up on questions, but maybe who you first worked for here, just stuff like that.

Joyce Clark: Okay. I came here in [19]55. Hazel was a year before. As soon as I got here, Connie and Diane hurricanes came in. So, it was in [19]55. But I grew up in South Georgia. I remember people couldn't understand when I came here. They said I was the fastest-talking, cotton-picking Southerner they ever heard. [laughter] So, anyway, I grew up in South Georgia, Fitzgerald. Went to school in Nashville, at our church college, Trevecca Nazarene University, then went back and taught third grade for two years. Then there must have been a real need for a [laughter] teacher where I graduated. They had high school and college. So, I went there with the understanding I was teaching high school Biology and English. But then when I got there, due to a teacher that was my mentor dying, I wound up with two college courses and about eighteen teaching hours. I'm telling you that because that's why I'm here [laughter]. I studied and wore myself out and applied for a job on the register for the government. At Christmas of that year, Dr. Chipman contacted me about being a biological aide here. I got a brochure that was like a fairytale [laughter]. It was. Beaufort was a fisherman's paradise, which I love to fish, and about the footbridge going across to Duke and all. I just could hardly wait. But I couldn't get a release until June of [19]55. Dr. Shipman held the position until I could get here, which was a blessing. I remember coming here and not knowing anyone. Had a little trouble on the way up. My timing gear went out [laughter] on my car in the middle of the – near Charleston, that forest, on a Saturday afternoon. That was a little bit of an experience. But I had to catch a ride with a ten-wheeler. Is that what they call it? Ten- or twelve-wheeler, [laughter] the big truck.

Female Speaker: Eighteen-wheeler.

[laughter]

JC: Eighteen-wheeler. But when I arrived in Beaufort, I went up Front Street and Dr. Bells drugstore, where it used to be on the water, welcomed me because he knew any visitor or stranger. Told me where I could rent and invited me to Ann Street Church. So, then I reported for work, and there were five – including myself, five people at the Shellfish Lab. That was Dr. Chipman, and Dr. Rice – was the one I was assigned to work under – John Baptist, Jack Price, and myself. I remember Clarence, and that was his brother?

DH: Oh, Gray.

JC: Gray and Freddy, I think he was Lewis from down the –

DH: Willis – Freddy Willis.

JC: Willis. Right. We were in the radiology work. My job, which I was about like you. I didn't want to do anything but wash dishes. Because I was afraid to do [laughter] – it was all new. But anyway, Dr. Rice got me in. It was primarily, we would go out on the boat, just five – it was very informal [laughter]. It was very much fun. Go out on the boat and catch the fish that we were going to experiment with. Then we would come back in. I think I mostly worked in algae – labeling the algae and then some into fish – the fish too. But I worked full time and always under Dr. Rice. Then of course, Marianne Murdoch came in after that. There was a doctor, but I don't remember his name – came in. I believe there's another building over here at that time, but I didn't know much about – I know Jim Sykes was over there. I guess the building's gone now.

DH: Well, we were in the old turtle –

JC: That's where you were, right?

DH: What?

JC: You were over there in that building, right?

DH: Yes.

JC: I remember that. I don't know later on when – Bud, you came after Don, right?

Bud Cross: I came here [19]67.

JC: [19]67, okay.

BC: So, you'd been here ten years –

JC: Yes.

BC: – by the time I got here. Yes.

JC: I actually just worked mostly part-time after her sister. The second one, I just started part-time because I could – I didn't work all the time until they were back in school. Then I came back. By this time, we were in another building over here, and Dr. Rice was still the one I was working under. At that time, I was mostly just working in the library, reading reports, and reading different scientific magazines, summarizing them. Whenever he'd make a speech, I was to help accumulate his material and help him in writing and proofreading all that.

DH: This is Don Hoss. Did you work for Ted the whole time?

JC: Yes.

DH: I didn't know that. I didn't remember that.

[laughter]

DH: Yes, I know.

JC: Yes. He was –

DH: Yes. So, you worked with algae cultures?

JC: Yes. There was work we did, I think. When I started, I didn't get [laughter] – I was right ahead of you all. I'd love to have done what you did about graduate work. But Dr. Chipman was very always so specially nice, easygoing, and all that. He arranged for me to go to Duke for classes in the daytime under Dr. Bookhout. Then I would work at night, doing my work in the lab at night. So, I could do that. I was working on my masters. So, anyway, he said after I married, I didn't seem to be the biologist that he thought I was going to be. [laughter] But after I did go to Duke and all, I was fishery biologist after that. Got my raise.

DH: I believe you had a good story of what Dr. Chipman and somebody up above.

JC: Yes. That was Freddy. He was in his office. We would be interviewed every year. I guess it was sort of a performance rating. He was interviewing John Baptist, but I was there at the time. But Freddy was up in the attic of the Shellfish Lab doing something up there. But he fell through the ceiling right on Dr. Chipman's desk. [laughter] Dr. Chipman, just without a pause, he said, "Well, people usually use the door." [laughter] One time, Freddy was driving, and there was some shellfish. That round tank when you first came across the bridge, Freddy ran right into it. Dr. Chipman didn't a crack smile. He said, "That's about as far as you can go."

[laughter]

DH: Yes. He had a dry sense of humor.

JC: He did. He really did.

DH: Jeff?

Jeff Govoni: This is Jeff Govoni speaking. Joyce, maybe you said this, and I didn't hear it. So, you came in [19]55. When did you leave the Beaufort Laboratory?

JC: I left it completely in [19]75 when we bought the old Camp Glen Methodist Church.

JG: Yes.

JC: I loved antiques and all that too, along other – so, we took the cross off the building and opened a first sort of flea market in this area in the church. We moved into the parsonage behind it, which worked out fine for me. But the children were not too happy about it [laughter].

JG: So, you had twenty years of service then at the Beaufort Lab?

JC: Yes, part-time. Yes.

JG: I ask this because when I first met you, you had moved on. You were into real estate. But we had talked early on about your service here at the lab, which –

JC: Yes. I worked more after they were in school. I had three children. When they were all three in school, I did work a lot more hours then. But they were always generous about that part-time, which I always appreciated so much. But then after five years, then I went into real estate in [19]80 and stayed there until [19]92 in real estate.

DH: Can you hear it?

JC: That's when I retired.

JG: Give it back to Don.

DH: Bud?

BC: I've misplaced my hearing aids. So, you may have already answered this, but where were you born?

JC: Born in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

BC: Where?

JC: Fitzgerald. It's a center of South Georgia. Has a history – I think an interesting history. After the Civil War, the people from the North and the South that wanted to be peaceful, get things in the past, they started – it's called the Colony City of the South. I forget how many hundred acres was given. A man from the North came, and Fitzgerald was his last name. They started all the – it was sort of like homesteading. You could come there and get free land. That's how Fitzgerald started. They still have the old brick streets and all that stuff there. But I graduated there in [19]51 and have never lived back there again.

BC: How did you get here?

JC: I got here through teaching at Trevecca, our church college, Nazarene University in Nashville. I felt I needed advanced degrees to teach there. I felt I wasn't giving them what they needed. It took me most of the night studying when I was in invertebrate – zoology particular

and invertebrate, dissecting a cat and all. I studied all night trying to [laughter] – the muscles and whatever. So, I applied and was on the register, and Dr. Chipman contacted me.

BC: Okay. Everybody had a very circuitous way that they got here.

JC: Yes.

BC: We all have a different story. Yes.

JC: Yes. I loved the work. There was a lot of fun stories [laughter]. You have a lot of fun things you could talk about.

DH: Want to tell them all about our fishing trip to the tank?

JC: [laughter] I bet you need to tell that. [laughter] Don and I, we were just buddies, and somehow we had this little skiff with a little motor on it. We were fishing that Saturday, and I think every sandbar [laughter] we hit that day and had to push the boat off.

DH: I don't think we ever got out of that –

JC: We didn't catch any –

DH: – first steep creek.

[laughter]

JC: I don't think so. We didn't catch any fish. It was getting dark. I'll let Don finish that story up. We can't get fired at least now.

[laughter]

DH: What?

JC: We can't get fired for what we did, at least now [laughter].

DH: No, not now. [laughter] We fished in the concrete tank behind the lab too. [laughter] We knew there were fish in there.

JC: We put them in there, didn't we? [laughter] We caught them and put them in there.

DH: We didn't catch one.

JC: So, it was fun though. [laughter] It was fun times.

DH: Yes. It was a little more relaxed, I think, than –

JC: Oh, much. Much.

DH: – it is now.

JC: Well, I should [laughter] probably not tell that one either, but no disrespect, everybody knows. But he was my first introduction to the laxity [laughter]. The lab, first day I went to work there, he just went over and picked up – what's the secretary? I can't remember. (Louis?) was her last name. He picked her up and went running down the hall with her, [laughter] everybody laughing. I just thought, "I'm not sure [laughter] about this place." [laughter] But he was always – that's just John.

DH: John would've been arrested and fired [laughter] in this modern day because he pestered her almost to death. [laughter] But that was just John. Fortunately, Joyce took it that way because –

JC: Yes.

DH: – he was a pest when he came.

JC: We were still –

DH: Ted wanted to be like John. Well, I shouldn't put that.

JC: Yes. Yes. [laughter] You better mute that one.

DH: But I do want to say that Joyce is the person who taught me to put peanuts in a Coca-Cola, and they're really good that way. [laughter] We had a little – so, who was it that sold those things?

JC: Probably, Lance.

DH: Yes, Lance, and she told me to put peanuts in my Coca-Cola.

[laughter]

JC: I remember.

DH: Bad influence.

[laughter]

JC: Yes [laughter]. But yes. I remember Dr. Rice. When Marianne came to work, Dr. Rice had a – I think it's because he thought he was going to forget a person's name, and it made him just blank out when he went to introduce anyone else. So, when Marianne came to work – and my last name was Smith. I didn't think he could forget that. So, [laughter] anyway, when he went to introduce Marianne to me, I saw that blank look. He said, "This is –" and I said, "I'm not going to help you."

[laughter]

DH: Oh, that's cruel. [laughter] Yes. Jeff, anymore?

JG: No. I've exhausted mine.

DH: Doug, you got anything?

Douglas Vaughan: No.

DH: I don't know. Joe?

JS: Joyce, when you got here, the old lab building was gone, I guess. The old Victorian lab building was demolished?

JC: Yes. I guess the only buildings I know of was the Shellfish Lab. Dr. Chipman lived in the house that was here. There was some kind of a building there where Jim Sykes was. I don't remember whether that was there then or not, but it must have been some kind of a building there.

DH: But when Jack came, he lived in one of the rooms in the old building for a short time.

JC: Okay.

DH: But he came ahead of you, didn't he? Just a little bit.

JC: Yes. He was here when I got here. I know there was a – not a very big building, but it's where they kept, I believe, cobalt.

DH: Oh, the radiation [inaudible].

JC: Yes. Right. Because I remember, that's another thing I can tell it now, but I couldn't tell it then [laughter]. I had lived in Beaufort, and I was digging, putting strawberries around. I had one old house over there on the corner of Moore and Ann Street. I was restoring it. So, I dug up some bottles, three hundred and something, same size, at the back door. I did a little – it was –

FS: Bateman Drops.

JC: Bateman Drops. They were used as sort of a – supposedly, for I think malaria or something. But anyway, they used it. The girl that lived there used them and got addicted to it. They told me that she went down to the end of Broad Street and drowned herself. But anyway, I got the idea. I would just put a label on those bottles and sell them at DGs. But I knew they would turn purple if they were prior to the First World War. Something in the glass they left out. So, someone put those in the – cobalt in the building. Overnight, I'd go back and get purple bottles [inaudible] [laughter].

DH: A lot of us did that.

Gretchen Bath: We should have brought one of those because I have one still. We should have brought that one.

JC: Often wondered about Edna. She used that a bit, and she died early at camp. So, I always wondered if maybe –

DH: Edna Davis?

JC: – it's the wonder of all of us. But we wore those aprons with the little thing on so if we got a radiation, it would be a little. But some things, it went on, I used the wonder we all didn't [laughter].

JG: Joyce, the radiation building that you spoke of, the one that I recall was extant when I first came to the lab visiting as a student actually in [19]75. But that was the lab that was over here. It had five-inch-thick walls, right?

JC: Yes.

JG: Is that the same building,

JC: I guess. Seems like I remember it being a separate building, but I don't know. I just remember –

JG: Well, it was separate. Then inside of it, it had a lead-lined vault where the cobalt and the really hot stuff was kept.

JC: Yes. That was the worst.

JG: Is that the same building?

JC: Yes. That was considered the worst. I just gave it to them to do. I didn't go in there. But we had lead bricks – regular-sized bricks stacked up in our lab. We were supposed to keep the radioactive material behind the lead bricks.

DV: It's Doug Vaughan. We have one of the lead bricks –

JC: Oh, did you?

DV: – that Joe rescued from [inaudible].

JC: How about it?

DV: But, yes, that building was here in the early eighties when Joe and I came in.

JG: Don, Gretchen gets to ask questions too, right?

JC: [laughter] Yes.

GB: Actually, I have so many. Gosh, [inaudible].

JG: That's age.

[laughter]

DH: It's unlike you to be at a loss for words.

[laughter]

JC: I know, right? [laughter]

GB: I know, because it's so fascinating.

JS: Joyce, personal interest. I worked my whole career at the lab on the menhaden program. But there must have been some menhaden people here when you arrived. Like –

JC: I believe that's –

JS: Fred June and –

JC: Yes. I remember him.

JS: – (Charlie Ross Meyer?).

JC: I don't remember him. But Fred June and Jim Sykes. That's the two main ones I remember. Yes.

JS: Okay.

JC: Of course, later on, Doug Wolf and different ones. That's about I think when you came, Bud, I believe, wasn't it? But I was over in that building later when I worked for Dr. Rice in that building.

DH: Well, I know this is sequence. But when I got here, and I'm sure it was that way with you, there was the building is still there with a – it was T-shaped. It had a hall come down this way. They finally gave us some offices in that hall, and we could move some stuff out of the wooden building. But I don't know what the sequencing of that was. But there was a lot of changes going on there really. Not all for the better, but when we got here, most of the people were men, and most of them were World War II veterans. I think I would bet 90 percent were.

JC: Yes, I know. I was the only woman in that lab. I went out on the boat with them. But it always, I was the only woman. Only girl [laughter]. The girl there.

DV: Bill Nicholson came here in the late fifties.

JC: Yes.

DV: You know that he and – I was a neighbor of –

JC: I remember him now, yes.

DH: – the Nicholsons in Shell Landing and knew his wife, Barbara [inaudible].

JC: Right. Then there was another one that lived out on Front Street.

JS: Bob Lewis.

JC: Yes.

DV: Bob Lewis.

JC: Yes. I remember him well.

DV: Mayo Judy.

JC: Yes. Yes.

DH: Bob Lewis was the exception to the rule. He was quiet.

[laughter]

JC: Oh, he was always quiet.

JG: Very quiet.

JC: Yes.

DH: Stealth biologist.

JC: Is he living now?

DH: No.

JC: I thought about riding by his house every time I'd go by.

DH: Well, you can't really find it now with all the places down there. But she was still alive the

last I knew. But if you go to meetings, Nick would tease Bob to death. He'd just do everything he could to aggravate the poor guy. But he had finally locked himself in the door, I remember one time in Philadelphia, I think it was. Bob just locked himself away. He didn't come out when Nick was there.

[laughter]

JC: Yes. That was –

DV: Nick was a troublemaker.

JC: [laughter]

DH: Well, he enjoyed life, that's for sure. Do you have a favorite thing you remember or a work that you did – type of work just in general that you enjoyed it?

JC: I did every day. [laughter] I think primarily because we would laugh all day long because of John usually. John Baptist usually had something. He was just a natural comedian. [laughter] So lovable. He and Jack together – Jack Price. They always usually had something going back there. They were just dissecting fish and whatever. But, yes, I think we went off to meetings. Those meetings, if I remember correctly, I was the only woman at some of those up in Virginia – our lab there. What was the name of that one in Virginia?

DH: Probably the [laughter] – not Sears, but the counterpart in the Northeast, the oldest one.

JC: Anyway, we were there, and I sort of hesitated about going. But it worked out fine. But there, again, John, that night, I guess it could have been different. Everybody was relaxed a little bit and had some drinks. I had my Coke. But John, I didn't know it, he slipped around and poured something in my [laughter] Coke bottle. If it hadn't been that I got such a – I could smell it. When I picked it up and started drinking, I just took it and set it back down. He kept waiting. [laughter] He said, "You would be a lot of fun if I could ever get you."

[laughter]

JC: He was so funny.

DH: Let's see. Bud, anything else?

BC: Maybe this has been said, and I've missed it. But what were the range of duties that you did while you were here?

JC: Well, first job, which I wanted to do was wash dishes [laughter] all the time, but I was an aide. But as you learned, you got new. So, later on – I don't know whether it's after I got my – no, it wasn't after I got my research biology. It was before just whatever came up. I was back there in the back with them dissecting fish and getting the parts and whatever, checking. Then he had me on a project – Dr. Rice did – when I was working on my master's. It was the filtering

rates of clams. We had actually a little publication that came out. It was radiating chlorella, I believe was the name of the algae, with cesium, I believe was the radioisotope. Then we would let the clams filter the algae, and we could determine the filtering rate of the clams – the volume of water. I do remember something. I went to Dr. Chipman. He wanted me to give that report in New York – that publication. So, we flew up there. Of course, I had never been to New York before, and I wanted to see all I could see. But I didn't know where anything was. So, anyway, after he told me on the way back, "I did not see you? Were you there after you gave your report?" I told him, "No, sir. I was going all over." [laughter] I walked because I was afraid to get over the subways and all to the United Nations building. I mean, I saw a lot. But at night, someone here knew someone that took me to – I heard Billy Graham one night. I went to New York Yankees ball game and saw Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle all play in one night. So, it was just a great trip [laughter] for me. [laughter] But he really knew I was not there. He was just sort of teasing me about it. That was a fun time.

DH: Dr. Chipman was – you wouldn't have thought he was a party person exactly. But the first trip I took here was with him to Washington, and he knew every bar in town [laughter] and how to get there. I didn't know anything. These people came up and sang at your table, and I was just [laughter] – I didn't know anything. But John didn't get along with Dr. Chipman all the time.

JC: Oh, he didn't.

DH: So, they were kind of dying to show me things in Washington, which was good for me because I –

JC: Yes, you got to see –

DH: – got to see everything. Not everything, but to see a lot of stuff that I wouldn't have. Anyway, it was a lot of fun.

JC: Yes. We couldn't do it now, could we? [laughter]

DH: No. Well, I couldn't do it –

JC: I wouldn't get on the streets right now. So –

DH: I used to think I could run from somebody but forget that. If I don't get them with my cane on the first blow, [laughter] I'm in trouble. Questions. Any more questions? Bud?

GB: I have a question about – Joyce, this is Gretchen Bath. Just how many women were at the lab at the time that you were working here?

JC: Not when I came except the secretary. Then Marianne came about – Marianne Murdoch, about maybe three years after I came. I'm not sure. Something like that.

DH: She was here when I got there.

JC: Was she here when you came?

DH: So, she was probably two years.

JC: Well, then she came – yes. Right.

GB: What about Rosa Lee?

JC: What?

GB: Rosa Lee, when she –

JC: She was in the office over at Jim Sykes. I think she worked with Jim Sykes or something – whoever was over here?

DH: Rosa Lee?

JC: Rosa Lee. She was Chadwick then.

DH: Yes. She was in the secretarial group.

JC: Yes.

DH: It was traditional. The secretarial group was all women, I guess, except there must have been a male supervisor. [laughter] But there was one really neat – what was her name? Physiologist woman that came through. But she was married to a Marine, and when he went off, she went off. She was only here about a year or so.

JC: I don't remember her.

DH: I'd have to look her name up. But she was real nice. She was a PhD physiologist. I really hung around her because that's what I wanted to be. [laughter] Not a female, but –

[laughter]

DV: Well, we had Ethel Hall in the menhaden program. Do you know Ethel?

JC: Ethel Hall. No, I don't.

DH: Was she there then?

DV: When she came in the sixties or in the –

JG: Late sixties.

GB: Late sixties.

DH: Yes. When I came here, and Joyce was here before me, there wasn't many women. There were a few aides or technicians.

JC: [laughter] There were no aides in the Shellfish Lab. I don't know about over in your – the other building where Jim Sykes was, there were – not sure. I don't know when Maxine came to work –

DH: Oh, yes. [laughter] Yes, when I came, she was here.

JC: Yes. Okay.

DH: She was secretarial really.

JC: Right. Yes, but not in the Shellfish Lab.

DH: No, she was – I don't know. But she was here for sure. She was just calm. Anybody that was here, I thought had been here a long time. That wasn't necessarily true.

JC: Remember (Connie Dudley?)? She was here.

DH: Who?

JC: Connie Dudley.

DH: Yes.

JC: She was the secretary in the Shellfish Lab after the Louis lady left. Because I remember I'd pick her up. I don't know why I did. She would never be on time. I'd say, "I don't want to be late." I would drive so fast trying to get to work. But this was every day. Every day. I kept right on doing it. I don't know why [laughter].

DH: A lot of people don't remember, but radiology was really a separate lab altogether.

JC: Yes, it was.

DH: We didn't report to the Fisheries lab. Chipman got here a couple of days ahead of Talbot. Talbot was really the director of the lab.

JC: That's right.

DH: But Chipman took her house [laughter] right really crossing Talbot. So, he lived in that two-room dormitory for quite a while.

JC: Oh, he did?

DH: Do you remember that?

JC: Well, I remember him very well. Yes.

DH: Yes. He had that big dog. Can't think of his name. But he lived in that two-room. He was a little bit tight, I think, with money. Then he said he could build a house, and he built that house.

DV: The annex.

DH: The annex, yes.

DV: Where Joe and I – we had our offices.

DH: He did build it, but it cost him his job. Because you weren't supposed to build your house [inaudible]. So, it costed a job, and he went back to it. It's like throwing me in the briar patch that tossed him into Seattle.

JC: Oh, okay [laughter].

DH: That really threw everybody there. So, they ended up with good jobs.

JG: So, back to Gretchen's question. So, there was you and Marianne Murdoch as scientists.

JC: Right.

JG: The rest of the women were secretarial staff.

JC: Yes. She came as an aide like I did. She had come from – Earl had married her after the Second World War. I know that she knew more, I believe, than anyone thought. Because she said in Germany, their high school was equivalent to our college. I remember her telling me that [laughter]. So, she was always for education.

JG: Marianne actually translated a very, very long article that was a published article, but it was published in German. She translated the whole thing, handwritten translation. Anyways, that's about her, not about you. My question was following up to Gretchen's.

JC: Yes. We were best of friends all those years until I started going part-time. Because we'd go for lunch every day. We'd go over to (Ct. Sanderson?). Had an old place over there on Bridgeway Street, big building full of – it looked like junk, but it's antiques to us. [laughter] I went to her house a lot. Just enjoyed her so much.

DH: I think there must have been some other couple women, but I can't think who they were.

JC: Who was that?

DH: A couple more women technicians or something.

JC: Might have been over in the other –

DH: Well, Edna came at some point.

JC: Yes, that's right. Yes.

DH: Edna Davis.

JC: Yes.

DH: Was she trained in X-ray or medical? I know she did her X-ray work.

JC: I think her background had been – I can't remember something like a nurse or something, I mean, her background training. Yes. She did not get back and do things that Jack and John and I did as far as fish or just – it was mostly over the radiation work, I remember.

DH: Okay. Are we –

JG: Yes, we're coming up on 11:00. I just –

DH: You want to ask a question?

[laughter]

FS: No, I was just telling Gretchen, we should have brought those slides and like a slide and an enlargement machine because mom has – well, she sent you some for Christmas.

DH: Yes. I got it with Joe, and here they are again.

FS: We've seen them, and she's had some of them put on a CD or DVD that we can watch of her times when she was over here at the lab doing different things. That would've been fun to see that with you.

DH: Joyce took me out to Fort Macon, probably within a few weeks of my getting here. She only ordered to go to do something. Well, we had a big time running through the dunes and looking at stuff.

JC: [laughter]

DH: Of course, it didn't look like Missouri. [laughter] I was pretty flabbergasted.

JC: I remember you talking about Webster City, wasn't it?

DH: Webster Groves.

JC: Webster Grove. Webster Grove. Yes.

DH: It's a good place to be from.

JC: [laughter].

DH: Yes. Stay away it and all.

JC: When I came, I just could not get over the – I love the water. Every house except the one on Ann Street was on the water. Still, am on [laughter] the water, but I got lifetime rights. I said, "I can't believe all those years selling houses to everybody, and I wind up with lifetime rights." [laughter] But I collected shells first year. I just couldn't stay out of the water. Built things, like a little coffee table and everything. They'd say, "Where did you find those shells?" The locals would ask me that. They're right here, and they never went out there to look for them. Yes, a lot of them. But those sand dunes, I lived over the outer banks along – Sarah Mason – well, she married John Jones, but we would go over there and rent a cabin, [laughter] stay a week in it. I'd fish, and she'd just rest because she had four little children. Yes. But I loved everything about it. Since I came here, I've never left. I married, my family.

DH: [laughter]

JC: No relative anywhere around. Not one relative. So, they're my family. So have you – you and Carolyn.

DH: Yes.

JC: Remember when Carolyn came from –

DH: Well, she came from Michigan.

JC: Where's that college at –

DH: She was an Antioch student.

JC: Antioch.

DH: Yes.

JC: When she saw Don, [laughter] her eyes were locked on him. So, they married. That was a wonderful thing.

DH: Okay. If there's no more questions, I guess I want to thank you a lot for coming. I enjoyed it a lot.

JC: I don't know.

DH: So, thank you, Joyce.

JC: Thank you, Joyce.

JG: Thank you, Joyce.

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