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Q BETTY PECK A MILTON CROCKER

Q YOU WERE BORN IN WEST BARNSTABLE. WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO COTUIT?

A I CAME OVER HERE - WELL I USED TO COME UP - MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, FRED PARKER, RAN A STORE IN WEST BARNSTABLE, CAME OVER HERE AND BROUGHT A GROCERY STORE HERE. THEN I USED TO, SUMMERS, I USED TO COME AND STAY WITH MY SISTER, BECAUSE MY MOTHER DIED WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG, ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD. AND I CAME AND STAYED WITH MY SISTER.

Q YOUR SISTER WAS CONSIDERABLY OLDER THAN YOU?

A YES, NINE YEARS, NINE YEARS.

Q AND WAS MARRIED?

A MY SISTER WAS NINE YEARS AND OF COURSE I HAD A BROTHER WHO WAS ELEVEN YEARS OLDER. THEN I CAME OVER HERE WHEN I GRADUATED FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL THERE AND WENT TO THE ELIZABETH LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL. AND WENT THERE ABOUT THREE YEARS AND LEFT SCHOOL AND WENT TO WORK FOR MY BROTHER-IN-LAW IN THE GROCERY STORE. AS I SAY, AND PLAYED IN THE ORCHESTRA FOR DANCES IN THE EVENING.

Q WHAT INSTRUMENT DID YOU PLAY?

A I PLAYED THE, WELL, CORONET THEY CALLED IT THEN. NOW OF COURSE THEY CALL IT TRUMPET.

Q YES.

A YAH, YAH.

Q AND YOU WERE KEPT PRETTY BUSY PLAYING IN THE BAND? YOU HAD MANY ENGAGEMENTS?

A OH YES.

Q OR GIGS, AS THEY CALL THEM NOW?

A OH YES, THAT'S RIGHT. OH YES, MANY, MANY ENGAGEMENTS THERE. AS I SAY, WE PLAYED AROUND TO ALL THE VILLAGES ALL FROM BOUT WELL, FROM BUZZARDS BAY DOWN TO PROVINCETOWN.

Q OH MY, LOTS OF DANCING GOING ON IN THOSE DAYS?

A WELL THAT'S WHY THEY WENT. EACH VILLAGE HAD A HALL AND THEY HAD DANCES THERE. MARSTONS MILLS USED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO GO. EVERYBODY WENT TO MARSTONS MILLS THERE.

Q OH REALLY?

A OH YES, THEY USED TO COME FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Q AND WHERE IS THAT HALL IN THE MILLS?

A THAT HALL IS JUST AS YOU, GO DOWN RIGHT DOWN, YOU KNOW TO WHERE THE STORE IS THERE? AND YOU TURN RIGHT BEFORE YOU GET TO THE STORE, UP THERE ON THE HILL ON THE LEFT THERE.

Q OH YES. OH YES.

A RIGHT OPPOSITE THE CHURCH THERE. YES.

Q WELL, THEY DON'T HAVE DANCES THERE ANYMORE DO THEY?

A NOT THAT I KNOW OF. OF COURSE, FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT. I DOUBT THAT THEY DO. BUT OF COURSE, AS I SAY, EVERY UH VILLAGE HAD A HALL LIKE THAT AND THEY USED TO HAVE DANCES THERE.

Q AND HOW MANY OTHERS WERE THERE IN THE BAND?

A WELL, IN THE ORCHESTRA THERE WAS, WE HAD A VIOLIN PLAYER, AND A DRUMMER, AND A PIANO PLAYER AND A TROMBONE AND A CLARINET.

Q AND DO YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THE OLD SONGS YOU PLAYED?

A OH YES, GOSH YES. DON'T WANT TO PLAY.

Q WELL, THAT'S HARD TO ASK YOU TO DO NOW, WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT IT. RIGHT. AND YOU LEFT HIGH SCHOOL IN YOUR THIRD YEAR BECAUSE YOU WERE BUSY AS A MUSICIAN AND - THEN YOU WORKED AT THE SAME TIME -

A THIRD YEAR, MUSICIAN AND - WORKED IN THE GROCERY STORE.

Q SO YOU HAD A BUSY LIFE?

A YES, (LAUGHED). BUSY, THAT'S RIGHT, YAH. THAT WAS NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ELEVEN. I STARTED WORKING IN THE GROCERY STORE, BEEN AT IT EVER SINCE.

Q MY GOODNESS. LILA CHILDS DOTTRIDGE SAID THAT SHE WENT TO WORK ABOUT THAT TIME. SHE GRADUATED IN NINETEEN ELEVEN.

A OH YES. YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

Q AND SHE WORKED - YOU MANAGED THE STORE, BECAUSE SHE SAID SHE WORKED FOR YOU?

A YES, I MANAGED THE STORE. YES, AS I SAY, AFTER - MY BROTHER-IN-LAW SOLD IT TO THESE, THE THREE MEN.

Q WHAT THREE MEN WERE THEY?

A THAT WAS CAPTAIN HULL, CAPTAIN ULYSSES HULL, AND BENJAMIN S. SEARS AND HOWARD A. DOTTRIDGE. PETER CANTVILLE, WORKING FOR MY BROTHER-IN-LAW, RAN THE STORE, THAT - WHAT YOU CALLED THE BRANCH STORE, WAS DOWN HIGHGROUND. THEN MY BROTHER-IN-LAW CLOSED THAT STORE DOWN THERE, AND PETER CANTVILLE CAME UP TO THIS STORE DOWN AT THE FOOT OF SCHOOL STREET, AND MANAGED THAT.

I WORKED FOR HIM UNTIL NINETEEN THIRTEEN, I THINK. HE LEFT AND WENT AND WORKED FOR A. LAWRENCE LOWELL AS A CARETAKER. AND I TOOK OVER THE STORE, THEN, AS MANAGER.

Q HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN THE STORE?

A OH, NOT MANY. HAD, OH, JUST ABOUT TWO MORE EMPLOYEES, OFF AND ON THERE - MAYBE MORE IN SUMMERTIME.

Q AND YOU HAD A DELIVERY SERVICE?

A OH YES, YES, FOR SURE, WE HAD DELIVERY SERVICE. HAD THE HORSE AND WAGON, WENT AROUND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, TAKING ORDERS, WRITING ORDERS AND CAME BACK - AND THE PHONE - AND CAME BACK IN THE AFTERNOON, PUT UP THE ORDERS AND DELIVERED THEM. YES, THAT WAS WHAT WE DONE EVERY -

Q BECAUSE PEOPLE COULDN'T PHONE IN THEIR ORDERS. NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE HAD PHONES?

A NO, NO. OF COURSE, SOME DID THERE, YOU KNOW. BUT FEW PEOPLE HAD PHONES. AND WE HAD A DIFFERENT ROUTE EVERY DAY! MONDAYS, WE WENT TO HIGHGROUND AND LITTLE RIVER. TUESDAYS, WE WENT UP THE SCHOOL STREET AND ALL AROUND THE BACK STREETS THERE. WEDNESDAYS WE WENT TO SANTUIT AND MASHPEE. AND THURSDAYS, THEN WE CAME BACK AND WENT OVER THE HIGHGROUND ROUTE AGAIN, THE SAME. FRIDAYS, OVER THE BACK STREETS. FRIDAY AFTERNOONS TO SANTUIT AND THEN SATURDAYS, UP TO NEWTOWN.

Q OH MY! SO EVERYONE GOT, NOT DAILY DELIVERY SERVICE, BUT -

A NO, NO. BOUT TWICE A WEEK.

Q TWICE A WEEK?

A TWICE A WEEK, GOT DELIVERY.

Q CAN YOU DESCRIBE THAT STORE WHERE YOU WERE ORIGINALLY, THE ONE DOWN AT THE CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND - WHAT'S IT CALLED, TOWN LANDING ROAD?

A OH YES. YES, IT HAD A REGULAR MAIN ROOM AND TWO BACK ROOMS, THERE. AND ON THE - ON ONE SIDE WE HAD A SMALL ROOM THAT WE RENTED TO A TAYLOR IN THE SUMMERTIME. YUH, A TAYLOR THERE.

Q BUT IT WAS A FAIRLY LARGE STRUCTURE WASN'T IT?

A OH YES. YES, WAS THREE STORIES. UP OVER THE STORE WAS A CLUB ROOM. THEY CALLED THE MEN'S CLUB. AND ON THE - OPPOSITE US, A MAN BY THE NAME OF FRANK MACLURE HAD A JEWELRY STORE.

Q DID HE MAKE JEWELRY, - OR?

A NO, NO HE JUST - OH YES, AND REPAIRED WATCHES. YUH, THEY USED TO COME FROM EVERYWHERE FOR HIM TO DO - VERY SMART AT THAT. AND HE REPAIRED WATCHES THERE AND SOLD JEWELRY.

Q WHAT ELSE, WERE THERE OTHER THINGS IN THE BUILDING, TOO?

A NO, THAT WAS ALL. THAT TOOK UP THE WHOLE BUILDING.

Q THAT'S ABOUT IT.

SO, IN 1924 THAT BUILDING BURNED?

A BURNED, YUH. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. AS I SAY, FRANK MACLURE USED TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE LITTLE ROUND OIL HEATERS, - YOU REMEMBER THOSE LITTLE ROUND OIL STOVES? APRIL THEN, BUT I GUESS THE FURNACE FIRE WAS DOWN LOW AND HE LIT THAT. AND HE USED TO TAKE HIS MEALS UP SCHOOL STREET TO WILLIAM IRWIN, HE WENT UP THERE FOR HIS MEAL. WHILE HE WAS UP THERE, HE EVIDENTLY, INSTEAD OF TURNING THE STOVE OUT HE TURNED IT UP. AFTER AWHILE IT CAUGHT AFIRE THERE AND BURST THERE AND THE WHOLE BUILDING -- I WAS HOME TO LUNCH!

Q SO THE STORE WAS CLOSED?

A NO, THE STORE WASN'T CLOSED. HERBERT SNOW WORKED THERE FOR ME. BUT HE WAS THERE ALL ALONE. AS I SAY, COURSE, FRANK MACLURE STORE WAS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE BUILDING. AND HE DIDN'T NOTICE TILL THE FIRE BROKE THROUGH THERE.

Q OH MY -

A IT WASN'T PLASTER, IT WAS A SHEATHED UP BUILDING THERE. SO - AND THE WIND WAS BLOWING TERRIFIC THAT DAY, TERRIFIC. RIGHT NEXT TO IT THERE WHERE THERE WAS A, BURGER HICKEY HAD AN ICE CREAM PARLOR, AND THAT BURNED TOO.

Q BUT NOT BURNED DOWN?

A YES, BURNED DOWN.

Q OH, IT DID?

A YES.

Q BUT THAT BUILDING WAS PUT UP AGAIN?

A THAT BUILDING WAS PUT UP AGAIN, YES.

Q BUT THIS ONE WAS NOT?

A NO, NO, THIS WAS, NO.

Q SO WHERE YOU ARE NOW IN YOUR PRESENT LOCATION, THERE HAD BEEN A STORE BEFORE -

A OH YES, BEEN A STORE FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS, BUT FOR MANY YEARS. RUN, AS I SAY, BY A MAN BY THE NAME OF JULIUS NICKERSON.

Q WHO WAS A RETIRED SEA CAPTAIN?

A WHO WAS A RETIRED SEA CAPTAIN.

Q AND THEN HE HAD GONE OUT OF BUSINESS, AND -

A HE HAD GONE OUT OF BUSINESS. DIED, HE HAD DIED.

Q AND HE DIED?

A AFTER. HE HAD AN AUTOMOBILE, AND USED TO DRIVE PEOPLE AROUND, IN THOSE DAYS THERE.

Q WELL, IT WAS ONE OF THE FEW AUTOMOBILES!

A ONE OF THE FEW AUTOMOBILES, YES. AND AS I SAY, HIS WIFE USED TO TEND THE STORE.

Q I SEE, HE DROVE PEOPLE AROUND -

A MOSTLY FROM WEST BARNSTABLE TO COTUIT, THAT'S WHERE THE TRAIN, USED TO COME TO WEST BARNSTABLE.

Q IT WAS SORT OF A TAXI SERVICE?

A EVERYBODY, KIND OF A TAXI, YES. USED TO DRIVE BACK AND FORTH. COURSE, EVERYTHING, IN THOSE DAYS PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING CAME BY TRAIN TO WEST BARNSTABLE. AND WAS BROUGHT ACROSS FROM WEST

BARNSTABLE TO MARSTONS MILLS, COTUIT AND OSTERVILLE AND CENTERVILLE. ALL THE MAIL CAME TO WEST BARNSTABLE, AND WAS TRANSPORTED TO ALL THESE VILLAGES.

Q SO IT WAS A TAXI SERVICE HE HAD?

A YES, WELL, NOT EXACTLY, WELL, COURSE YOU'D CALL IT A TAXI SERVICE. JUST AN ORDINARY TOURING CAR.

Q I MEAN, HE CHARGED?

A YES, YES.

Q RIGHT, HE PICKED UP PEOPLE AND BROUGHT THEM HERE?

A YES, PICKED UP AND BROUGHT THEM BACK HERE.

Q DO YOU KNOW WHEN THE TRAIN SERVICE WAS EXTENDED FROM SANDWICH? APPARENTLY IN THE BEGINNING THE TRAIN JUST CAME AS FAR AS SANDWICH AND DIDN'T RUN ON DOWN THE CAPE.

A NO, I DON'T KNOW. THAT WAS BEFORE MY TIME.

Q MMM HMM.

A EVER SINCE I WAS BORN, WE HAD SERVICE TO WEST BARNSTABLE. THERE WERE, OH, THREE OR FOUR TRAINS A DAY UP AND BACK AND BACK AND FORTH TO BOSTON. AND IN THE SUMMERTIME THERE WAS FIVE OR SIX OR SEVEN. YES. YOU SEE, EVERYTHING HAD TO COME BY RAIL IN THOSE DAYS!

Q SURE, SURE. WELL, I GUESS YOU'VE MET A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE BUSINESS. EVERYBODY WHO COMES TO COTUIT, SOONER OR LATER GOES THROUGH YOUR STORE. YOU'RE THE ONLY STORE IN TOWN NOW, AND FOR SOME TIME.

A OH YES. (LAUGHS) AS I SAY, USED TO BE FOUR OR FIVE STORES. AND ON TOP OF THAT, MAN BY THE NAME OF JOHN PARKER IN WEST BARNSTABLE USED TO DRIVE OVER HERE AND BRING GROCERIES OVER HERE TO COTUIT!

Q FOR HEAVENS SAKE!

Q AND THAT GOOD FLAVOR.

A YES, ALL WERE BROUGHT HERE, I KNOW FROM GREENPORT, AND I SUPPOSE FROM OTHER, WHATEVER, HAPPENED TO THINK OF. I SUPPOSE SOME OTHER PLACES TOO. AS I SAY, ACCEPTABLE.

Q SO THIS HARBOR WAS MORE OF A PROCESSING PLANT? THAN ACTUALLY A FIELD.

A YES, YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

Q AND ALL THE SEA CAPTAINS, I SUPPOSE INDIVIDUAL IN THEIR PERSONALITY?

A YES.

Q THEY HAD ONE THING IN COMMON, THAT THEY WERE VERY RUGGED MEN, WEREN'T THEY?

A OH YES, VERY RUGGED MEN, YEH.

Q AND VERY BRIGHT AND DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE TO DO THE DIFFICULT TASK OF MAKING THEIR LIVING ON THE SEA?

A OH YES, THAT'S RIGHT, OH VERY DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE. AND AS I SAY, A GOOD MANY OF THEM THAT CAME HERE WHEN THEY RETIRED FROM GOING TO SEA, THEN THEY TOOK UP THE OYSTER BUSINESS. THEY SAY MY FATHER-IN-LAW WENT TO SEA AND THEN HE RETIRED, LEFT THE SEA, CAME HERE AND TOOK UP THE OYSTER BUSINESS.

Q WHEN THEY LEFT THE SEA, DID THEY USUALLY HIRE SOMEONE TO OPERATE THEIR VESSELS OR DID THEY SELL THEM?

A OH, GENERALLY THEY SOLD THEM, I GUESS. BUT MOST OF THEM WERE CAPTAINS OF THE VESSEL BUT DIDN'T OWN THE VESSEL.

Q I SEE.

A THEY DIDN'T OWN THE VESSEL, THEY JUST WERE CAPTAINS OF THE VESSEL BACK THEN.

Q SO THE VESSELS WENT ON -

NICKERSON, AND WENDELL F. NICKERSON AND THERE WERE OTHER ONES THAT WENT TO SEA. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE CAPTAINS OR NOT. ORRIN NICKERSON WHO WAS BROTHER TO WENDELL NICKERSON. AND, PRACTICALLY, MEN EITHER WENT TO SEA OR CAPTAIN OF A VESSEL OR WORKED IN OYSTERING, OR, LIKE THAT, IN THOSE DAYS. OUTSIDE OF A FEW CARPENTERS AND PLUMBERS THERE. THE OTHER, THE OYSTER BUSINESS WAS A BIG BUSINESS IN THOSE DAYS.

Q THEY WERE ALL NATURAL OYSTERS, TOO?

A OH YES.

Q THEY DIDN'T DO ANY, -

A NO, THEY HAD TO BRING THEM. NO, THEY BROUGHT EM HERE.

Q THEY ALWAYS BROUGHT THE SEED OYSTERS IN?

A THEY ALWAYS BROUGHT THE SEED OYSTERS HERE, YUH. YUH. OF COURSE, THEY CLAIM THAT THEY BROUGHT THE SEED OYSTERS HERE BECAUSE THEY GREW BETTER HERE AND WERE BETTER FLAVOR THAN ANYPLACE ELSE.

Q BUT THEY DIDN'T SEED THEMSELVES VERY WELL?

A NO, NO THEY HAD TO BRING EM FROM GREENPORT, I THINK WAS - AH. OH YES, VESSELS CAME ALL WINTER LONG BRINGING IN OYSTERS.

Q THAT'S VERY INTERESTING. I DIDN'T KNOW WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE THAT THE OYSTERS WEREN'T BORN HERE.

A NO, NO THEY WERE'NT. NO.

Q WHEN I SAW A TRUCK DUMPING THEM DOWN AT THE, COMING IN TO THE TOWN DOCK TO DUMP THEM ONTO A BARGE I WAS REALLY SO DISILLUSIONED.

A OH YES, SURE, YES. THEY CAME IN, CAME RIGHT HERE.

Q THEY WERE, NEVERTHELESS, COTUIT OYSTERS IF THEY GET THEIR GROWTH HERE.

A OH YES.

A WENT RIGHT ON FROM WHEN THEY LEFT, FROM WHEN THE CAPTAIN RETIRED SOMEONE ELSE TOOK THEM OVER.

Q AND A NEW CAPTAIN WAS HIRED. AND NONE OF THEM EVER OWNED THEIR OWN BOAT?

A WELL, STILL I KNOW WENDELL NICKERSON OWNED HIS AND -

Q WELL HE OWNED TWO AT ONCE, I'M TOLD?

A HM?

Q HE OWNED TWO AT ONCE.

A YES, I THINK HE DID OWN TWO AT ONCE.

Q SO HE HAD A CAPTAIN ON ONE AND HE CAPTAINED ANOTHER?

A YES, YES.

Q AND HE USED TO TAKE FOSTER WITH HIM ON SOME OF HIS TRIPS?

A YES, YES, FOSTER USED TO GO, OH YES. QUITE OFTEN HE WENT.

Q GREAT ADVENTURES, YES, YES. WHAT A NICE MAN HE MUST HAVE BEEN, TO HAVE HAD THE COMPASSION TO TAKE SUCH A CRIPPLED CHILD.

A YES, VERY, VERY NICE MAN. YES, AND AFTERWARDS WHEN HE RETIRED FROM THE SEA FOR GOOD HE WAS A ROAD SURVEYOR. ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Q YES, FOSTER TOLD ME THAT. YES.

A YES, TOOK THAT UP.

Q SO THEY, WHEN THEY RETIRED FROM THE SEA THEY VERY OFTEN WENT INTO THE OYSTER BUSINESS. I SUPPOSE IT WAS AN EASIER LIFE?

A YES, YES.

Q SO THAT THEY COULD BE HOME AND, - WHAT DID THAT INVOLVE? A LITTLE CASH, I SUPPOSE TO BUY THE OYSTERS?

A OH YES, CASH, GOT TO HAVE THE CASH.

Q AND THEY HAD TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A BOAT, A WORKBOAT TOO?

A WELL, THEY HAD, OF COURSE, IT WASN'T, IN THOSE DAYS, IT WAS GENERALLY JUST WHAT THEY CALL SCOWS THAT THEY USED THERE, YOU KNOW. AND THEY PROPELLED THEM BY OARS. NOT BY ANY ENGINE.

Q NO OUTBOARDS?

A NO OUTBOARDS. JUST WHAT THEY CALLED SCULLIN.

Q SURE, WITH THE HOLE IN THE -

A IN THE STERN!

Q RIGHT, OH YES. THAT WAS NO JOB FOR AN OLD MAN!

A NO, NO IT WASN'T.

Q THAT TOOK A LOT OF VIGOR. DID THEY USUALLY HAVE YOUNGER MEN WORKING FOR THEM? THAT DID THE HARD WORK?

A OH YES, THEY HAD THE YOUNGER MEN WORKING FOR THEM.

Q THEY MORE OR LESS MANAGED THE BUSINESS?

A YES.

Q RIGHT. AND WAS THERE MUCH QUAHOGING THEN?

A OH YES, YES. BUT, YES, THEY DONE QUAHOGING BUT THAT WAS MOST USED LOCALLY. I MEAN THEY DIDN'T SHIP THEM AWAY YOU KNOW. THE OYSTER BUSINESS WAS THE BIG BUSINESS THEN, IN THOSE DAYS. AS I SAY, THE HARBOR WAS FULL OF OYSTER, - WHAT YOU CALL OYSTER GRANTS. THEY WERE GRANTED SO MUCH PLACE BY THE TOWN THERE AND SO THERE WASN'T MUCH PLACE ANYBODY COULD GO QUAHOGING. PRACTICALLY ALL TAKEN UP WITH OYSTER GRANTS.

Q THAT'S VERY INTERESTING. SO EVERYONE HAD HIS OWN GRANT. NOW I THINK THE COTUIT OYSTER COMPANY IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A GRANT?

A OH YES.

Q YOU NEVER HAD, IN MY RECOLLECTION, YOU NEVER SOLD ANY SHELLFISH OR ANY FIN FISH IN YOUR STORE?

A NO, NONE.

Q WAS THAT BECAUSE IT WAS ALWAYS SO AVAILABLE AT THE DOCK?

A WELL, IT WAS ALWAYS SO AVAILABLE THERE WASN'T ANY CALL FOR IT THEN. PEOPLE, AS FAR AS CLAMS AND QUAHOGS WENT, THEY WENT AND GOT THEM THEMSELVES. THEY WENT CLAMMING THEMSELVES, AND GOT QUAHOGS THEMSELVES, AND SO THERE WAS NO CALL. OF COURSE, THEY WENT FISHING, OF COURSE. ALL IN THE SUMMERTIME AND EXCEPT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WINTER, AND CAUGHT THEIR OWN FISH THERE.

Q I'VE HEARD MANY PEOPLE SAY THEY WISH THERE WAS A GOOD FISH MARKET IN COTUIT, AND I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN MOBILE FISH MARKETS. PEOPLE CAME THROUGH CARRYING FISH.

A OH YES, USED TO COME TO DELIVER, OH YES.

Q BUT APPARENTLY AS YOU SAY THE WATER'S SO AVAILABLE AND SO PLENTIFUL, THAT THERE - NOONE COULD PROBABLY SURVIVE -

A NOONE COULD SURVIVE! THEY WERE SO PLENTIFUL, EVERYBODY WENT AND GOT THEIR OWN, YOU KNOW, CAUGHT THEIR OWN.

Q MAKING A LIVING AT SELLING FISH? BUT THERE WAS A FISH MARKET HERE AT ONE TIME, WASN'T THERE? NO? JUST THE NATURAL MARKET IN THE SEA?

A NO. JUST - THAT MEAT MARKET THERE.

Q WALK DOWN TO THE DOCK AND THROW A LINE IN?

A RUN BY CHARLIE HOWARD, WAS THERE FOR YEARS. NO FISH MARKET.

END OF TAPE