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TM: So today is August 12th, 2013, and we are in Williams, Arizona with Bud and Dorothy Dunagan. And, it's not quite nine in the morning. Dorothy worked at the Grand Canyon hospital in the nineteen fifties. And she's got some papers here. Bud Dunagan has already had an oral history taken of him. By who? Who did that history with you?

DD: Dr. Sylvester Allred at the University (Northern Arizona University)

TM: Thank you

DD: I don't know what I did with it. Donna, his wife, was a doctor at the university and she typed it up, but I don't know where I'd put it. I know I had it in a folder.

DD: When I was taking classes at NAU I wrote this as a paper. That had some of my history while I was up there.

TM: (reading title) Interactions in a National Park by Dorothy Dunagan, July 2nd, 1972. Oh this is great! This is really nice.

BD: Yeah, we've known Paul and Barbara [Schnur] for a long time, and they've been very good friends. In fact we've known Paul since he was a kid - and his sister Sally. They were very good friends, and then Paul later went to...well they didn't have a High school at Grand Canyon. So, they went to somewhere up in Colorado or somewhere. Dorothy knows. And, then later Alene, that's his mother, sent Paul to Judson. Judson was a finishing school in Phoenix. Pretty high dollar. And, I forget the name of the school in Colorado. But, Paul and his buddy was named Phil Weeks. Phil Weeks was a high-powered attorney.

He graduated the highest honor from the University of Arizona. And, they all went to school up in...I can't think of the name. Dorothy knows the name of the school up in Colorado or Utah or somewhere up north. But it was a high-dollar school and very well thought of. And, Alene and Leo [Paul's father] and their kids had that beautiful place on Oak Creek. And right now, they're trying to restore that to its original...the way it was.

BD: (to Dorothy) What was the school up in Nevada or Colorado where the kids went to school? Where Paul and Sally and...

DD: Wasatch Academy

BD: Wasatch Academy.

TM: Oh this is great. Dorothy has just given me a bound copy of Bud's... it's titled Bud's Memoirs as told to Sylvester Allred in the year 2004. Great. Thank you.

DD: There were a couple things that were not, well I guess I crossed them out, that weren't accurate. He also...you know did a recording of Bud. He came over a few times and visited.

TM: Wonderful! Yeah, well let's see where this goes. Sometimes it can take a couple hours to kind of just get started, and then we'll come back. We'll just see. Where did you...where were you born?

DD: In Fond du Lac Wisconsin.

TM: What year?

DD: 1928

TM: And, what were your parents doing there?

DD: We lived in Lebanon Wisconsin. And, that was quite a distance, but Fond du Lac; she had to have some special care - hospitalization - when I was born. My brother; I had a brother, he died in birth. That's why we went; I was born in Fond du Lac. We lived in Lebanon, a village of two hundred.

TM: Oh my. What were your parents doing there?

DD: When they moved there, my father was the banker there. My mother, when she met my father was teaching school near Watertown, Wisconsin. And, the college they graduated from was in Watertown.

TM: And, how did they meet - your mother and father?

DD: She lived on college Avenue! (Chuckle) He was born in Nebraska. He had polio when he was twelve. So, he couldn't be a farmer like his father was. So, his father sent...for College sent him to Watertown to Northwestern College because he couldn't be a farmer. He was paralyzed.

TM: Okay. Did he have difficulty walking? Was he in a wheelchair?

DD: No, he always walked, but he had difficulty walking. Used a cane occasionally.

TM: And then, as a banker what happened when the Great Depression hit you guys?

DD: He was...they stayed right there all through that time.

TM: Okay.

DD: They were, let's see, married in...I can't recall what year. But, they never quit; he never lost his job or anything. It continued in a small town. Lots of little banks at that time.

TM: OK. But, his bank didn't close?

DD: No.

TM: Ok. And then, did you guys...did you go to high school in Lebanon then?

DD: No, we didn't have any high schools in the country. I went to grade school at all Lutheran schools through the eighth grade. And, then we didn't have high schools. We also didn't have that many cars, and, the closest high school was six miles away in Hustisford (WI). And, so I went to a boarding school in New Ulm, Minnesota. My brother went to boarding school in Watertown.

TM: And, how many brothers and sisters do you have?

DD: One brother.

TM: Just one brother. Was he older or younger than you?

DD: Two years older. And, he died last year

TM: Oh my. I'm sorry to hear that. So, high school...in boarding school, how often would you get a chance to get home to visit family?

DD: Christmas (chuckle). That was usually it; it was during the war. And, we rode the train from Beaver Dam, Minnesota, and then someone would pick us up and take us to New Ulm.

TM: Okay. And, then graduated from high school?

DD: In New Ulm, and then I went to Northwestern College for one year. But, my father died. So, at that point I couldn't just go to school; I had to decide what to do. So, I became a nurse. Went to nursing school at Wisconsin, I mean Milwaukee Lutheran Hospital. So, I graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran Hospital. It was the three year program. And, then I worked there a year. But, I didn't like the city, and I went on a vacation and I met Alene Schnur walking around the Grand Canyon. She took my friend and I, that also graduated with me...

TM: Alright, back up. This is coming in too fast here. What attracted you to nursing?

DD: Well, I had a friend who was a nurse and graduate from this school and was working there. And, actually I had a very good friend that lived with us...worked with my father in the bank for many, many years. So, she was like another mother. Her sister was going to nursing school and graduated at Milwaukee. So when my father died, my mother had to go to work full-time. My brother was just starting the seminary to be a minister and I was going to start nursing. So, she and this friend Gladys got us through school.

TM: Wow! What year was this?

DD: I graduated from nursing school in 1950.

TM: OK.

DD: Worked there one year, in the night in the emergency room. And, that was a lot of industrial accidents and things like that. That May, this friend of mine that did marry my brother...

TM: Who was that?

DD: A classmate. Mary Lee. My brother's friend - girlfriend. And, my brother's name was Bill; William. And, he was going to the seminary - the Lutheran Ministerial Seminary near Watertown. And, we all just...you know...stayed connected, and he went to school there. At that time, my mother and Gladys worked at the bank, and they put us through school. We had my Dad's stepmother; lived with them for a while. Well, until she died. And, so she lived with them for about 8 years. So, it was kind of a complicated family thing. But, we all just stayed very good friends.

TM: So, you worked for a year, working night shift in the E.R. and then you had...

DD: In May my...Mary Lee came home one morning and said, "I just quit; I'm sick of working here." And, I said, "OK". I quit the next day!

TM: (laughing).

DD: So, we left Milwaukee, took my mother's car and went on a vacation, and came out to Arizona and just traveled around.

TM: What was it like driving, the two of you? I'm assuming you would have been in your early 20's...

DD: Right.

TM: Heading west?

DD: Yeah, we just came for a vacation.

TM: How did you know to even go to the Grand Canyon?

DD: Well, we just wanted to go to Tucson. We saw a bull fight in Nogales, and we just went from day to day. Every larger town we went through, we'd look at the hospital looking for jobs.

TM: OK. Did you go to St. Mary's in Tucson? I'm just trying think as you went through Tucson, do you remember where you looked?

DD: No, I don't really. We stayed there and, you know, just stayed everywhere overnight, but, that's it. We never really looked for a job. We looked at the hospitals, thinking, "would we like to come back here?" When we got to the Grand Canyon, we went for a walk after dinner in the evening, and met Alene walking through the woods.

TM: So, let's back up a minute. Driving from Tucson up to Grand Canyon, you would have gone through Wickenburg and Prescott, and Jerome?

DD: Now, we had a patient at the Milwaukee hospital who was a very wealthy man, and he always...I don't know if you knew of Shine Smith? Well, he was a missionary in Tuba City. And, he would send... (pause) Shine Smith - you should know him; he was at the Monte Vista a lot, too. You should have heard his name. But, he was a friend of this man in Milwaukee and he was a patient of ours' in the hospital. He said, "when you get to Flagstaff, look up Shine Smith. I will write to him and tell him you are coming." So, we did, and we contacted him at the Monte Vista and then we went to the Grand Canyon. But, he told us he would meet us in Tuba City in about three days. So, we stayed at the Grand Canyon a couple nights and met Alene and she was telling us they needed help for the summer. And, we went over to the hospital; she showed us the little hospital. And then, we enjoyed the Grand Canyon very much; we had a good time while we were there. And, then in three days we to Tuba City to meet Shine Smith. So, we met him for breakfast...this missionary.

TM: Did you have to drive back to Flagstaff and then go north to get into Tuba?

DD: Well, we could go through Cameron.

TM: You could. The Cameron road was there?

DD: It was there. And, we went to Tuba City and met Shine, and he took us out and showed us the dinosaur tracks. And, really was a very...showed us around everywhere. And, had a very good time with him.

TM: What were your impressions; your first time out here, of the Painted Dessert? We'll get to Grand Canyon in a minute. But, I am just thinking...I mean this is like desolate kind of country. It must have been very different.

DD: It was very different, but you know, it's just what we did. I came from a family where all my uncles went to the Univ...I mean to the college in Watertown. They all became ministers. But, in the summertime, my grandfather would encourage them to catch a freight train and go to the Dakotas and help with the, oh, gathering of the wheat and things like that. And, they always went somewhere. So, I came from family that just traveled a lot - did things like that. I had no, you know, hesitation to just go in the car and come out here (chuckle). And, we went up through the Tetons and Yellowstone and back through the Dakotas. My brother, at that time, was a minister in Lemon, South Dakota, so we stopped to see him. Then, we went back to Wisconsin. And, I called Alene, and I said, "do you still need help?"

- right away when I got back. I didn't wait. And, she said, "yes we do" and I said, "when?" and she said, "tomorrow!"

TM: (laughing)

DD: So, on June 1st, my mother took me to Chicago, and I caught a plane, and I came out to the Grand Canyon (chuckle). That was 1951! June 1st, 1951. The Schnurs were down in Sedona at Bedside Manor and I landed at Valle (airport) where I changed to a smaller plane. Flew out on TWA and got on a smaller plane in Albuquerque and landed at Valle. Dr. Schnur – Leo - said he'd pick me up, but it snowed. So, he couldn't get out of Sedona. June 1st! He couldn't come up the switchbacks to pick me up. So, he called Fred Harvey crew transportation and they sent a cab out to pick me up. And, they took me to the hospital where I met the nurse and her husband. And, uh just had...like I say, I landed...

TM: Who did you meet?

DD: Uh, Paul and Arlene Shields. Arlene was a nurse there for the summer. Paul was going to ASU. And, Arlene was already a nurse. They were there, and they met me, you know at the hospital. Leo had called them and said I would be there, and he couldn't come and take me.

TM: So, was there snow on the ground?

DD: Oh, yes! And, I thought, "why did I leave Wisconsin!"

TM: Laughing. Oh my gosh.

DD: But it was, you know, snow on the ground. But, this happened in Arizona.

TM: What were your first impressions of Eileen and the hospital and...

DD: Arlene or Alene?

TM: Alene, Alene, I'm sorry.

DD: Mrs. Schnur

TM: Mrs. Schnur

DD: OK. We just became very good friends. And, she's just a special person. They took me into their family like I was one of the family. And, we did a lot of things together. I spent a lot of time with her down in Sedona at Bedside Manor. At that time, Leo rented all those cabins down there. I don't know if you've been there. Then, Alene, when people would leave after 3 or 4 months - you know in the summer time - we'd go down there and clean the cabins and get them ready for the next thing. But, see I wasn't just a nurse; I was family (chuckle). So, it was...and we worked, you know long hours. We worked...well, there were two shifts. The day shift and the night shift. And, at first I did a lot of the night shift because there were people there longer than I was. We had more help in the summer than we did in the winter. There were just a couple of nurses in the wintertime; but, the summer there'd be like some of the park service people; the ladies were nurses. And, we'd have extra help like that. We

had, um; we lived in the summertime...we lived in a shack up where the park service houses are built now. But, there was like a...just a cabin up there where we lived. In the wintertime, we lived in the ranger dorm which is right behind the hospital. And, I believe that's become a hostel and different things over the years. But, room and board we had. Leo fed us, and we had a cook - a Hopi lady, Mary Cuchua (sp). And, she was our cook, and she was there as long as I was. An older lady and very nice little lady.

TM: Who was the senior nurse at the time when you showed up?

DD: I was trying to think of her name. She was from back east. She was a young girl; I can't think of her name right now.

TM: And, what were your...can you describe to me the hospital? How many overnight beds did you have?

DD: We had 10 beds. During the day, Leo would see patients out of the office; we'd see people, but we had 10 beds. They rarely were full. But, we delivered babies, and we took out tonsils. You know, it was a full-fledged hospital. If anybody needed additional care, we would put them in the back of Leo's station wagon and then the two of us would drive them into Flagstaff.

TM: So, Flagstaff was the sort of big trauma center as it is today?

DD: That was it. Very small at that time.

TM: I'm sure. What was the most complex type of medicine or surgery you would perform there?

DD: Probably just tonsils. I mean we delivered babies and did a lot of suturing from car accidents...and accidents...running into a window at the El Tovar or something. But, a lot of that type of thing.

TM: And, would you, did you have an X-ray machine?

DD: Yes, we did.

TM: And, set bones?

DD: We did. Just wait a second; I'll show you.

TM: OK.

BD: That picture right there on the wall, that's my daughter. She was a trail guide at the Grand Canyon when I was.

TM: Nice! Oh, that's fun!

BD: That's her on the mule.

DD: I gave most of my pictures to Paul. He's got almost all my pictures. There's our X-ray machine.

TM: Oh my gosh!

DD: And, there's me!

TM: Oh my gosh! So, this photo shows a woman sitting on a gurney, and her foot is on the X-ray plate. And, there's Dorothy, and she's, she's got her thumb on the button here. And, uh, next to the X-ray machine, and she has no lead vest, and the patient has no lead vest. They are about to take an X-ray of her foot. And, here's this wonderful X-ray machine with some pretty big cables going to it. And, there we are.

DD: And, um, that fall, the head nurse left. And then, I took her job. And, then Leo sent me to Phoenix to study X-ray for a month or so under an X-ray specialist-doctor. Down there, at that time it was Memorial Hospital. And I, you know, got an apartment down there and stayed down there just for a short time and studied a little bit of X-ray that the doctor would teach me at the hospital....Memorial Hospital.

DD: There's Dr. Schnur, putting on a cast.

TM: These are great photos.

DD: Those are the only ones I have left.

TM: These are wonderful! So, in this picture, there's a woman. She looks like a tourist, if I could be so blunt. And, uh, she's...Dr. Schnur is casting her left leg, and Dorothy is handing him what looks like to be Plaster of Paris here. And, um, Dr. Schnur is doing a good job of casting up that foot. Those are very nice! So, do you remember any unusual events that happened?

DD: Well, we had a guide fall over a mule in the canyon. We had him in the hospital for quite a while. One of the guides went over. Do you remember that Bud?

BD: Yeah. Lee Roberts.

DD: So, he went over the edge, and we had him in the hospital quite a while. And...lots of car accidents; you know, but we'd send them out then, if they were too much.

TM: Higher level.

DD: Yeah. We didn't, you know, keep too many. But, if it was just something where they felt – Dr. Schnur felt - they'd be OK in a week or something like that, we'd keep them in the hospital for a week. We visited....the train came up there at that time, and if someone was really sick at the train, we'd go down there - Leo and I would go down there and, you know, treat them in the train. The train would be there overnight.

TM: So, would they stay overnight then, in the train, or would you move them over to the hospital for the night?

DD: No, they'd stay on the train if it was something not too bad. We didn't have anything really that we had to transfer over to the hospital.

TM: OK.

DD: He would, if he had to.

TM: If he needed to...sure. What about heat-related illness?

DD: Um...there wasn't as much of that, it didn't seem at that time as there is now. But, there weren't that many people. You know, we had our winters where we would sled down the main roads of the canyon, like from the El Tovar or something. There was nobody there to hit us with a car. At that time, the doctor's house was right up from what now is one of the Xanterra offices down there. It used to be the garage. And, up from there, just a little way was the doctor's house. And, that was on a hill, so we could sled there. We just had a very nice winter!

TM: So, were you working seven days straight? How did you guys work your schedule?

DD: Well, that's sometimes how he had the temporary. And, we'd work six days a week like that. But, if it wasn't real busy, and Dr. Schnur wanted somebody to go check on his places down in Oak Creek, he'd give me Alene's car and I'd go down and check and see if everything was OK. They just took me in as family; it was very nice.

TM: And, what do you remember about Dr. Schnur?

DD: Um, he was all business. And, very serious about what he did. And, he was involved in a lot of things...Shrine of the Ages. And, he was very involved. Worked very hard for Grand Canyon. And, of course had his places down in Sedona. Different projects going on down there. He was definitely a very ambitious person. You know, bought property down there, and would have it subdivided and resell and things like that. He was really...oh, very ambitious (chuckle) and, just a very nice man.

TM: And well-liked, it sounds like, by the community?

DD: I think so. He was very helpful in every way. You know, and he was well-educated and had lots of knowledge.

TM: Who else do you remember of the community at the time? I'm thinking about, um, oh maybe Bob Thurston out in Tusayan, if he was there then?

DD: Oh yes, we knew him well.

TM: What do you remember about the Thurstons?

DD: Um, we're still...Thurston just visited us a few weeks ago. And, the two boys from...that are left up there, and they brought this gentleman down, who Bud knew many years ago. And, so we...and Bob was a very active money-making man, too! And we had a good time, always, at Tusayan. Not like it was now. It's very different. And it was, well...before you enter the park there... was a motel there with a

dining room and everything. And, Bob's place; he had a little bar there. And, we would all, you know, get together there. We knew Bob; Bud knew Bob more than I did. He was a deputy sheriff there, so he...

BD: Bob always kept a room - free room for any of his customers who were too drunk to drive home. He gave them a free room.

DD: Chuckle. Yep.

TM: Were the park people out in Tusayan; was there a cross-over? Was there a community there?

DD: Not so much. We always said there were definitely class distinctions at Grand Canyon. There was the park service; then, there was the railroad, and the Fred Harvey people. We all kind of lived...and then, there were, "we outsiders" like the deputy sheriff, and the doctor. And, we were kind of the outsiders. And um, at that time there was the Grand Canyon Inn. That was separate from the mine; the uranium mine. That was another group of people.

TM: So, not necessarily a lot of....

DD: No, but when...you know...we had the movie theater down in the community building. So, everybody would go to the movies. But, there was a class distinction, definitely. And, being...working for the doctor, I kind of got in with the doctor. We mingled with everybody. Christmas parties and...I mean, I was one that was at the Kolb studio - when the Kolbs lived there. I was definitely, you know, invited with the Schnurs to come to their Christmas party. Things like that. And, of course, Bud knew Mr. Kolb well, because he was quite a driver (laughs) when he got older. A lot of little fender benders and things. So, bud knew him quite well.

TM: On a professional basis.

DD: Yeah! It was a lot different there. You knew everybody. It was just a small town. We knew everybody, especially in the winter time. We all got together.

TM: Did you know, um the Stevens' (sp)? I'm thinking of Ronnie and Ruth. Steve Baker? I'm just trying to think of some other folks that you might have known then, in the 50's.

DD: Well, we knew a lot of park service people, you know, that lived...

BD: Steve Ledding (sp)? He was park service.

TM: Tirsch (sp) Baker, and Steve Baker, and Ronnie Baker. These were the three children of Ruth Stevens-Baker. And, Ruth and Emery; she took care of the store for a while. Then, she may have left by the time you guys showed up.

DD: It just seems to me, I knew a Stevens, but...you know...I just can't recall.

TM: And, what do you remember about Emery and the Kolb studio?

DD: Well, she had a beautiful home, you know, there. Everything was....and, uh, you know, he was there taking a picture of the guides every day. I have lots of those pictures.

TM: Nice.

DD: Bud and all his friends. Because he took the picture; and, they'd have it ready for the tourists in the afternoon so they could pick them up and take them home.

BD: All that were left over he gave to the guides. I've got lots of his pictures of me and my party. And, Emery...that water shortage, he would run down to Indian Garden and develop his pictures and run back up. And, he'd have them there when the party got out. So, I've got a lot of his pictures.

TM: Nice. And, what about the Verkamps?

DD: They're still good friends of ours. Mike never passes through Williams without stopping to see us. And, we see Tersch (sp) frequently in Phoenix. And, we see Steve; he and his wife have come over to visit us. And, we've all been at the Grand Canyon picnics together. So, they're still good friends. And, we knew Mary and Jack very well...and, very good friends of ours. And, then after Mary died, we knew Betty very well. She's a wonderful lady. I used to babysit the girls. Boo (sp) and Sue (laughs).

TM: Laughing

DD: So, I'd babysit the girls. They liked to come over and stay with me at the dormitory rather than me going up there.

TM: Oh fun!

DD: It was more fun! But, they come by when, you know, when we see them maybe once a year, or once every other year or something. But, we have always stayed connected with the Verkamps.

TM: And, who would have been the superintendent at the time?

DD: (to Bud) What was his name?

BD: The park service?

DD: (to Bud) Superintendent?

BD: Yeah, John McLaughlin.

DD: (to Bud) No...yeah, McLaughlin was the one when we came down. And, that house, you know is right when you go up the hill to the El Tovar. And, you know, I was a frequent visitor there, too...for all her social things...Mrs. McLaughlin's.

TM: And, did the park service...did the McLaughlins try to connect - pull people together? I mean, people try to do parties?

DD: I think so, um hm.

BD: Yeah, I think he was a good man. He tried to set an example. We always admired him. He went around with a little thing on the end of a stick and picked up all the scraps, papers, and everything...put them in a bag. And, he tried to set a good example.

TM: This is the superintendent? Picking up litter.

DD: Um hm. Right!

BD: Yeah, he was a good man.

TM: Nice. Who else do you remember that was working for the park service that you might have made friends with?

DD: He mentioned Steve Leving (sp). (to Bud) Who gave Patty all the dishes?

BD: Vern Roosh (sp)

DD: Vern Roosh. He was park service. And, I'm trying to think of who else. I am trying to think of her name. A few years ago, a friend of mine and I went to Chicago. We went to her daughter's graduation. And, we took a bus ride. And, we all introduced each other, you know. This one couple...we said, "where are you were from"? And, we said we were from Williams. And, then these other folks spoke up. And, she was a daughter of people we knew at the Grand Canyon! On a bus ride in Chicago!

TM; That's a small world.

DD: Yep, it is a small world.

TM: Did you know Lynn Coffin (sp)?

DD: Yes we did! Yeah, we did.

BD: He was a chief ranger. Yeah, I worked pretty close with Steve and with his rangers. I handled all the felonies. They handled all misdemeanors. So, we had a pretty good working setup there. The reason for that was, the jail in park service was very inadequate. It was just a little shack with an iron cage in it. And, if you had a felon, you needed a better jail, so I'd take those felons to Flagstaff, and they would handle the misdemeanors.

TM: Ok. And, what else do you remember about the hospital? How busy were you?

DD: Quite busy in the summertime. I mean a lot of things come in, like stubbed toes, and twisted ankles, and colds.

TM: Squirrel bites?

DD: Oh yeah, we had bites, those types of things, right. And, you know...if anybody needed any medication, Dr. Schnur or one of the nurses would put it in a little package and give them, because there

was no pharmacy there. So, we had to provide medication, too, for the people that came in. We gave injections, and tetanus and those type of things.

TM: This would have been, in theory, the days before medical control on pharmacy meds.

DD: Right! The doctor, you know, did it all. I sutured people, but only because Dr. Schnur would stand behind me. He was in Sedona, and he said "go ahead if you think you want to do it." And, then they'd....we never had a problem that way. Never had lawsuits like they do now. There's just taking care of what you had to do.

TM: And, the hospital eventually became a bigger building.

DD: Yes. I never worked there.

TM: Ok. Did you guys feel the need for that at the time - for a better facility?

DD: Well, at that time, you know there'd been other doctors there. Leo wasn't there anymore, and at that time the hospital ideal was a little bit too much. We didn't have enough help like you used to have. So, when that bigger building was built, that was only for a clinic - no overnight. By that time, they had decided that was, you know, the overnight 10-bed hospital just wasn't the thing to have anymore.

TM: Yeah, it only ran for a year, so it had overnight beds, surgery, labor and delivery. It had employee housing on one end. It had a cafeteria. And, that only lasted about a year or so...until they downsized to a clinic and actually shut down the entire concept of overnight beds.

DD: Right. But, like I say, I didn't work there...in the new building. I was already out of there.

TM: Then, what else do you remember of your time there?

DD: It just was a great place. You know, I really enjoyed working there and living there. When he was transferred to Williams, I didn't want to leave; I cried! (laughing)

TM: When was that?

DD: He was transferred in '65.

TM: Were you already married; did you guys already meet?

DD: Yes, we married in '54.

TM: Ok.

DD: We had two daughters up there. Not born up there, but...I had my babies in Cottonwood.

TM: Did you!

DD: Laughing (yeah).

TM: Ok. Why did you choose to go to Cottonwood to...

DD: They didn't have an obstetrician in Flagstaff, and they had one in Cottonwood!

TM: Is that right?

DD: Uh huh.

TM: What years was that?

DD: Um. November of '54 and '57. And, then our third daughter was born here in Williams...but in Cottonwood, but we lived here. Same doctor; still in Cottonwood!

TM: Is that right! When did Dr. Schnur, then, leave the South Rim?

DD: I can't recall what year.

TM: And, were you still working then?

DD: When he left, yes. And, then he built a place in Sedona which later became another one of his houses that he rented. But he did, and then he had his office, his practice, in downtown Sedona. But, yes, but we stayed very close. You know, I stayed with them when I was waiting for my babies to arrive, and things like that. Stayed down in...

TM: And, when did he leave the clinic? Paul will know that.

DD: Paul knew that.

TM: What was that....I can only imagine that must have been pretty hard for you?

DD: Well, yeah, but then I worked, you know for the other doctors for a short time. Dr. Henry was the next doctor there. And, I worked for him. He came from Wickenburg.

TM: What was his first name?

DD: (to Bud) What was his first name?

BD: William Henry.

DD: Yeah, William. Bill Henry.

TM: And, how long did...was he there until you left, then?

DD: No, he left; and, there was doctor Lacy (sp). Now, Dr. Lacy, I don't know if you go out Fort Valley Road, you see that little chapel out there? That was...he built that. Plus, he lived there; there's a house.

TM: What was his first name?

BD: Watson

DD: Watson Lacy. Yep. And, so he was out there. But I didn't work full time.

BD: There's a Shrine of the Ages chapel there...Dr. Lacy did. On the highway.

DD: The Shrine of the Ages is at the Grand Canyon, Bud. His little chapel, there, Chapel of the Doves

TM: Chapel of the Lonely Dove.

DD: Yeah.

BD: Yeah, that's it.

DD: And, he used to...while he was at the Canyon and living out there...he'd fly to the reservation. He had his own plane. And, he'd give medical attention on the reservation. Like I say, I only worked part-time for those doctors.

TM: So, he was busy.

BD: He was a do-gooder. He had an old Stinson Voyager plane. And, he'd fly to the res. And, I think he worked free for those Indians.

TM: Wow! Ok.

DD: But, he also was at the Grand Canyon at that time.

TM: Who else was working in the hospital...so your last year there was 1964?

DD: We moved here in '65. But, I didn't work all those years. I had the two daughters, and I worked part-time. But, I didn't work full-time.

TM: Who else do you remember was working at the clinic? That's one of the things we're trying to do is just figure out who has worked at the hospital, then into the clinic. Do you remember who else you worked with?

DD: I don't remember all those names. They came and went frequently, you know. Diane, she's married to Max Colford (sp). He was at the uranium mine up there. She was a nurse there; Diane Colford it is now. They live up in Colorado.

TM: Do you have contact information for her?

DD: I know, I mean I have her address.

BD: You also had Ellen Goza.

DD: Yeah, Ellen Goza. She lives in Colorado.

BD: And, what was that other lady's name?

DD: Jo Shire.

BD: Shire...Jo Shire.

DD: The Shires, she has some sons, yeat, that live in Flagstaff. And, she was a nurse there.

TM: Ok. It would be fun to track these people down. So, anything you can help with that information.

BD: Lenore Gibson

DD: Yeah, she was there for quite a while. "Gibby" we called her. He knows more of those names than I do (chuckle)!

TM: Nice. Excellent.

BD: I just got a little better memory than she has (chuckle)!

TM: It's a team effort, and it's working really well! That's great. So, 1956 was the big air crash.

DD: He was involved in that.

TM: Ok.

BD: Yeah, we...that was the biggest air crash of history because it was two airliners flew together. And, immediately, the park service turned their part of it over to the federal government and they sent the FBI in there to investigate it. And, I was a deputy sheriff and I represented the state and Coconino County. And, my only chore was to see that we had supplies for the FBI. We had a little helicopter...would hold one passenger, so we would fly those people in. And, all I done was see that they had gasoline and whatever supplies they needed. And, I represented Coconino County.

TM: And, I am assuming that the hospital was on stand-by. There wasn't anything for you to do.

DD: No.

BD: The first plane on the scene, when those two planes flew together was the deputy sheriff from Williams here. His name was Clark Kolb, and he had a little airplane that he flew right down and looked to see if there were any survivors or whatever. And, that was the Coconino part of it.

TM: Ok. So, how did you meet this guy (referring to Bud)?

DD: He came there to go to work as a guide; mule guide. And, I met him...actually there was a....for the Shrine of the Ages, they put on a dinner out at Grand Canyon Inn. Just trying to make some money. And, so I was volunteered as a waitress. And, he came with some other guides, and that's the first time I met him. But, he wasn't working there yet.

TM: So, was Bud all dressed up in his wrangling...

DD: Of course - he still dresses that way (laughing)!

TM: Laughing.

BD: Just like now, only I wore a pair of boots instead of these tennies. Also, I had a little lump on the back. A horse had bucked me off in a cactus, and that cactus was still there and it had formed a little lump, So, I went to Dr. Schnur and he cut that little lump out.

DD: So, say we met.

TM: And, you were attending there?

DD: Probably!

BD: Yeah, she was there.

DD: And, then, you know like I say, it was just a small place. We all just always got together. There was a little, oh, bar and such at Rowe Well. And, we used to go out there a lot. Actually, there was a little hill behind Rowe Well, so everybody...we'd go out there with one pair of skis in the wintertime, and we'd all come down the hill on the same pair of skis.

BD: They all took turns.

TM: Nice. You'd wait your turn and then....

BD: You know, the only people that had skis were the Verkamps and Charlie Shevlin's kids.

DD: You know, Shevlin; he was a park service person, too. And, we'd go out there. Like I said, everybody'd get together and just make their own fun, cause it was not that much going on in the wintertime. So, we did that. We had our toboggan. We wrecked on that a lot (laughs)!

TM: Be drumming up business (laughs)!

DD: You're right!

BD: There's a wagon wheel table out there that Dorothy's got. And, the wagon wheel came off the old World War I wagon that they gave to the Indians after the war was over. And, a friend of ours' made that wagon wheel table.

DD: He was park service.

BD: Yeah, he was park service. And, I traded him a...

DD: Brass bed.

BD: A what?

DD: Brass bed.

BD: Brass bed, yeah. I traded it to him for that.

DD: But, like I say, we were kind of outsiders and we were connected to everybody in the park; the park service and railroad people, and so on, (to Bud) What's the man that lives at Page, that you always go on the campouts with?

BD: Ah....Danny.

DD: Danny Rudd.

BD: Rudd.

DD: Now, he worked for the park service in Page a long time. But, his folks were railroad people.

BD: I think right now, he's the superintendent of Boulder Canyon.

DD: He's retired.

BD: Is he retired?

DD: Yeah, he lives in Page. He went back up there and bought a home. Danny. But, his folks were railroad people. And, we all kind of lived on the Fred Harvey side of the village. We didn't live up at the park service side. We lived on the Fred Harvey side (chuckles).

TM: So even then, there was a little bit of...

DD: Oh yes, definitely!

TM: Separation.

DD: Fred Harvey had the west end and park service sort of had the east end.

BD: We had another friend there; she was a Verkamp.

DD: Peggy.

BD: Peggy Verkamp. And they knew....she was the head of the democratic...

DD: Coconino County.

BD: Coconino County. So, they knew Carl Hayden. Carl Hayden was the appropriator for the money. He had charge of all the money. So, Peggy told me, "if you need a house, I'll contact Carl Hayden." So, she did. Carl Hayden told them to give me a house, and they did!

DD: So, we moved in the park service area (chuckles)!

TM: Wow!

DD: And we had wonderful friends up there. Our neighbors were great. Dave Carriker (sp); he headed the ranger school up at Grand Canyon. And, they were our neighbors and they were just wonderful people. And, we still have contact with his wife.

TM: Nice. Did you know Rosie Accosta (sp)?

DD: Uh uh.

TM: Ok.

BD: No, it don't ring a bell.

TM: She was a Harvey girl, working in the fifties at the time. She was from Germany.

DD: Millie we knew

BD: Millie Schminke (sp) we knew.

DD: She was a waitress at the El Tovar.

TM: Ok.

DD: We knew her well.

TM: So, it sounds like the turnover in the clinic was fairly high.

DD: Yes. And, the nurses that did come there, you know, like Diane Colford and Ellen Goza. Ellen married a guide. And then, they started having families. Even though you still live there, you didn't work those long hours.

TM: And, then eventually you'd leave and so the turnover would keep...

BD: At one time, they made a movie, Brighty of the Grand Canyon, and Ellen Goza's husband, he played the part of the sheriff. He was a trail guide, and he played the part of the sheriff.

DD: And, of course we were involved with the people at the mine. We were good friends with all those people. Very nice. And, the Grand Canyon Inn had a swimming pool, and that's where my little girls learned to swim. We'd take them out there.

TM: Did the mine keep you fairly busy with injuries?

DD: Somewhat, but not real busy. But, somewhat, yes.

BD: That was when the uranium boom was on - and that was one of the richest uranium mines in the country!

TM: That's right. What do you think would have been the center of the community at the time?

DD: The community building. The movies, and the library was there.

BD: Church.

DD: The church was there. It was all at the community building, and that was it. And, then the Bright Angel. Every summer, every night they'd have a little band there, and the tourists would go up there and dance. It was...summertime it was really the Bright Angel Lodge, too. Every evening they'd have a little band there. One of Bud's friends would do roping tricks up at the Bright Angel. That was also a center for everybody.

TM: And, who would bring the movies into the community center?

DD: I don't know who brought them in. They probably...

BD: (to Dorothy) That trick roper?

DD: (to Bud) No, no - who brought the movies to the community building?

BD: Oh, I don't know.

DD: I don't know. I imagine somebody from Fred Harvey.

BD: Probably. I don't know.

DD: Now, I know that many years later, my younger daughter worked at....she was a recreation director up at the Tetons. And, she'd go to town every day and get movies for their help. So, that's probably how it was at the Canyon. Somebody from Fred Harvey would go get a movie somewhere.

TM: So, the community center was the "center" of the community at the time? Interesting.

DD: Right. And, the building is still there.

TM: Yes, it is. And, the only movie in town is the one at the Imax that goes again, and again, and again. It's the same show.

DD: So, we had movies Wednesday and Saturday.

TM: And, they were different each night?

DD: Oh yes. Wednesday and Saturday.

TM: Wow!!

DD: And, Bud would go to all of them.

BD: Yeah, I went to all of them.

DD: I didn't like movies; I can't sit still.

TM: That's a hundred and fifty, well a hundred movies a year. That's a lot of films; that's great!

DD: Wednesday and Saturday.

TM: Wow! Ok.

DD: And, you'd sit on folding chairs (laughs).

TM: That were there, or did you bring your own?

DD: No, they were there.

TM: They were there. You'd set them up?

DD: They'd set them up. Whoever was in charge. But, I think it was all Fred Harvey.

TM: Ok. And the swimming pool was over by the mine where the hotel was.

DD: Um hm.

TM: The community sure could use a swimming pool today.

DD: And, it was right at the edge. Very nice.

TM: Nice. And, that was in the summer. Clearly, they wouldn't run that in the winter. It's too cold. Where they get the water to fill that thing up with?

DD: I imagine they just hauled it in, in a truck.

BD: Yeah, I think so. At that time, they used to haul water on the railroad and the mine had their own water truck that they'd haul their water in.

DD: So, that's probably how they filled that.

BD: Then, later they put the pipeline in from Roaring Springs on the north side and brought that water over as far as Indian Garden. Gravity flow. Then, they picked it up at the Indian Garden with pumps and pumped it up. Then, they had lots of water. Still do have.

DD: And, at one time we rented from Arizona Public Service. They had two people that had worked there, but then they just kept one man there. A family. And, so we rented a house from them, before we got our park service house.

TM: When did they downsize that? Do you remember what year that was?

DD: No.

BD: What was that?

DD: When did Arizona Public Service leave? You know they had two houses, and one of them left, and then....

BD: They're probably still there.

DD: Ted and....no, there's only one. We rented the house. Ted and Dionne (sp) they have somebody in their house. They even built a different one. So, Arizona Public Service....

BD: Then there was a minister, Frank Dickey (sp), he lived there.

DD: He lived across the street.

BD: He lived in one of those APS houses.

DD: No, he had a park service house.

BD: Maybe so. I don't know.

DD: There were two APS houses. And, when the one man left, we rented the other one from APS. And, these folks were very good friends of ours'. Dionne (sp) and Ted Jestus (sp). Now, he died about two years ago. She's still living, and she did that picture up there of the Grand Canyon. She was an artist, and still is.

TM: Where does she live?

DD: She lives in Phoenix. Goodyear. She was up here to see me last year. She and one of her sons.

TM: Nice. So, was housing a problem then?

DD: Definitely! Very much so. I mean, you...most people, like we lived in a little Fred Harvey house. And, had one bedroom - and I had two little girls, and my husband and I. And, then my cousins would come out from Milwaukee every summer and work. (laughing) And, so we were all in one little house. And, being as we weren't connected with Fred Harvey, or the railroad, or park service...we had to, you know take what we could get. At one time we lived in a little cabin down at the...that they rented to people. It's still there, I mean the cabin isn't there anymore, but they still rent rooms down there. (to Bud) What is it?

BD: Well, it's the commissary and...

DD: They have a little bar there and a cafeteria.

BD: Cafeteria, yeah.

DD: At Grand Canyon. It's a cafeteria. And that building; I mean there's...

TM: Maswik area?

DD: Yes. No, the other direction - west.

TM: Yavapai? No. Not down at Rowe Well side?

DD: Yeah on the Rowe Well side, but in town. Almost up from the railroad. It's right there next to the railroad. And, they have cabins there, and motel rooms.

TM: So, Bright Angel? The Bright Angel cabins?

BD: No. Cafeteria.

DD: Yeah, the cafeteria is there.

TM: Right, that's the Maswik.

BD: And those buildings, those little cabins....

DD: No, that's Maswik's near the Babbitt's store.

TM: No, that's Yavapai.

DD: Ok. Then it is Maswik. We called it the trailer court or something. You know, because it was...these cabins had no bathrooms. You had to go to the one. We lived there when we first got married. And, then we got this little Fred Harvey house.

TM: And, how did you work out the housing? Was that, you were pretty much responsible on your own to figure that out?

DD: They wanted a deputy sheriff up there, so they had to find us some housing.

TM: Ok.

DD: And, he was a guide at the time, and of course we lived in one of the Fred Harvey....they had trailers that they would rent to their guides, and hotel workers and restaurant workers. And, then we sort of had to move up to get this house. But, when there was one available...

BD: What eventually solved it was the appropriations committee that...

DD: Carl Hayden

BD: Yeah. Told the park service, if you want any money to run your park on, give the deputy a house. And, they came the next day and said come and get your house!

TM: (laughing) Which one do you want!!

BD: Yeah, which one do you want?

DD: Really! Brand new (laughing)!

TM: Wow!

DD: And, we lived with the park service people. But, being as we had the Carakers next door, it was great. We had a good time.

TM: But, it took you a while to get that figured out.

DD: Oh, we moved a lot. First of all we lived in a cabin. Then, we moved in a Fred Harvey trailer. Then, we got the little house, the little Fred Harvey house. Then, we moved, rented from APS. And then, from APS we finally got a park service house. But, we moved a lot.

TM: And, this may explain the high turnover at the hospital...

DD: Yeah, there wasn't housing. And, like we had to live in that little shack, the dorm. And, then the ranger dormitory in the winter time. All the park...the rangers, they were all the "seasonals" that lived in that dormitory. And, that was right behind the hospital. It's still there.

TM: Wood fired; wood stove?

DD: The one up on the hill was. No, we had, um, some kind of...

BD: Oil stove.

DD: Oil stoves.

BD: Fuel oil. And, there was a park service ranger there, and he was assistant chief. His name was Joe Rumburg. And, Joe became the whole western regional - he was the highest man in the park service in the whole western region. That's from California, I don't know how far.

TM: To Colorado and all along the western coast. Yeah.

BD: All along the western coast. And, his name is Joe Rumburg. He's retired now and lives in...(to Dorothy) what's that little town where he lives in, down on the border?

DD: Near Nogales.

BD: Yeah.

DD: But, I am not sure he's still living.

TM: Bisbee maybe?

BD: Rico (referring to Rio Rico?)

TM: Rico, OK.

DD: But, I am not sure he's still alive or not. You know, we haven't heard from him. We do stay in contact with, um...

BD: Iverson

DD: Iverson. Now, he was...

BD: He was superintendent of Glacier. When we knew him, he was buck ranger here at Grand Canyon.

DD: He's retired. He still has a home up in Montana. But, he....

BD: He also has a home in Fountain Hills.

DD: He spends his winters in Fountain Hills.

TM: Winters in Fountain Hills. Yeah, yeah. That would make sense. It's, I learned quite a bit today. Some of the things the clinic still has trouble with today....housing, turnover...didn't just happen.

DD: No. And, also involved in that was a postmaster. They always had, you know...were the outside too. They had to find some housing - even though it was government, it still was an outside person. We also had a friend who was the telephone operator. She worked there behind the old Babbit store. That's where our telephone....you know, pushing in the buttons and things.

TM: Yeah, yeah.

DD: That's a lot different in the fifties.

TM: Did you do that some? Did you...?

DD: No.

TM: No? But you were aware that was going on over there.

DD: Oh, that was our telephone system. And, one of our friends worked there.

TM: When you all needed supplies, how often did you head into...would you go to Williams, would you go to Flagstaff? Phoenix? Where would you go for....

DD: Babbit's store.

TM: That was it?

DD: That was it! We didn't go to town that often.

TM: Is that right? Ok.

DD: I went to town frequently. I belonged to a church in Flagstaff. And, Bud would come home and he'd say "you're not going today, it's too slippery". And, he'd go to work and I'd go! (chuckle)

TM: (Laughing)

DD: But, at that time, 180 was dirt, you know gravel. So, I'd...you know, we'd go that way a lot, but otherwise we'd have to come to Williams and then go to Flagstaff.

TM: So, the road was paved down to Williams, but the 180 was dirt?

DD: That was highway 66. It was paved. But, 180 wasn't paved.

TM: So, 64 is the one going from Williams up to the Canyon. That was paved?

DD: Right, it was paved.

TM: And, that was paved in 1950 when you first flew into Valle. That was paved then. But, then the dirt road heading up - which was the short cutoff, if you will....

DD: Yeah. And, it was not paved.

TM: (laughing).

DD: In fact, we got stuck there a few times going to Flagstaff, you know.

TM: In the weather?

DD: In the weather. Snow and mud, but it was a shortcut.

TM: Ok. And it had enough traffic on it that you wouldn't be stuck for too long.

DD: Well, we had the deputy car. We could radio for help (chuckles).

TM: Oh, you had a radio in the car?

BD: We had the sheriff's radio. I'd drive the sheriff's car.

DD: We had a radio in our home - that they would contact him...

BD: Since I was the only deputy at the Grand Canyon, I used my sheriff's car all the time. And, I had a radio in my house! And, she ran that, took care of that. So, he wanted us to drive that car all the time because that was the only contact they had with it.

TM: Presence.

BD: So, it worked out good.

TM: Nice!

BD: Then, after I was a deputy sheriff, I also became the livestock brand inspector for the livestock industry. So, I had a lot of different duties.

TM: So, you must have been, then, traveling a lot

BD: Yeah. I was always traveling.

TM: Was Bud doing this while you were at the hospital then?

DD: Uh huh.

TM: Ok. So, he would have been on the road a lot.

DD: He was out on the road a lot.

BD: Yeah, I'd get a new sheriff's car about every two years.

DD: But, like I said, then he'd go to work, then I'd do what I wanted to do (chuckles)!

TM: So, your kids would have been, um...in '65, you left; your oldest would have been...

DD: Eleven.

TM: Eleven, and so they were in the school by then.

DD: They were both in school.

TM: Right. And, what do you remember about the school?

DD: Just...well, they at first, you know just had the grade school. And, then they added the high school - later. And, in fact the guides would go play football with the Verkamps and them because they had a six-man football team at the high school. But, they didn't have anybody to practice with.

TM: (laughs!)

DD: So, in the evening, the guides would go up and practice with the boys. They were the boys.

BD: Some of those high school boys were pretty tough.

TM: Well, they were playing against you guys! (laughs)

BD: (laughs)

DD: They had to be.

TM: They had to be; that's right! That's right!

BD: Yeah, the teachers there were Bob Pavich (sp) and his son later played football for Air Force in Colorado Springs. His name is Shawn (sp). And, he played football for Air Force. Air Force Academy is in...

TM: Yes, Colorado Springs.

BD: Colorado Springs. And, his two daughters - one became a Doctor and one became a lawyer.

TM: Hm. Nice. How did you get water for the clinic? Because the pipeline came in - in '64. '63, '64, something like that. Where did the clinic get its water from?

DD: We always had water. We had water in our houses, too. They hauled it in big tanks.

TM: So, you were a part of the regular plumbing system?

DD: Right, we were in the regular plumbing system.

BD: We had to haul it in on the railroad.

DD: At the hotels and everything. Yeah, it was no problem.

BD: Then, when they got the pipeline from Roaring Springs - that's just a big spring that breaks out of the face of the cliff. So, it comes down and they put a pipe, put a bridge across the Colorado River with a pipeline on it. And, it would flow - gravity flow - to Indian Garden. And, then they put in - park service put in - a pump that picks up that water at Indian Garden and boosts it to the top, and they had all the water they needed.

TM: By that time, you guys were leaving, or were about ready to go? Oh, that's another question I was going to ask. Was, well, did you have any intestinal issues? Were people getting food poisoning and illness?

DD: We did some, but not like they do now.

TM: Not a lot.

DD: Hm hm. No.

BD: That was another thing. The people on the mule rides took a box lunch which was prepared by the Fred Harvey Company. And, it was always fresh food in a cardboard carton. And, they didn't seem to have any trouble at all.

TM: Good.

DD: Just a lot different in those...

TM: Yeah. Do you have any idea how many people were living....um, the Thurstons were out in Tusayan. And Rowe Well; there were some folks there. And, then was the South Rim; that there was the bank and the Cotter Corporation, certainly, for the mine. And, the Fred Harvey, and the...

DD: But, we really didn't have a bank at that time.

TM: So, Valley National Bank hadn't shown up yet then?

DD: No, and Chase, now. No, it hadn't. And, more or less, everything, ah, was done at the Babbitt store.

BD: Up at Valle Airport, they have the girl there that owns it, has some of Bob Thurston's old cars. One of them was an old Edsel, and there were not many of those made. And, so they just loaned that Edsel to her. And, of course, Bill's boys, they still live in Tusayan. And, they own a motel there. And, they also have Bill's old cars which is two or three T-birds. The old original T-birds. And, they keep them in a nice garage. So, that's all pretty well preserved.

DD: Now, the Robidoux's were at Valle Airport when we lived up there. And, Mrs. Robidoux had a little restaurant, and he had the property. I don't know what he did.

TM: In Tusayan?

DD: Ah, no at Valle. And, the daughter...now has that big operation there.

TM: Ok.

DD: A Robidoux. But, that was when we were living there that they were out there and had this little restaurant.

TM: Ok. So, would you stop there some times on the....

DD: Oh yes. Best cherry pie! (laughs)

TM: Nice.

BD: Yeah, old Joe Robidoux, he was a little Frenchman, and considered himself quite a ladies' man. And, he had two or three different...I don't know whether they were wives or live-ins, but he a lot of children around. They didn't know just whose kids they were.

TM: Who was who!

DB: Yeah, he was a little Frenchman, and he considered himself quite a ladies' man. I guess he was!

DD: Well, now his daughter told you that. We don't know that (laughs)! Those things we shouldn't be talking about.

BD: And then, Rock Springs Montana, there's a fort there named Fort Robidoux. Named after some of his ancestors.

TM: Ok. So, would....how did you visit family at this time? Did you guys stay connected - would you go back east to visit family?

DD; I did, uh huh. I rode the train.

TM: How easy was that?

DD: And, then every other year, we'd drive back.

TM: Would you?

DD: We'd have a two-week vacation, and we'd just be with my mother maybe for the weekend, but we'd spend the other two weeks going through Yellowstone or going down through Texas. But, we'd make a vacation out of it. Didn't stay very long to visit mother. Then, she'd come out once...ride the train, or she drove, too. She drove by herself, too, out to see us.

TM: Wow! Cause this would have been before interstate days.

DD: Yes. Highway 66!

TM: 66!

DD: Yep, she'd come out by herself. Or sometimes, bring some of my friends. And, she'd say, "I'm going to see Dorothy" and then she'd get some of my girlfriends, or somebody to come with her. And then...but usually it was the train. Like at Christmas time. The train stopped in Williams at that time. And, one time, it snowed too much. So, the train didn't stop in Williams; it stopped in Ash Fork. So, Dr. Schnur and I drove to Ash Fork to pick her up. But, the storm was so bad we rented a room at the depot and stayed till the next morning so we could get back to Grand Canyon.

TM: Oh my gosh!

DD: And that was at Christmas one year.

TM: So, who was running the shop if you guys were out on the road?

DD: Who ran the shop when he was in Sedona? The nurses!

TM: Is that right! Is that right!

DD: That's what I said; you know he went to Sedona almost every weekend.

TM: So, you guys were on-call then, on the weekends?

DD: We weren't on-call. We were there!

TM: You were there! They just didn't have a doctor on staff (laughs). And, you would call him on the phone and say "what do we do now?"

DD: That's right. That's what we did.

TM: Is that right?

DD: And, like I say; it was so different. The doctor was behind you a hundred percent.

TM: Oh yeah. I'm sure.

DD: It made it fun.

TM: I bet, because it's almost like you were physicians.

DD: You did the minor things.

TM: You did all kinds of stuff. Yeah!

DD: You didn't worry about it. You just did it.

TM: That's right. Nice. Huh. So, what do you think about health care today?

DD: (laughing) I just retired last year from NAU - the health center. I worked there 43 years.

TM: Is that right.

DD: So, I retired last year. And, it's definitely changed. But, if you want to work you went along with it. And, you get your continuing education and just keep going. I got my degree at NAU after I started working there. So, I was an RN; you know, the regular 3-year program. But, then I got my degree at NAU while I was working there.

TM: Did you move that up through nurse practitioner? Or, did you just go for your nursing degree?

DD: Yeah, uh huh. The bachelor's.

TM: Ok. Fun. Fun.

BD: She don't tell this, but in Fronske Health Center, they named a little portion of it after her.

DD: There's just a plaque up because I worked there 43 years. It's at the health center, in the new building. It's not named after me - there's a plaque. (chuckles)

TM: Which is...which is wonderful. There was a nurse that worked at the Grand Canyon clinic. Again, this was in the '80s into the 90's, name was Lucy. Did you ever...

DD: Yeah...knew Lucy (chuckles). Knew Lucy real well. She was the head nurse when I was there.

TM: What was her last name?

DD: Lucy...Egan (sp). Lucy Egan, and she was the head nurse when I was there.

TM: So, was she there when you left in '65?

DD: No, she was the head nurse at NAU, not at the Canyon. When I went to work at NAU. But, I never worked with her at Grand Canyon. But, I knew her in Flagstaff. And, then she went to the Canyon.

TM: Why did she go over there?

DD: I think things just changed, you know; and it was another opportunity.

TM: And, what do you remember about her?

DD: She was just a...I didn't work with her real long. But, she was at NAU and a nice lady. Very nice. And, it's funny; in '92 we went to Alaska on a trip. And, we were taking....well, we took a ride to see glaciers on a boat. And, when we got back off, we were heading out again. But, I went to the bathroom; and I'm standing there washing my hands, and right next to me is Lucy Egan! At the next sink! And she looked, and I said, "Lucy!" And she said, "Dorothy!" In Alaska! But, a real nice lady. Nice family. I mean she had a number of children, and I think one of her daughters still lives in Flagstaff. I don't know what her married name is. There's one of them that lives...

TM: She had a room - a patient room named for her - for a while at the South Rim clinic, until all the doctors transitioned out and nobody knew....made the connection any more.

DD: Great gal.

TM: Yeah.

DD: But, she went there after NAU.

TM: Ok. Yeah, I hadn't put that connection yet. But, I'd sure like to get her story.

DD: Yeah, she passed away. I think there's still a daughter in Flagstaff, but I don't know her married name.

TM: Dr. Myers may be able to help me with that. He just remembers her smoking like a chimney! But, I don't remember that. I never met her, so...yeah, yeah. What else? What other memories do you have about that time?

DD: I say, like Babbitt's store was there. Those folks lived right upstairs.

TM: Over the store?

DD: Over the store. Before it burned down, you know.

TM: When was that?

DD: They went from Grand Canyon to Page, when Page was just starting.

TM: Yes. The 1957-58-59...

DD: Opened the Babbitt store at the...Page.

TM: Ok.

DD: In a trailer.

TM: Along with everybody else in a trailer over there! (laughs)

DD: Well, when we first went over there, we heard they were going to build a dam. So, we went.

TM: When was that?

DD: Through Coal Mine, and it was...

BD: Copper mine.

DD: Copper mine. And, the dirt road, you know now they're paving it I guess.

BD: Through the Gap.

DD: They're paving it now. But, we went there and there was nothing there but paint marks on the cliffs and toilet paper under rocks.

TM: Oh my gosh!

DD: That was it! We never saw another person. (chuckles)

TM: Wow. What year would that have been?

DD: Right before they started.

TM: '59, 58'?

DD: I don't know what year.

BD: I don't remember.

TM: '57 they started the first dynamite work.

DD: Ok. This, probably then, was '56. You know, when they were first going in there, deciding what to do, because there were definitely marks all over the rocks. Paint streaks and stuff. They were in there, but we were there on a weekend and we didn't see another person. We just knew where the dam was going to be.

TM: Did you have any thoughts about the concepts of big dams in the country? Did that seem the normal thing to do?

DD: We were out. I think Green River was before that. They dammed it up in Wyoming. We've done a lot of traveling in the states.

BD: We knew the guy that sold a lot of the concrete to the dam. That was G.L. Gibens (sp), CTI. He hauled a lot of that concrete up there.

DD: And, you know, he hauled the ore from the Canyon.

TM: I didn't know that. Is that right?

DD: Yes. In fact...

TM: Over to Blanding. Is that where they were taking that?

DD: Well, they took...(to Bud) what did you haul? The uranium; you took it to beyond Tuba City there.

BD: Yeah, we took it just beyond Tuba City.

TM: Oh, the Tuba City mill. Sure, sure, ok!

BD: It's abandoned now. But, at that time, that was one of the biggest, biggest producers of uranium in the United States!

DD: And it was CTI that did the hauling.

TM: Ok.

BD: I was the deputy sheriff, and I would get up at 4:00 in the morning, and they would have my truck ready...all fired up and ready to go. I'd jump into that truck and go to Tuba City and dump my load of uranium ore and come back; and, I'd be back in the Grand Canyon at 8:00 and take over my job as a deputy sheriff.

TM: Wow!

BD: So, I was running on all four wheels.

TM: You were!

DD: But, we knew the Gibbons very well.

TM: Nice. Ok.

DD: The son now has the operation in Tucson. He's the head of it now.

BD: Yeah, G.L. Gibbons...this is strange to say, but him and his wife are both buried in Cape Town South Africa. He was a big game hunter. He loved to be a big game hunter.

TM: Is that right!

BD: Both buried in Cape Town South Africa.

TM: Oh my gosh. Huh!

DD: We've known a lot of interesting people!

TM: I bet you have! Well, there's an interesting community there that comes through northern Arizona and certainly the Grand Canyon. What do you remember of the Babbitt store?

DD: It had an ice cream counter, you know. And, you'd go in there and get a Coke or milk shake or something. Just a small grocery store, but very busy. There for many years, and we knew some of the...

BD: Yeah, they handled everything. The Babbitt store had a little coffee bar there, and you could get Cokes or whatever. They sold clothes; they sold groceries; they sold I guess everything you'd need.

TM: So, it really was like a mercantile in a way. It had everything you needed.

DD: And, the post office was right next door. So, you know, it's just all right there. And, that was the town. Telephone office right there.

TM: Right there?

DD: Everything was right there.

TM: When did that all burn down?

DD: I don't know what year that was. (to Bud) When did it burn, after we left?

BD: The store?

DD: Yeah.

BD: I don't know.

DD: But, they'd already built the new one - when the old building burned down.

TM: Ok.

DD: Yeah, the new store was already there.

BD: But, out near the visitors' center they had a restaurant, cafeteria and all kinds of stuff where you could eat. And, that was out near the visitors' center in the park service.

TM: I'm thinking about the Yavapai Lodge that was over there. They had a cafeteria there.

BD: It was right next to the Yavapai Lodge.

TM: Ok. Ok.

DD: And, Babbitt's, when they moved over there, they had like a deli.

BD: Post office was there.

TM: And, the bank would have come in...

BD: Bank, everything.

DD: It's still there.

TM: Yeah, yeah. See what you can think about that. Anything else?

DD: No. (laughs)

TM: Ok. Thank you so very, very much, for your recollections today. I'd love to get my camera and take a photograph of those photographs, if you are alright with that.

DD: Ok, sure.

TM: And um, do you have copies of these. Can I...

DD: No I don't. That's it.

TM: Can I take pictures of these? And, then we could just print those out. And, so that's a quick way to make copies.

DD: And like I say, this was just a paper I wrote for a class

TM: Which would be wonderful, because where I'd like all this stuff to go is to just make sure that it's in the special collections at the park. That where I'm thinking with this; to make sure that gets that way.

DD: And, I gave all my pictures to Paul

TM: Great! And, he's got some nice ones there.

DD: And of their home, too.

TM: Yes. Yes.

DD: I gave him all those, too.

TM: So, those are your pictures. Those were great shots! They're Christmas pictures and...yeah, yeah.

DD: And, I gave him all of those. I'm just trying to get rid things! (laughs)

TM: Well, I'd love to take some photos of these if that's alright?

DD: These were just some picture...

TM: Oh my gosh!

DD: That was it; just those two.

TM: This is a wonderful rim scene. There's snow; snow in the trees here. It doesn't look like there's snow far down in the canyon. It's sort of mostly right on the rim there. And, then there's another picture here with icicles on the roofs everywhere. Let's see now...this is the rim here. So, is this the Bright Angel?

DD: Bright Angel, I think.

TM: From the Lookout Studio, maybe?

DD: Yeah. Right. And, you know, Virgil Gibson ran the Lookout Studio, and he's the one who took all these pictures.

TM: Is that right? It's gorgeous! Ok; a powerline running right along the rim there. It's quite the storm; it's got nice and warm, there's a ton of icicles coming off the building roofs. Big smoke stacks, big chimneys up off the buildings there. What year do you think this is? With this picture from the Lookout Studio?

DD: In the fifties probably.

TM: (in the background) Back of Bright Angel Lodge

BD: One time when I was a guide there, I took Virgil and he gathered up three or four of the kids at Grand Canyon and we took them on a trip to Phantom Ranch. And Virgil, the way he got his pictures is

just, he snapped them everywhere he went. They furnished the film. He didn't care how much film he used. He was the official photographer for Fred Harvey.

TM: Oh my gosh!

BD: And, no telling how many pictures he took.

TM: I wonder where that collection went?

BD: I don't know, but he took a lot of pictures.

TM: Wow!

BD: And, we took those kids to Phantom Ranch and stayed overnight. Brought them back the next day.

TM: Nice. You go down the Bright Angel or Kaibab for that?

BD: We went down the Bright Angel and up the Kaibab

TM: Nice. Was that your typical run - was go that way, or were you down the Bright Angel and back up Bright Angel.

BD: That was the typical run if you were going to the Phantom Ranch.

TM: Phantom Ranch. Ok.

BD: A lot shorter coming out the Kaibab.

TM: Yes. Yeah. Well, if you don't mind, I'd like to go get my camera and I'd love to take pictures of these photographs.

DD: I know you were, you know amazed that I would leave Wisconsin. And, my brother, ah, stayed after he graduated. But, then he went to Africa as a missionary. So, I came to Arizona and my brother went to Africa.

TM: So, you guys kind of scattered out. Yeah.

DD: Yeah; and my father, in 1919, after the war went on a ship and took cattle to Germany to replenish their herds.

TM: Is that right!

DD: So, you wonder why, you know I....

TM: You kind have a bit of the wanderlust in your genes there; your DNA is wired to go. Huh.

BD: And, her father also had a farm or a ranch - or whatever you want to call it - in Nebraska.

DD: Farm. Um hm.

BD: And, it had lots of pheasants. They had all kind of wild pheasants that would get in those wheat fields. So, that was a kind of an interesting place.

TM: Did he serve in World War I, your father?

DD: No.

TM: I'm sorry. That's right, he had polio.

DD: He was crippled. But, he did get the opportunity to go. They called them "cowboys at sea". My mother got the story, and that was 1919.

TM: Oh my gosh! Nice.

DD: And, he went to replenish the herds in Germany.

TM: Amazing. After the First World War.

DD: He kept a diary. And, then my brother reprinted it all.

TM: Did you know the Rotters (sp)? Did you know Franz Rotter? Probably came in way after you guys had left...

DD: Well, we know the Rotters now. You know, they're starting the winery out here.

TM: That's right. That's right.

BD: I belong to a health club that belongs to the Rotters. Here in Williams.

TM: Ok.

DD: He goes up there every day.

TM: Good. Good for you!

DD: I think he visits. (laughs)

TM: Why not. I mean....gets him out of the house, and...

DD: See, that's the Rotters. That belongs to them. Um hm.

TM: Nice. Nice. I'll go get my camera.

DD: I want to show you a picture of my daughter on the rim.

TM: Please. I'll be right back. (leaves the room to get the camera)

DD: Yeah, this was my oldest daughter. This was my Christmas card in 1955.

TM: Oh my gosh! So...

DD: Virgil took that.

TM: It says on the bottom, "Merry Christmas Pardner!"

DD: Right! (chuckles)

TM: There's a child here in boots and a cowboy hat, pants and a nice shirt. And, can't see up over the barrier, walking along the rim trail it looks like here. And, that barrier along the rim trail is higher than this kid's hat. And, this was 1955?

DD: No...yeah, '55.

TM: And, this is your oldest daughter? And, what's her name?

DD: Michelle. Mike. We call her "Mike".

TM: Nice. And, is that her there?

DD: No, that's Patty. That's the second one.

TM: Ok.

DD: That's Patty. And, she was a guide up there with...the same time her dad was...the second time.

TM: So, did all three of your daughters guide with their dad, or just Patty?

DD: Just Patty. Uh huh.

TM: Nice.

DD: And, she still lives at Valle.

TM: Does she? Fun; what does she do there?

DD: She works in the gift shop now. She was a guide for a number of years, and then she worked for the park service as a guide.

TM: Is that right.

DD: And, just a few years ago she left the park and is building her own house near Valle.

TM: Oh, good for her! Nice!

DD: (laughs) and, works there.

TM: Ok. Very nice. Fun.

DD: This is Patty

TM: Oh, that is so cute. (laughs)

DD: That's Patty. She's three years old

TM: She's probably all of three-and-a-half feet high. She's got a black hat on, and a little sheriff's badge. And, chaps, and a little pistol. That's so cute. Oh, that's funny.

DD: (laughs)

TM: (Sounds of taking pictures)

DD: For my 70th birthday, I gave myself a river trip.

TM: Did you really!

DD: Myself. Um hm.

TM: How'd you do?

DD: Oh, it was wonderful.

TM: Aren't those fun?

DD: Ahh, such fun!

TM: My sweetie and I, we have our own boats and we go our own selves. We love it; it's wonderful.

DD: I went with a regular tour.

TM: Did you. Good for you.

DD: And, it was just wonderful. I am trying to talk all my...Patty's taken the river trip...with the park service. I think Kelly and Eric are going to take it next year - next summer.

TM: Nice. (sounds of taking pictures)

DD: My girls have wandered around, too. Kelly, after she graduated from ASU, she went up to the Tetons. Worked up there for 10 years. She just came back; they just hiked the Tetons again.

TM: Was she guiding up there? What was she doing?

DD: No. She was recreation director, and then she became the retail manager, or assistant.

TM: Ok.

DD: But, they all kind of just left. When Michelle graduated, she went...a while before she graduated she went back to Pennsylvania. They've all...I encouraged them all to go. (laughs)

BD: Let me show you something else right here. You see, this is kind of a ghostly looking thing. That's my daughter. She was a guide; and, see these people behind her?

TM: Yep.

BD: And, this was a switchback right here. There's some people above her there; that's kind of...

TM: Is this the Kaibab? Is this the Bright Angel?

BD: Bright Angel. Yeah. Yeah, she was a guide there when....

DD: I think it's the Kaibab. She was coming out.

TM: It looks like the Chimney here, coming out.

DD: Yeah.

BD: It might be.

DD: Yeah, I think she said it was the Kaibab.

TM: It looks cold.

BD: Yeah, it looks cold.

TM: So, I have a favor to ask you guys. The photos that you have that the Kolbs took; make sure the kids hang on to those.

DD: Oh yeah. We have.

BD: Come here and I'll show you something.

DD: We've given a lot of them to our daughters.

TM: Great. So long as they're going to be curated. Somewhere, somehow those photos need to keep being curated. An active family; doing all kinds of fun things!

DD: This is our "fun wall." We've all been skiers.

BD: (in the distance) Those are all Kolb pictures there.

TM: (in the distance) Oh my gosh!

BD: Those are collector's items.

TM: 1953. So, where are you? Are you in this picture?

BD: That's me right there in front.

TM: Right here?

BD: Yeah.

TM: Nice. When did you start (can not discern; both men seem to be out of the room away from the microphone)

BD: (can not discern) I am thinking 1953

TM: Is your daughter here?

BD: (Can not discern)

BD: Yeah, I've got a lot of those, kids and (can not discern)

TM: Good. Those are wonderful.

BD: Yeah, they're kind of a collector's item.

TM: They are. They absolutely are. (volume increases as if moving back towards microphone). Your house reminds me of our house - pictures of the Grand Canyon all over the place.

DD: The Verkamps. There's Mike. Every fall, some of their friends (that's Mike Verkamp), they'd go on a camping trip up in the Canyon every year. Have fun with them. Uncle Otis (can not discern)

TM: Yeah, fun.

DD: They were all friends. This is Bud on a post card...at the Canyon.

TM: Oh, nice.

DD: When he was a guide. That's a postcard. He's actually written on (chuckles).

TM: Very cool. It almost looks like Cedar Ridge or something.

DD: I think it is Cedar Ridge.

TM: Down on that side. Wonderful.

DD: Yeah, he was on a few postcards.

TM: Nice. Lots of fun.

DD: Then when Kelly graduated from ASU, she went to the El Tovar for a while. She was in recreation, and she worked up there a little while.

TM: Ok.

DD: Before she went to the Tetons.

TM: (apparently reading the report title) The Interactions in a National Park. Let's see... (sounds of taking pictures and turning pages). And, what I can do is, I can email these. Do your kids have email?

DD: Yeah.

TM: Do you have email?

DD: Um hm. I do.

TM: I can email you very low resolution copies of these, and you can forward them on to the kids. Again, it's all about getting the data out there.

DD: (chuckles) Yeah!

TM: (sounds of flipping pages and taking pictures) Well, I just keep thinking it would be fun, someday, maybe to try to put together a little book just on...on health care at the Grand Canyon.

DD: Um hm.

TM: Maybe I could even talk you into writing that book!

DD: (chuckles) Actually, when Syl (referring to Dr. Sylvester Allred) interviewed him, he was trying to get some of Bud's old stories. Bud was born in Duncan Arizona.

TM: Oh wow!

DD: And, he's 93 now.

TM: Oh my gosh!

DD: And, so he's got a lot of stories.

TM: I bet he does!

DD: So, that's what Syl was working on? He, uh, never did get it completed, and they've moved to Durango now.

TM: Really? Well, where's the manuscript?

DD: I don't know

TM: I mean, if he's got the stories...

DD: No, they didn't complete it all.

TM: Oh, that's too bad! (more sounds of turning pages and taking pictures) You know, my wife and I have a little small book publishing company and we're always looking at...looking for books!

DD: (chuckles) You know, out there across from our church there's...used to be an old publishing place there.

TM: Northland. Northland Press. That's right

DD: And, Mike Verkamp worked there you know...ran that for a few years.

TM: My wife worked there, and I don't know the history. You know, they ended up selling out to Justin Boots (?)

DD: I don't know when Mike...but, that's quite a few years ago. When it first opened Mike was there.

TM: Ok.

DD: And, then he went and ran the store for many years.

TM: Ok. Hm. Interesting, I didn't know that history.

DD: Yeah, we've stayed pretty much connected with them...And, actually, you know Paul and Barbara just had their 50th wedding anniversary.

TM: Did they?

DD: In Phoenix. At the party, we were down there for a couple days celebrating with them.

TM: Oh, good for you. Fun! Yeah, we just saw Steve up at the historical society picnic.

DD: Yeah, we didn't go this year. But we always see Steve there.

TM: Yeah, yeah!

DD: Yeah, I said to Bud when I read it in the paper; I said, "gee I wonder if Mike and his wife were, I mean Steve and his wife were there?" And, he said, "I bet they were!"

TM: Yep. Yep.

DD: We usually have gone with Paul and Barbara, up to the picnic.

TM: Ok.

DD: But this year, we...I don't know, we just didn't get in to any of that.

TM: (continued sounds of turning pages and taking pictures) Well, this is great. This is nice to have this transcribed in.

TM: Thank you! Alright, well I guess I'm going to turn this off then.