

RECORDED INTERVIEW OF CAROLINE GULLUFSEN, PART 1

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[00:00:00]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, this is Karen Brewster, and today is January 5, 2020. And I am here with Caroline Gullufsen, maiden name McAlister, at her home in Menifee, California. And this is for the Klondike Gold Rush Historical -- National Historical Park Oral History Project. So Caroline, thank you for letting me come visit you today.

[00:00:32]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: You are welcome. I'm glad to have you.

KAREN BREWSTER: So I know you just had a birthday, right?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes.

KAREN BREWSTER: So you turned one hundred?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: One hundred years old.

KAREN BREWSTER: On December --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 7th.

KAREN BREWSTER: So that would be you were born December 7th, 1919?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Correct.

KAREN BREWSTER: All right. And where were you born?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: In Skagway, Alaska.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

[00:01:03]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I was the first child baptized by a Catholic priest, Father Gallant, who was transferred up to Skagway.

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you know where he came from?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't. It was probably around the Washington area.

[00:01:30]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And so, who were your parents?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My parents was -- Helen Grace Flynn was my mother's maiden name. And my father was James K. (Kerr) McAlister. And it's just M-C-A-L-I-S-T-E-R.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, one L?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. Yes, ok. I have it that way. And Kerr was K-E-R-R?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

[00:02:07]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And do you know when they came to Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I'm not sure of the date, but let's see, I was born in 1919, so my father probably came up there in about 1916. But the Flynn's, who were my mother's family, they came up probably ten years before that or eight years, because they had a --

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kind of a farm it would be called, out in the country. It was out of Skagway a little ways. And they had a -- my grandfather worked on the -- the railroad there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm, the White Pass Yukon Railroad?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, White Pass & Yukon. And he was just an oiler or a -- he didn't have any big job, but he worked on the engines, I guess.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. So like a mechanic or something or -- ?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: As you say, an oiler. [00:03:34]So was your mother born in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. My mother was born in Washington. Tacoma, I believe.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. But she came to Skagway as a girl? Do you know how old she was when they moved to Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't, but I think she wasn't in her teens yet.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And she was sent to school for her teens down to Victoria. They had a girls' school down there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, in Canada?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. [00:04:18]And now what were the names of her parents, your grandparents?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Patrick Flynn. And my grandmother's first name, I'm trying to think of.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ellen?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Ellen Grace, but I can't remember what her maiden name was.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh, see, I might have it here someplace. Uh, Rafferty? Rafferty? Does that sound right?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It could've been. Is that what you -- ?

KAREN BREWSTER: Well, no, that's -- that's different. Mary Ellen Flynn.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, Mary Ellen Rafferty, no.

KAREN BREWSTER: That's different.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, Raffertys wasn't, but Mary Ellen was a Flynn. She's my cousin.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok. Well, we'll get to her later, then. Let's see. [00:05:21]This is some information from Teeny Metcalfe, your niece. Um, Patrick and Ellen, Ow -- well. Her brothers. So who are John -- Willie and Owen Flynn, who were they?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, it was Owen Flynn and William Flynn.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh-huh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That was my mother's two brothers.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And she was the oldest. And then, uh, there -- William Flynn, and then Owen was the youngest.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, so they're your mother, Helen's, brothers?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Three children.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [00:06:16]Yeah, according to Teeny, your mother shows up on the Skagway census in 1900. So that means by 1900, the Flynns were already there. Does that sound right to you?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, it does.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Um, I'm trying to see if I have what your grandmother's maiden name would've been, Ellen's maiden name. Um, I don't have it. But they may be on that census record. But we will go with --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I was thinking of McDonough, but that wasn't -- that was her sister's married name, so that wouldn't have been her.

KAREN BREWSTER: So that would've been your great-aunt?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. Ok. Well, we will, I guess at the moment have to call her Ellen Flynn. That was her married name, right? Your grandmother Ellen married Patrick Flynn?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Right.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [00:07:40]And then do you have brothers and sisters, or you did have brothers and sisters?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I do have. I still have -- oh, no. I did have. They've passed away. I had three sisters, all younger than me.

KAREN BREWSTER: And what were their names?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Their names were -- Kathleen was next to me, and then Patricia. And the youngest was Marilyn.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And they were all born in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right? You were the only one born in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [00:08:20]So do you know why your grandparents moved to Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't. I just have the idea that it was for work or --

KAREN BREWSTER: 'Cause he worked on the railway.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, because they thought there would be -- and they could do some farming. Like, they had chickens and they grew a few things.

KAREN BREWSTER: What did they grow, do you remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They grew -- grew potatoes and carrots, I think. Just mostly vegetables.

KAREN BREWSTER: And did they sell those, or they used them for themselves?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, they just used them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

[00:09:15]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then they had chickens for their eggs.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And also chickens for eating. I can remember my grandpa put -- tying them on a wire clothesline and killing them that way.

KAREN BREWSTER: Was it to strangle them or was he pithing them?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, he put 'em on the clothesline and slit their neck.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. So he put 'em on the clothesline alive?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That --

KAREN BREWSTER: Wow.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: -- that was the way a lot of them seemed to do it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That had chickens.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. [00:09:55]Do you know where their farm was? Where their house was?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, it was in northern Skagway near the, uh, quite near the shops for the trains and engines.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah. So there was enough land there that they could have a little farm?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, there was enough land. And the chickens would go around and lay eggs, and I remember going around looking for them in the -- but they also had a chicken coop.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I remember that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did they bring the chickens in at night?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, they would just come in themselves and go in the coop.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did they lose any chickens to animals?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: No? Bears? Nobody came around?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: There didn't seem to be any animals that killed the chickens around there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. Did they have cows or anything?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: No? No.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They just had chickens.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did other people in Skagway have chickens and gardens and things like that?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, they did.

KAREN BREWSTER: That was common, huh?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

[00:11:16]KAREN BREWSTER: There must not have been quite so many people living there.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, there wasn't. In fact, I can remember I used to lay in bed not too long ago and try to remember, and I'd remember all the names of the people I knew in Skagway.

KAREN BREWSTER: Can you still remember them?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: So who were some of them?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, there was Reynolds, Blanchards, Hukills, H-U-K-I-L-L-S, and uh, let's see. Kirmses. They had the jewelry shop. And let's see, oh, the Smiths, but I can't remember their first name. Uh, they don't come to me right now.

[00:12:32]KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Well, do you -- so you say Reynolds. Do you remember who they were and their name -- what they did?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no I don't. Oh, the Rapuzzis were quite a prominent family.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they -- he was an engineer on the locomotives for the train.
KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And that's what my uncle William was.
KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: He was an engineer on the trains.
[00:13:08]KAREN BREWSTER: Was that George Rapuzzi? Do you remember, or -- or -- ?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no. The dad's name I don't remember, but --
KAREN BREWSTER: So George was more your age?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no, George was the father.
KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they had two sons. I know one was Joseph Rapuzzi. And the other one that I liked real well, it's funny, I can't remember his first name.
KAREN BREWSTER: Well, I think -- there was a George Rapuzzi who collected all kinds of pieces of history around Skagway.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That was probably the father.
KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, I don't remember. George and Edna, was that her first name? Uh, anyway. [00:14:13]So the Blanchards, do you remember what they did?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, the Blanchards, he probably worked on the trains, the railroad. And they had, uh, two sons, I know.
KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. And then, Huklio?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Pardon?
KAREN BREWSTER: The other name you said, was it Huklio? I can't pronounce it. You said H-U --
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, Hukill.
KAREN BREWSTER: Hukill.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It's H-U-K-I-L-L.
KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, I see. I spelled it wrong. Ok. Hukill.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they were quite a family. They had a couple daughters that ended up in Juneau, and uh, she had a café in Juneau.
KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember her first name?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, I think it was Edie Hukill.
[00:15:16]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And then Kirmses?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, yeah, I don't remember his first name, but the Kirmses owned a jewelry shop.
KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Yeah, it's a name I've heard of for Skagway.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh-huh.
KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember anything about them?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, except that it was the son and the mother, I remember. I think the father had passed away fairly young. And they had this real nice jewelry store. And I remember the son was quite a good-looking man.
[00:16:02]KAREN BREWSTER: And who were the Smiths?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The Smiths. See, they could've been --
KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Did I mention a first name?

KAREN BREWSTER: No. You said you couldn't remember the first name. But you said you remembered people named Smith.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I did remember. There was a Smith that had -- he had an ice cream shop.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I remember we used to go in there and get ice cream cones. And he was just a man in his, probably 50's to 60's, and he was alone. He had never married.

[00:16:50]KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. Do you remember where the ice cream shop was?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, it was on the main street.

KAREN BREWSTER: On Broadway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Actually, I have a map. Somewhere here, I have a map of Skagway. I don't know if you can see it. It's not the best. But this is -- there's Broadway Street right there.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh-huh.

KAREN BREWSTER: And this is the docks down here.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: What's this street?

KAREN BREWSTER: This is State Street.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And then the numbers, so 1st, 2nd.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think this is the street the engines coming from Lake Bennett taking the tourists would come down this street and park here and let them out. And they could get to the -- is this where the dock is?

KAREN BREWSTER: No, the dock's over on this other end.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: So you have it flipped. The dock is over here.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh. Yeah, well then this is where the engines came in.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, so that's the Broadway dock. And then that's the main --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: -- street of Broadway that the train used to go down.

[00:18:07]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, the engines used to come and park there, and then the people could almost walk to the boats.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The tourists. And that's what they -- they did mostly was, these ships would come up from Vancouver with tourists, and the trains would take them up to Lake Bennett, it was called. That was about halfway to Whitehorse.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

[00:18:41]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then sometimes they would have trips that would go to Whitehorse and spend the night with the tourists and come back. And so the ship would be in the -- the ships would be in the -- at the dock overnight two -- like, two nights.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. And they would shut themselves off when they were waiting? They would just wait in the dock?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Or they had, you know, benches, or they'd go in stores or --

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. [00:19:18]So do you remember, even when you were a little girl, were the cruise ships coming in like that?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, there were, uh, ships from Vancouver, and they were called, like, the "Princess Pat" and the "Princess Louise." Or the "Princess Patricia," the "Princess Louise," the -- and then there was one Prince -- the "Prince Henry." And they were just beautiful ships, but by today's standards they would be small.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Do you remember --

[00:20:04]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I remember traveling on 'em 'cause when my folks would send me back home to Juneau, I'd be overnight on these ships, and I just loved them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Were they steamships?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you have an idea of how many people would be on a ship?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I would say they could carry probably 200.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. That's a lot smaller than today's cruise ships.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

[00:20:37]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But they were so nice. I just loved those ships.

KAREN BREWSTER: What made them nice? What did they look like?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, they were smaller and they were, you know, real clean. They were white on top and probably a dark blue on the bottom.

KAREN BREWSTER: What were the accommodations like? What was it like inside?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, they had staterooms, and then they had a real -- real nice dining rooms. And then they would have a room where you could have dances and things like that.

[00:21:17]KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. But so to get from Skagway to Juneau, it took overnight?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Wow. Yeah, now it's --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It took eight hours.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Yeah, now by the state ferry, it's about six hours.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: On the right -- they have a fast ferry that takes, I think, three. But the regular state ferry is about six.

[00:21:42]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I used to love those ships. And a lot of people in Skagway would send their kids, especially the ones college-age, south to college. And even sometimes younger kids got to go down and come back. And I would be on the boat going back to Juneau, sitting with all these Skagway kids and envying because they got to stay on the boat three more nights, and I only got to be on one night.

KAREN BREWSTER: 'Cause they were going down to Seattle?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Or Vancouver?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They were going to Vancouver.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, they went to Vancouver.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That's the base of these 'cause they were Canadian ships.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And to get to Seattle, they probably took the train. That's what I did.

[00:22:38]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. So there were no American ships that came?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, not to Skagway. They -- there was a couple, two or three came to Juneau.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But Skagway had all from Vancouver tourists. [00:22:57]And my uncle, my dad's brother, was the Canadian customs man up at Lake Bennett.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And that's where these -- they would bring these tourists off the boat to the trains, and they would go up to Lake Bennett, and uh, I don't know if they spent the night or they came back the same evening, I think.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. If they went to Whitehorse, they certainly would've spent the night.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And some of them would go to Whitehorse and spend a -- spend a couple nights.

[00:23:41]KAREN BREWSTER: So your father's brother was the customs man.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes.

KAREN BREWSTER: What was his name?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Lorne. It's L-O-R-N-E. Lorne McAlister.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he and my dad were -- my dad went up there, and he worked on the docks. What would you call him, a stevedore or something?

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, for quite a while. Until later on he became an accountant on his own. He only went to seventh grade, but he was great with figures. He ended up being an accountant for the State of Alaska.

[00:24:27]KAREN BREWSTER: Now that was Lorne who became the accountant?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, that was my dad, James.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. Oh, ok. Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, Lorne remained a customs --

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, yeah. I was getting your grandfather and your father mixed up. I apologize. Your grandfather worked on the railroad. So your --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. He was a Flynn. And then the McAlisters --

KAREN BREWSTER: McAlisters.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: -- were the two brothers.

[00:24:53]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, so let's talk about the McAlisters. So your father, James McAlister, he came to Skagway --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Followed his brother up.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And where were they from originally?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: From Vancouver, BC.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. So they were Canadian.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, right.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And so, Lorne, his -- the brother, became the customs officer, right?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, he was a customs officer, and he was sent up to Lake Bennett.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, he -- all right. [00:25:29]And then your father, he first worked as a stevedore on the docks?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: He was younger than his -- about three years younger than Lorne, and he followed him up there. And he got a job on the docks at first.

KAREN BREWSTER: As a stevedore.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Loading and unloading the ships. Is that what he did?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And then you said he became an accountant?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, in later years when we moved to Juneau.

KAREN BREWSTER: What else did he do in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, he worked -- was on the docks for a couple years, and then I don't know what he did before we left Skagway. Maybe he was out of a job and that's why we went to Juneau.

KAREN BREWSTER: Maybe.

[00:26:22]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I remember when we moved to Juneau, they just had me.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I was their only child, and I was four, going on five. And we got to Juneau, and my dad took us to a restaurant, and he says, "Now, we can only order pancakes." 'Cause he only had five dollars.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But he eventually became the auditor for the State of Alaska. He was very good with figures, and he had only gone to seventh grade, but his writing was just beautiful.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. Ok. Um, so did he ever work for the railroad in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: He could have, probably.

KAREN BREWSTER: But you don't remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [00:27:20]Um, and your -- ok. So what else, what -- what are your memories of Skagway from those early years? I know you weren't very old, but do you remember it?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, yes. Because I was sent up there so often. Every summer from the time I was four years old 'til I was, I think, fourteen when they stopped sending me up there. 'Cause then I was getting into trouble with boys. And I brought a girlfriend up there with me, and we stayed at my grandparents, but they weren't too happy with us.

KAREN BREWSTER: 'Cause you were getting into trouble?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We were just doing natu -- fun things, but it was irritating to older people.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. And so, what year -- let's see. That would've been before the war?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. So you didn't -- you weren't in Skagway when all the soldiers came in --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: -- during World War II? Ok. [00:28:36]So on this map of Skagway, I don't know how far out your parents' -- your grandparents' farm was. This is the shops out here.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Is this the railroad shop?

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, their farm was right like close to it.

KAREN BREWSTER: So 21st?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Probably on this street.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, that's 22nd. I don't know if the streets had names then.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Pardon?

KAREN BREWSTER: Did the streets have these num -- they were 22nd, 21st.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The streets didn't have numbers that I remember.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Ok. But somewhere out near that corner?

[00:29:13]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But they had a pretty big piece of property, right --

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Was the bridge there across the Skagway River?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause I used to go across there, and there was a farm somewhere here.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And the people had cows, and we got our milk there.

[00:29:40]And I had a girlfriend, I know her first name was Glenda. And I used to go with her over to the farm.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh-huh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Spend days over there.

KAREN BREWSTER: What did you do at the farm?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Got into trouble, usually. But I remember her dad made ice cream and used to fix us ice cream cones.

[00:30:08]KAREN BREWSTER: Now did the farm belong to Glenda's family, or you guys just went to visit there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The farm belonged to this other family, and we -- but their children -- they had about four children, one of the girls was my girlfriend.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, was Glenda?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Yeah, I know the -- I can't think of the name of who owned that farm, but I know what you're talking about. I've seen the name. If it's just there across the river?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: You remember their last name?

KAREN BREWSTER: No, I can't remember their last name.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um, but I know what -- uh, but that's the farm I know you're talking about.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Across the river there. Um, 'cause now there's another place there. Jewell Gardens has become a tourist garden place there.

[00:31:02]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Have you been to Skagway lately?

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, I was there in August.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. You might not recognize it.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I wouldn't probably. And it was, I mean, I loved it the way it was with the trains coming down the main street of the town, and the -- I don't think that happens anymore.

KAREN BREWSTER: No, they changed that.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they don't have tourists coming up. Tourist boats, do they?

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, yes.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: They have huge cruise ships that come in.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: They'll have --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But they're not the Canadian boats.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh no, they're big, like Holland America.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Carnival.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Those big ships. And they'll get, you know, four ships a day, so.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, they're not the small ships.

KAREN BREWSTER: No.

[00:31:57]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they would just usually get one ship a day. And that -- then the train was set up for that, to take them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And they still do that with the train. The train comes down here. The docks come out a little farther now along the mountainside.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: They built some docks along the edge there so the train can come out right to the docks.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: And the tourists can get off there, and they get on the train and go up to Bennett.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: The train doesn't go to Whitehorse anymore.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: And it only runs in the summer. It's only for tourists.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And it only goes to Lake Bennett?

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: Well, it goes to Carcross sometimes, but it's all just for tourists. Um, just for the scenery.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And so they took it off of Broadway, and it goes around the edge, kind of by where Pullen Creek would've been. You remember Pullen Creek?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, where was it?

KAREN BREWSTER: It's along the hillside. There used to be a creek that went through town. Do you remember?

[00:33:11]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Well, I know there was a creek that went, uh, through our property. My -- my grandparents' property.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause he -- my grandfather used to make homebrew.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he'd put the bottles out in this creek, 'cause they didn't have refrigerators.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And that's where they kept the beer cold.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, so what kind of homebrew? It was beer?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: But do you know what he used to make it?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. I think they used malt or something. If they had malt.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, I was wondering where he got the supplies to make it.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, he got 'em in Skagway. They didn't have to send for them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Huh. [00:34:06]Well, that was during Prohibition?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I think -- I think so. Maybe they didn't have it then?

KAREN BREWSTER: Well, no, maybe that's why he brewed his own?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: 'Cause it was Prohibition?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: I don't know.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think so. [00:34:27]And then there was this one family, the Rapuzzis.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They're the ones I told -- oh, I remember Charlie was the --

KAREN BREWSTER: The dad?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The one son.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, Charlie was --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And Charlie was the dad, too.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then there was a son named after him. Then there was a Joseph Rapuzzi. There was two sons.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. I --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I remembered them because I kinda had a crush on one of them.

KAREN BREWSTER: On the one Rapuzzi? Now were they involved with the home brewing?

No.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: What -- the Rapuzzis. Well, he worked for the railroad, I think.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, he was an engineer.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Right. [00:35:11]Um, do you remember where your parents and you lived before you moved?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Before we moved?

KAREN BREWSTER: When you were born -- your first four years in Skagway, when you were little. Do you remember where your family lived? Or did they live with your grandparents?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, they lived with my grandparents.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Ok. Well, that makes it easy.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Because I, uh, have one picture that they have a blanket spread out. They had a big lawn, my grandparents. And I'm sitting on the blanket.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Maybe that's in the pictures I have from --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: -- Teeny. We'll have to look and see. [00:36:05]Um, so you were too young to go to school in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. But I was baptized there. They had the Catholic church there. It was just new. And Father Gallant was the first priest there. And my grandparents, of course, being Irish, were very good Catholic. At least every Sunday, we all had to go to church.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. And the Catholic Church -- ?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Was downtown.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. I think it's on Main -- no, that's -- yeah. There's a church right now on State Street. That's sort of the main road. [00:36:55]Um, so we got off the subject on the McAlister side of the family. You said they -- your dad and his brother, grew up in Vancouver?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. There was six brothers, just all boys, and they -- they had moved to Vancouver from Eastern Canada. Newfoundland.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And uh, they lived in Vancouver. And there was three sons that -- no, I met four of the sons. Of my uncles.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

[00:37:39]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And the one that was stationed up at Lake Bennett, he and my dad looked so much alike, I used to get them confused. And I'd run to my uncle when he came to visit, and it wasn't my dad.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. Were they the closest in age?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, they were next to each other.

[00:38:04] BREWSTER: Yeah. So that McAlister family originally came from Newfoundland, you think?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, but originally, they came from Scotland. Because Teeny and them were just in Scotland this year.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And looked up the McAlisters and found they came from eastern Scotland.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok. Well, a lot of people went to Newfoundland as fisherman. Newfoundland was a big fishing place.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Was it?

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. So maybe that's -- they went there for that, maybe.

[00:38:41]And then the Flynns, you said, came from Ireland?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The Tacoma area. There was a lot of Irish people there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you know when they came or why they came?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think -- let's see. When I was born in 1919, they probably came around 1917 to Tacoma. A lot of them settled there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause I had one elderly aunt that lived out of Tacoma a ways.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [00:39:22]Um, and so your mother, she was born in Tacoma, right?

She was a Flynn. Do you -- Patrick Flynn and Ellen. So ok. Do you know the names of any of the other Flynns who came from Ireland?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no, I don't.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I know my grandfather's sister settled in -- back east. Massachusetts or somewhere.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then my grandmother's sister settled in Tacoma. She married a McDonough was her name.

[00:40:07]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. So can you tell me about your parents, what your mother was like?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My parents?

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I didn't have a brother.

KAREN BREWSTER: No, your mother. I'm sorry.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, uh.

KAREN BREWSTER: Her -- she went by Nellie? Was that her nickname?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Nell.

KAREN BREWSTER: Nell.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But her real -- her name was Helen Grace Flynn.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, how did she get Nell?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I don't know.

[00:40:42]KAREN BREWSTER: So can you tell me what she was like as a person?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, she was really pretty when she was young. She was the Fourth of July queen one year, and it has a picture of her with her -- she had two other women on each side of her that were supposed to be her maidens or something.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We had a picture of her, and she was really pretty. She had this long hair. And the Metcalfes lost the picture.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh-oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Or it was in our house that they took over, and a lot of the pictures disappeared. We just don't know what happened to them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Mm, that's too bad.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

[00:41:38]KAREN BREWSTER: Uh, and uh, what was she like as a mother?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, she was, uh, fine, but sometimes pretty strict. She expected I was the oldest to be helping her clean house and do things. And I'd be -- stay with this girlfriend of mine who was -- her parents were Norwegian. She could do anything. And we could both do anything at their place, and I'd be spending a lot of time there. And my mother would call and say, "You get home and help me with these chil -- " 'cause she had the three other kids.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So I was the one that had to get home and help with them.

KAREN BREWSTER: So you helped take care of your sisters?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Help with them, yeah.

[00:42:47]KAREN BREWSTER: And what was your father like?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: He was a very handsome man, and smart. He only went to seventh grade, and then he became an accountant for the state.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he was more easy-going with us girls. Especially me. I was kind of his pet.

KAREN BREWSTER: You were daddy's girl?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Maybe I looked the most like the McAlisters or something. I don't know.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Well, you were the first born.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. [00:43:36]So when you went back in the summer to visit your grandparents, what kind of things did you do to keep yourself occupied?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, I got into trouble a lot. No, I didn't. I -- well, I had this one uncle, William, he was their middle son. My mother was the oldest, then Willie, and then Owen. And poor Willie lived at home, but he was an engineer on the trains. And when he would go out at night in the evening, I'd follow him. Give him a bad time and make him buy me ice cream cones and things. But he was -- he was a really nice man, though. I think he kind of enjoyed, you know, that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Having a kid around?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: 'Cause you were -- you were still a kid?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, 'cause I think they -- I stopped going up there when I was about fourteen years old.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah. [00:44:58]Did you -- did you go playing around the river or up in the mountains or at the docks?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We used to go up this mountain where there was a lake.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Right in Skagway.

KAREN BREWSTER: Was that Dewey Lakes?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Pardon?

KAREN BREWSTER: Dewey?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We'd hike up there a lot. I remember there'd be some boys and girls, and we'd just do different things downtown, watch the trains come in and the tourists get off and --

[00:45:40]KAREN BREWSTER: Did you ever play around down by the old docks?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no. We went down there a lot. We used to go down to see the ships leave in the evening. They always left about seven o'clock in the evening, and we'd go down there to see the ships with the tourists leave. That was the big thing.

KAREN BREWSTER: That was fun to go see the tourists off?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um, did you ever, um, do things with the tourists? Like, do things to get a penny or something? Did they ever give you guys money?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, they never talked much. Once in a while we would talk a little bit with them, but otherwise, no they didn't.

[00:46:34]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. What about in the main part of downtown Skagway? Were there old buildings and things around?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, they weren't too old 'cause Skagway was fairly new at that time.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But uh, we liked to go downtown for some reason. I know our place was real far out.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And it was a long walk. But Uncle Willie got this car, and that was quite popular.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was a Ford. And I remember every time he would go out to go someplace in his car, I was right there with him.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, it is a long walk from where your place was, your grandparents' place.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, it was a long walk.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I did it many times with him.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

[00:47:38]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, and then I remembered these Smiths were our closest neighbors, down -- probably just about a mile down from -- my grandparents' house was the last one out that way.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And it was by the railroad.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. So the Smiths were your closest neighbors --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Towards town?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And Everett Smith, I remember, was the oldest son.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then there was a girl, Alice Smith. She was about three years older than me, but she and I were friends because we were -- lived the closest out that way.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. So they were a little bit closer to town?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, a little bit.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

[00:48:36]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then there was a family there by the name of McCann, but they -- their children were all older. I remember them 'cause they were good Catholic, and I would see 'em at church.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: You remember certain families, you know.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I remembered the Blanchards because I had a crush on one of the sons.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then there was the Hukills that had the one son that was real handsome.

[00:49:14]KAREN BREWSTER: Well, yes. All of it is, you know, your childhood memories.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Which is --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And the Goddings. They had a son and a daughter.

KAREN BREWSTER: Godding?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was G-O-D-D-I-N-G.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They were quite a family up there. He had some bigger job. I don't know if it was with the railroad or what it could be.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Yeah, I mean, some of it, you know, you're going to remember, like, the kids you played with. Who your friends were.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right? [00:49:53]Were there any other kids that you were close with?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, well, the Rapuzzis. And then I was close with these two girls that lived on the farm way out there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Um, but I don't remember their last name. Glenda was the --

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: -- first one.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And she and I were pretty close.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

[00:50:22]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I used to like -- I would walk out to that farm. It was probably a couple miles --

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: -- when I was at my grandparents' place. And then they had little huts where, like, my grandpa was an oiler for the wheels on the trains, I guess. I don't know what. But they had these little huts where the men could go in, I don't know, to rest. But I remember there was one hut that was near my grandparents' house, not too far, and I'd go over there and climb up, look in the window, and see my grandpa sleeping there. And I'd pound on the window and wake him up.

[00:51:19]KAREN BREWSTER: Well, you mentioned your uncle's car. That Willie had a car.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Was that the first car you remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was one of the first cars, yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause there weren't -- there weren't many people that had cars.

And ever since he got it, he seldom could -- if I was up there, he could seldom go out and get in it and I wasn't in the front seat.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Do you know where -- how he got gasoline for the car?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: How he what?

KAREN BREWSTER: The gasoline.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh. No, I don't, but they must've -- would gas have run the engine?

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. I assume.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So they must've had gas, plenty of gas.

KAREN BREWSTER: You don't remember going to a gas station or anything?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That's odd, too.

[00:52:20]KAREN BREWSTER: Did he drive other places? Like, did you go out to Dyea?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, I don't -- I'm not sure you could drive to Dyea, could you?

KAREN BREWSTER: I don't know. That's why I'm wondering.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I know I've -- I walked to Dyea with kids.

KAREN BREWSTER: Wow.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But the road wasn't too good, but cars probably could go there.

That was east of Anchorage a little way.

KAREN BREWSTER: You mean of Skagway.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: West, I mean.

KAREN BREWSTER: It's a little west of Skagway.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, west.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right now, by road today, it's about six miles.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: But I don't know then.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: If the -- what the road was like. [00:53:07]You don't remember going out there for picnics or anything?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I just remember going with some kids out there.

KAREN BREWSTER: You guys walked?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And then we climbed up that mountain to that lake several times.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Just for something to do, I guess.

KAREN BREWSTER: When you walked to Dyea, do you remember what you did out there or what it looked like out there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Not too much, I don't. I can remember the road wasn't much.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I don't remember too much about that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember about how old you were?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, yeah. I was probably about ten years old.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I remember loving to go see the ships leave and wishing I was on them.

[00:54:11]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, well, did you like spending your summers in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, I did.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I didn't spend the whole summer. I used to spend about a month and a half.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [00:54:23]So what were your grandparents like?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They were -- well, my grandmother was pretty strict. And she'd be kinda bored with me. But my grandpa just got a big kick out of me. He was always laughing at something. And when they were making beer, I remember these great big -- I don't know what you'd call 'em now, but they were big containers. They were long and kind of narrow, and they kept the beer in there. And my grandfather would suck it up in a hose to test it out. And he let me do that a few times.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So my grandmother got very upset.

KAREN BREWSTER: So did he --

[00:55:23]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then they used to drink a lot of their homemade beer, and he would put an egg in it and drink the beer. And so one day he did it for me. And I drank down. I was only about ten, I think, ten years old. And he got such a kick out of that, and my grandmother got very upset. Giving her beer at that age. But they made their homemade beer.

KAREN BREWSTER: What did it taste like?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Good.

KAREN BREWSTER: It was good?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And you put a raw egg in it?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My grandpa used to do that and drink it down. So I wanted to copy him.

[00:56:12]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah. Uh, now I don't remember, but I was going to ask you something else about them, but do you have any memories of winter time in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh no, 'cause I was rarely up there in the winter.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. You wouldn't -- when you were very young.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Before you were five.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. So I don't remember too much about it. I remember leaving there and coming into Juneau.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

[00:56:47]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then in Juneau, we -- I can't even remember our first house, but our second house was nice 'cause my dad had got a job, and it was concrete.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: There was a fellow there by the name of Crowlsey. He built these concrete houses. And there were known as one of the nice -- nicer places in Juneau. I know my sister Kathleen was born in the first concrete house we lived in.

KAREN BREWSTER: Wow. [00:57:30]Do you remember where in Juneau that was?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, yeah. It was down toward the flats on the way to the bridge for Douglas.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: In that area.

KAREN BREWSTER: But on the Juneau side?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Definitely. Yeah. Before they had those -- any houses up on the other side.

KAREN BREWSTER: Mm.

[00:57:59]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I can remember when we had to go by ferry from Juneau to get over to Douglas.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, really.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. I can remember riding on the ferry, and I used to like to ride on the ferry a lot. And we would go over there and stay with a family overnight that were friends of my parents. Their name was Feero.

KAREN BREWSTER: F-E-R --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: F-E -- F-double E-R-O.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, Feero. Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And they had several children. Four or five, at least five children.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We'd go over there and spend the night. They were just a fun family. In fact, there's still some Feeros in Anchorage.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Well, that's why I asked some of the names because in some cases, might be longtime Alaska family names still.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

[00:59:00]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Um, what was the house like that your grandparents lived in? In Skagway.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was a fairly nice house. It probably was rec -- wasn't too old. You know, none of the houses were that old there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But it was the -- it had two -- three bedrooms. One on one side of the house, and then two that went down. And three bedrooms and a big kitchen with an old-fashioned stove in it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Like a wood stove?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And then it had a -- a nice living room and dining room, and then a porch where my grandmother had all these plants.

KAREN BREWSTER: Was the porch enclosed?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Like screened in, or -- ?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was enclosed.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Part of it glass.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Sounds nice.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, it was.

[01:00:12]KAREN BREWSTER: Was it, um -- were other houses in Skagway the same, or this was a bigger house or fancier or -- ?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They were similar.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Although I think their house was a little bit nicer than some of them that were out of town, you know.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The ones toward town were nicer.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [01:00:37]Um, and they used wood to heat the house?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And did your grandfather go out and collect wood, do you know?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: He probably did 'cause there was a lot of trees they chopped down around there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. But in the summer time maybe you didn't need the wood stove?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. The summers were fairly nice. I think they were nicer than in Juneau.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They didn't have as much rain.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. [01:01:12]And uh, your grandmother grew flowers? No?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, she wasn't much of a gardener. But she was a good cook, and I remember her always making the bread that we had.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did you help?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Pardon?

KAREN BREWSTER: Did you help her?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. And she would make a certain kind of cookies. They were real big, and they had some kind of seeds in 'em that were good.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think they made 'em in Ireland, probably, but I remember I liked her cookies.

[01:01:58]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. What kind -- do you remember what kind of food you ate for, like, dinners? What she cooked?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. I remember quite a bit of chicken 'cause they raised chicken. But I don't remember any -- there must've been some other type of, uh --

KAREN BREWSTER: So a lot of chicken and potatoes?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. But I'm trying to think of a meat, and I can't think of that.

KAREN BREWSTER: And fish? Did people go fishing?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, not -- there wasn't much fishing at all around Skagway.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Haines, either. I don't remember fishing boats.

KAREN BREWSTER: What about in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, Juneau, there was quite a bit of fishing.

[01:02:45]KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. I know, well nowadays, Skagway has all these old buildings from the gold rush that have been fixed up. But when you were growing up and would go in the summer, do you remember old buildings -- or what the downtown looked like? What kind of buildings were there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. It was the downtown was pretty nice, and I remember the Golden North Hotel.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That was the place. And my uncle Willie, he would go down there and sit, and I guess to meet tourist ladies, you know.

[01:03:27]KAREN BREWSTER: So did the Golden North have a restaurant and a saloon or something?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It had a restaurant at one time that finally closed down. Didn't have a saloon. In fact, I don't remember any saloons around there. But I remember guys from the train stopping. My folks place was -- my grandparents' place was kind of like a second saloon.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They'd serve these guys beer.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did they charge for it?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They didn't charge. It was only about four of them that they knew really well.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. So it was their friends?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, well let's see, 19 -- if you were -- this was the 1920's when you were going there in the summer time, right?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. So the mid-'20's to mid-'30's, I guess.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And I think Skagway had a little bit better weather than Juneau. They didn't have quite as much rain.

[01:04:38]KAREN BREWSTER: So you -- the summers you remember, you would play outside a lot, and it was nice weather?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. We'd play outside, yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. So the downtown still had businesses and things in all those buildings?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And the train would come down there and park usually for quite a few hours usually before it would go back up to the station.

[01:05:06]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Um, do you remember where your grandparents got groceries? Was there a grocery store?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, there was a grocery store. It was owned by the Tropea's. They were Italian people. But they mostly had bread and uh, what would you call it? They didn't have many vegetables. You had to grow your own.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. I was wondering if your --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: If you're ever -- with Skagway the name Tropea would be pretty popular.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they had two daughters that I always envied 'cause they got to go south to school every year.

[01:06:02]KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. So you did -- did you like living in Juneau when you were growing up?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, I did. I had no complaints. I wouldn't have wanted to live in Skagway, but I enjoyed going up there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Why did you -- why do you say that?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Because up there, there was all -- more kids that I got to know. It was a smaller town, you know.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And so there was more things we did, and I got to ride on the train a lot because my uncle was an engineer on one, and my grandfather worked. And the trains would come and stop not too far from our house. After -- or they probably went downtown and let off their passengers. But they'd come back, and then Willie or my grandfather would call me and boost me up on the train, and I would get to ride up, they called it the Y. The train would go up and make a turn-around and come back to the shop, which was right by our place.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

[01:07:33]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So I got to ride on the train a lot. And some of them were really nice. They had these beautiful, uh, chet -- uh, what do you call 'em?

KAREN BREWSTER: Like the -- the seats on the train, is that -- ? Where the people would sit?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they had beautiful chairs and beautiful, you know, the cloth covers.

KAREN BREWSTER: Upholstery?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And I used to get to go on the trains and play sometimes.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: With my girlfriend Glenda. We'd go on and play -- play like the place was our living room. It was fun getting on 'em.

[01:08:29]KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember what the fabric was like on those chairs?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, it was beautiful fabric. But it was, uh, something like my chairs are.

KAREN BREWSTER: Like velvety? Kind of like a velvet?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, kind of like that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember what color?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, well, they were grayish colors, but some of them would have a pattern of flowers or something in 'em.

[01:09:04]KAREN BREWSTER: So when you rode up to the Y and back, was that in the engine?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, it was in the nice part of the train.

KAREN BREWSTER: In the cars?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And every night the trains would have to go up to the Y. I don't know whether to turn around and be in a certain position in the -- the roundhouse, they would call it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Yeah, the roundhouse is where they did some of the work on the engine and things, I think.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, and then they kept the trains up there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Well, that sounds fun as a kid to get to ride the trains.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, it was. I liked it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That part of Skagway was -- [01:09:53]And I used to think awhile back before I became 100, I thought, wouldn't it have been fun to fly up to Juneau and go to Skagway, and go in there on my 100th birthday.

KAREN BREWSTER: That would've been fun.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause it was at the White Pass Hospital, and it's still there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yes.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Although it's ready to fall down.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, and it's no longer used as a hospital.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: No. But that would've been a fun way to celebrate your birthday.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It would've.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cept it would've been cold and --

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh yes, December. Well, maybe for your 101st. You can go in the summertime.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

[01:10:44]KAREN BREWSTER: Um, did you ever take the train to Bennett or up to Whitehorse?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I took the train to Bennett.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: To visit my uncle.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And spent the night. And then the next day when the train -- another train went back, I went on that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he had a daughter that he used to bring up from Seattle every summer. Jacque. She and I weren't too close, and I always envied her because she got to come all the way from Seattle on this ship.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And that was at least three nights and four days.

[01:11:28]KAREN BREWSTER: And did she stay up at the border with her dad?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. With her dad, yeah.
KAREN BREWSTER: Wow.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And she stayed usually for a month.
KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The same as I was there.
KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: About a month.
[01:11:40]KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember what their living quarters were like up there?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, yeah. It was kind of a big old barn-y type place, but the inside was really nice.
KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But it was a stop for the trains, too, and the deal was right near it.
KAREN BREWSTER: Right.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That they re-fueled 'em, re-watered 'em or what.
KAREN BREWSTER: Or checked everybody's passports?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.
KAREN BREWSTER: That's what they do now.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Oh, you went up there now?
KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, I was there in August.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.
KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And you took the train to Carcross?
KAREN BREWSTER: No, I hiked the Chilkoot Trail. So I hiked from Dyea to, um, Bennett, Lake Bennett. And then we took the train back to Skagway.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh. That was quite a hike.
KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think Teeny and them made a hike up there, too.
[01:12:40]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Probably when you were growing up, people didn't go hike the Chilkoot Trail, did they?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, they didn't.
KAREN BREWSTER: No. That's what I was figuring. It probably didn't get much activity back then.
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, there's a lot of hiking, but it was usually men, you know.
KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Did they hike off the, um, train? Did they take the train and get off and go hiking any place?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I don't think so.
KAREN BREWSTER: You don't, ok. [01:13:13]Do you remember when you were growing up, was there a movie theatre in Skagway during any of that time?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. No, there probably was later, but not --
KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Not when you were going there?
CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.
KAREN BREWSTER: So did you --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I don't even think there was any in Juneau until, uh, probably 1925 or something.

[01:13:41]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, ok. Um, well we talked about buying groceries. Do you remember if there -- what about hardware or clothing or those kinds of things?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, I don't remember a clothing store, but I remember some kind of a grocery store where they got things.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I forget. The Tropeas had a store.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And that was groceries?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: What about hardware? Did your grandfather go buy nails or lumber or things?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. There was a hardware store. I forget who had that.

KAREN BREWSTER: And was it on the main street?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Um.

[01:14:36]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then, there was the Kirmse's place with things for the tourists.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That was a --

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember other tourist shops besides Kirmse's?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They didn't have another jewelry shop that I know of.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But Kirmse had all the things like Alaska stuff in it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Were there other shops that tourists went into?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think there was. The Smiths had a shop. So there was at least two shops like that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Ok. [01:15:20]Were the Verbauwhedes --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Were there what?

KAREN BREWSTER: There's a building now called the Verbauwhede's. It's, um, that's not a familiar name to you?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. I don't know the time period on it.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: The Golden North still up there?

KAREN BREWSTER: The building's still there, but it's something different now.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was a nice, really nice building at one time and a hotel.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then they had a restaurant in there.

[01:15:52]KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And there's also the, um, A&B Hall, the building that has all this driftwood on it. Was that there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, but the A&B Hall must've been there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause I remember that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Was there an Elks Club or anything like that? Or a Legion, American Legion?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: There was American Legion, I'm sure.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I don't remember the Elks Club.

KAREN BREWSTER: But maybe the Legion?

[01:16:29]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I remember the post office very well.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And Conway. That was a prominent family. And the Suffecoos. Have you heard that name?

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm-um.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They were a prominent family. And they had actually the nicest house that had these poles on the porch. Those --

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And it was quite a big house. Their name was Suffecool.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I don't know what he did.

[01:17:11]KAREN BREWSTER: Hm. Do you -- was the Pullen House there? Was Ma Pullen around?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, the Pullen House. And that was kind of a hotel, too.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I think they had a restaurant, didn't they?

KAREN BREWSTER: I don't know. Probably, if it was a hotel.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you remember going there? Did you ever go in there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I remember going in the Pullen House.

KAREN BREWSTER: What was it like?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was nice for Skagway. Large. You know, nothing special.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But it probably had some nice furniture in there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause I think they had rooms, too, a few rooms.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. I think they had a lot of artifacts and things, maybe. Do you remember? Or paintings or things. I don't know what the decoration was like.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't remember the paintings.

[01:18:14]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. The other person I'm wondering if -- was Martin Itjen. Was he around then?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Who?

KAREN BREWSTER: Martin Itjen. He ran the street car.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: You remember him?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I do, and I remember the name.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. So was he running that street car for the tourists?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, he must've been. But I just remember his name very --

KAREN BREWSTER: You don't remember him very well?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

[01:18:53]KAREN BREWSTER: Um, yeah, I wondered if you ever went on his tour, his street car.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I think I did.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I know I went on the trains a lot.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Just on short trips.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And Martin Itjen also had a little museum. Jeff. Smiths Parlor Museum.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: You don't -- do you remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Barely.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I really remember his name, too.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Yeah, he had a house right on the main street, right near the railroad depot. [01:19:41]Do you remember the old railroad depot?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, that was the one out by our house?

KAREN BREWSTER: No, the depot down near the docks.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh.

KAREN BREWSTER: There was the depot. You don't remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I remember the depot, but was there a house there?

KAREN BREWSTER: No. It's been moved there. There was not a house there, you're right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: It was moved there, I think. [01:20:09]Um, so you said you liked visiting Skagway in the summertime?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes.

KAREN BREWSTER: But you wouldn't want to live there.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: Why did you not want to live there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, because it was smaller. Juneau seemed like it was more of a growing city. And in the winter, Skagway practically closed down. They didn't have any -- well, they must've had ships coming in with some supplies, but they didn't have the beautiful Canadian ships coming in.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And the railroad was going back and forth to Whitehorse at that point.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But not in the winter.

KAREN BREWSTER: No, I think it did.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Did it?

KAREN BREWSTER: I don't know.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, probably maybe once a week or something.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. And --

[01:21:09]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We lived in Whitehorse for a while.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, you did?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, before we came to Skagway.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And uh, I don't know what my dad did over there, but I know we were there for about over a year before we moved to Skagway.

KAREN BREWSTER: But you were born in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. That's right.

KAREN BREWSTER: So you -- maybe your parents were in Whitehorse before you were born?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, that must've been it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Or I could've been over there for a while when I was three years old or something.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. But there's some story in the family that you guys lived in Whitehorse? Or do you remember it?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I don't remember it, but I'm -- I'm sure we were in Whitehorse for a while.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Ok. Well, your dad was Canadian, so that's possible.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: That they went there for a while.

[01:22:12]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And it was odd that when he married my mother, that made her Canadian.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And so when they went to -- my dad became American citizen.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: She was -- had to take out papers, too.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, for the Canadian?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: To become American again.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. [01:22:37]Do you know the story of how your parents met each other?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no, I don't.

KAREN BREWSTER: But they met in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And my dad was very handsome. And he was from six brothers, and they all -- there was one brother and he looked so much alike that I got 'em confused.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, you said. Yeah. [01:23:07]Um, so when you were going to Skagway, the ship was the only way to get there? Or were there airplanes yet?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. There weren't even any little airplanes.

KAREN BREWSTER: So the only way was by ship?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And so, I went up on the Canadian ship. I remember how I enjoyed that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Wished that I could be on it all the way down to Seattle when it left to go back.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. [01:23:45]Well, eventually you grew up. You left -- you -- So why did you stop going to Skagway at fourteen? You said you -- your parents stopped sending you there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I guess because maybe my grandparents were too elderly and didn't --

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: -- want us, I don't know.

[01:24:08]KAREN BREWSTER: Did your sisters go with you?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, not -- they -- when my third sister was born, my sister Kathleen that was next to me, she came up with me so we were both up there when Marilyn was born.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Or no, Patricia was born. But that's the only time the two of us were up there together.

[01:24:40]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Was that different to have her with you?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Pardon?

KAREN BREWSTER: What was that like to have your sister with you?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Oh, I liked it better being there without her.

KAREN BREWSTER: How come?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause I got all the attention, probably.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah. [01:24:59]Do you remember doing things with your grandparents? Like, did you go --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, I remember going to Mass with them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yes.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Since they were good Catholic.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then, once in a while they would -- or my grandmother would come with us to see a ship leave.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That was a big thing. A lot of people would come to the dock to see the tourist ship leave.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. [01:25:30]But you didn't go do anything outside of Skagway with them, like go out on a boat or go hiking or anything?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. Except hiking up to that lake.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then we went over to Dyea once.

KAREN BREWSTER: The walking with your -- kids?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did you swim at the lake?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no. It was pretty deep and very --

KAREN BREWSTER: Very cold.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I couldn't swim anyway.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, ok. [01:25:58]So in Juneau, you finished high school in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And then what did you do?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And then I went into nurses training.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My parents sent me. I didn't really have any desire to be a nurse.

But uh, they sent me, and I did graduate from there. [01:26:24]And then when I came back, I only worked, like, the three days at the hospital. And it was a night shift. And when I got offered this job down at the Subport where all the soldiers were, that's where I wanted to go.

KAREN BREWSTER: Well, yeah. You said your training was at -- where did you get your nurses training?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: In St. Joseph's hospital.

KAREN BREWSTER: Which is in Tacoma?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [01:26:56]And then you came back to Juneau in what year?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: In, uh, I got out in '41, because I was at my aunt's place in Seattle when war was declared.

KAREN BREWSTER: Pearl Harbor?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And as I look back, I wish I had stayed and gone into the service somewhere, but I wanted to get back to Juneau and visit my family. [01:27:34]And then all this activity, soldiers were in Juneau, and you could have a date every night. So then I decided, oh, I want to stay home for a while.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So I got the job at the Subport.

[01:27:52]KAREN BREWSTER: And what was the Subport? You mean a submarine port? Or what --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, it was called the Subport, but it was down near the docks.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And it was a big piece of land where it was room for all these huts that they --

KAREN BREWSTER: Like Quonset huts?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Where they put their offices in there.

[01:28:15]KAREN BREWSTER: So you became an office worker?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. A typist. And I think I worked there for three years, at least.

KAREN BREWSTER: And who did you work for, the military?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. [01:28:29]And then what did you do?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Then the military all left, and I hadn't caught a man to marry.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh-oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Which I'm so thankful now, because then my husband, he was from a Juneau family. He was the oldest, and he had three sisters, younger sisters. He came back to Juneau.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, after the war?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And he had been in the service, in the Navy. He was in the Navy. [01:29:12]And then I remember coming from work with my girlfriend in Juneau and meeting George on the street. He was with a couple other guys. And this girl says to me, "There's George Gullufsen. Isn't he handsome?" And I looked up, and he was really handsome. And we said, "Hi." 'Cause we'd known each other in high school. But then that was during the holidays, and there was a big party that I was invited to at this lady's house. And George, somebody told me, don't miss going to the party 'cause George is going to be there. He's invited, too. So actually, at the party I was with a handsome -- one of the handsome soldiers. But George was there, and he and I ended up going home together.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And after that, we were -- I dated him all the time.

[01:30:21]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. And what -- what year was that, 1944 you met him?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, let's see. It must've been when the war was over.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, '44-45, somewhere in there?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And when did you get married?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We got married in '47, I think it was.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We went together just for (clears throat) not two years, so maybe it was before that.

[01:30:57]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Do you need to take a break to have a little water?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I'm ok.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I remember he was going to go out fishing. We were dating all the time, and one night we were in this place having a drink before we were going to go over to Mike's place in Douglas. And he says, "I'm thinking about going fishing, out fishing."

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That's what a lot of the guys did. And I actually had put in to go to work for the airlines as a stewardess.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh-huh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: 'Cause you had to be a nurse at the time, and I was a nurse.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I had to put in back in Minneapolis, I think it was, for Northwest Airlines had started coming into Juneau. And I actually got the answer to come back there for an interview.

KAREN BREWSTER: Hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And so I told George, and we're sitting there having a drink. "Well, if you're going to go fishing, I'm going to take this job." And he says, "What job?" And I showed him the deal from the airlines, and he says, "Let's get married." That did it. That's what I hoped it would do.

[01:32:27]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. What a romantic proposal. And then what did George end up doing for work?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: For work. At the time he was working for his cousin. Bill Manthy in Juneau was a contractor, and he poured cement a lot for things, and started, uh, what do you call the base for houses?

KAREN BREWSTER: Foundation.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Foundations. So he went to work for his cousin, and uh, where was I working? I got a job with the state, I know. And uh, then we got married in the month of May.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

[01:33:31]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And uh, I was so glad later on that I had married George. He was a wonderful man.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, good. And you guys lived in --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Not only handsome, but kind and good.

KAREN BREWSTER: That's good.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he had three sisters. He was the oldest.

[01:33:53]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. And you lived in Juneau for how long?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: For all of our married life except, uh --

KAREN BREWSTER: Well, you moved to Anchorage.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, that was because the customs office was moved up there, and he was working for customs.

KAREN BREWSTER: So he worked for US Customs?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I worked for the state in Health and Welfare at the time.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

[01:34:24]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And so after we got to Anchorage, I went to one of the state places to put my name in. I wanted to get a job. And then they sent me to this personnel place for the state. And I remember Larry Meshew was the name of the guy that ran it. And I told him I wanted to leave my name down for a job and that I had worked in Juneau. He says, "When did you finish in Juneau?" And I says, "Two days ago." Before we had left. He says, "Well, you're gonna -- you have transferred up here."

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And "you have a job here in my office."

KAREN BREWSTER: Great.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he says, "You were transferred up here so there was no break in your -- " So he could do that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Great.

[01:35:21]CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And so, I was receptionist in his office for about three years. Little over three years. And then an office upstairs, Environmental Conservation, they were looking for a girl. There was just three guys working there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And some reason, I got offered the job, so I told Larry. He says, "Take it."

You know. And it was going to be a little bit more pay. So I took that job. And it was the best job because I just had three men to work for.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they were out of the office most of the time, checking on different things.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: For the environment. And it was just the greatest job. I worked there four years.

[01:36:15]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. And that was -- you were doing like administrative, secretarial kind of work?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. Answering the phone, and I'd be the only one there when they'd leave. It was the best job you could have.

(Ringing sound)

KAREN BREWSTER: Oops, that's your telephone.

(Break)

[01:36:32]KAREN BREWSTER: We're just going to finish up a little bit of the rest of your life that -- so George worked for the customs office in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And then got transferred to Anchorage. And you worked first in Anchorage for the --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I worked first in Juneau for the Health and Welfare.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Then when we moved to Anchorage, I went back to work for the state.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And ended up with the Environmental Conservation.

KAREN BREWSTER: So you never used your nursing degree, you became a receptionist?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Right.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I never used my nursing.

KAREN BREWSTER: Well, you didn't want to be a nurse anyway.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I didn't.

[01:37:13]KAREN BREWSTER: And then, you were raising your children. So when you had children, you kept working?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. I didn't work until my chil -- after I lost my little boy who was killed by a car.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I had the four children. He was the youngest. And he was four years old.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh, dear.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: When he was outside with these other little boys, and the garbage truck ran over him.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh. I'm so sorry.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So I lost my little Michael, but I have the -- Patrick, Kerry, and George.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: George works in Seattle.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he comes down the most often.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: If he's able to get a week off, he'll come down.

[01:38:09]KAREN BREWSTER: Nice. And so, when they were young and you were raising them as a family, you stayed home. You didn't go to work?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I went to work after I lost Michael.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And so --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: About a year after that, I went to work.

KAREN BREWSTER: Uh-huh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And they were like, what would they be, six, nine, and eleven or something? In that order?

[01:38:35]KAREN BREWSTER: Right. What year did you move to Anchorage, do you remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, we moved -- I'm not sure the year, but I know we moved there. We lost little Michael, and then we left that house and moved out the road by the airport, which I liked.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And we lived out there about two years before we got the -- George got moved to Anchorage.

[01:39:10]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And then you said you moved down here to California thirty years ago? From now?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. We've been in this place thirty years.

KAREN BREWSTER: So that would be -- what would that be? I have to do the math. About 1990.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, it seems like we moved here in about 1977.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: First -- we were first in a little house way on the other side, I think.

[01:39:50]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. So you lived in Anchorage about seven years or so, eight years?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I didn't -- I lived in Anchorage before we came down here.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. How many years did you live in Anchorage?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Eight years.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And then you came here, um.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I loved Anchorage. I would go down to Juneau to visit later on, and I remember my brother-in-law -- he was a soldier from St. Louis.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My sister married. He says, "Care?" He called me Care. "You don't like Anchorage, do you?" And I says, "Bob, I love it." And he was disgusted.

[01:40:40]KAREN BREWSTER: So why did you like Anchorage over Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Because it was so much larger. The mountains are all in the background around it. Juneau's right at the foot of the mountain.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And uh, I liked that about it. I liked being able to drive down to these other towns or even down south. And I liked our house. We moved out in the Turnagain area, where --

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Our driveway had, you know, marks in it from the earthquake. But our house was nice out there. I loved the job, just working for the three men.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So I just really liked Anchorage.

KAREN BREWSTER: So you moved to Anchorage after the earthquake?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah? Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was about, at least two years after the earthquake.

[01:41:42]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Your parents, did they continue to live in Juneau and die in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes. My father had died when he was quite young, 51 years old.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And uh, then my three sisters and my mother were staying there. They didn't move out of there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My mother got a job later on in one of the women's shops.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Do you remember when she died? What year she died?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Well, let's see. She died at least ten years ago, but I don't remember for sure.

[01:42:27]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And then what about your grandparents? What happened to them?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They passed away.

KAREN BREWSTER: In Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: And are they buried in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, they are. Their graves are up in the -- where they have the cemetery.

KAREN BREWSTER: By the railroad?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. It's kind of up on the hill.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Um, and what about your parents? Are they buried in Juneau?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: My father's -- yeah, they're both buried in Juneau.

[01:43:00]KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. And then your husband passed away down here?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And he's buried right here, up in the -- the veterans' -- the big cemetery up here.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And that's where I will be.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And how long ago did he die, your husband?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: He died at least twelve years ago.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I used to drive up there quite often and go to his grave, but I can't drive anymore.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: On account of my eye.

[01:43:40]KAREN BREWSTER: Right. Um, and you guys moved down here -- you retired?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: You both retired in Anchorage and then moved here?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. 'Cause we had met friends on a trip to Hawaii and came here, and we loved it here.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Well, good.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But at first we bought this little house way over, and I wasn't happy in it. We were there a little over two months, and I was out in the car, gone all the time, looking around. And George says to me, "You're not looking for another place already, are you?" I says, "Yes, I am." And I found this place, and I've loved it. And it was an open house, and the guy was sitting out in the front lawn, and I -- And he says, "All you have to do is make an offer, and it has to be fifty thousand."

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: So I made \$50,150. And then we used to housesit all the time. We were well-known for that.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: We'd go to San Diego all the time. And we were going to Seattle two days later, after I'd signed this, and we got a call up there the second day we were in this house, you have the place down here.

KAREN BREWSTER: Nice.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It's yours. So we had got it. And George wasn't too happy at the time 'cause he didn't like moving around. But after we got in here, he loved it.

[01:45:27]KAREN BREWSTER: Good. So do you remember what the last time was when you went to Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't, but it was many, many years ago. It was after I was fourteen years old.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Then you -- if you -- I wondered if you ever went back to visit.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, and I've wanted to. I've thought about going up on my 100th birthday.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But that would've been kind of hard.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. 'Cause yeah, I was wondering if you'd seen Skagway change since you were fourteen.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I haven't seen it.

KAREN BREWSTER: You haven't seen it since.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And I've wondered, you know, what it's like now.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. Well, it's very different. Well, I wasn't there in the 1920's, but from the pictures I've seen, it's quite different.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah, probably is. Yeah.

[01:46:23]KAREN BREWSTER: Do you miss it? Do you miss Alaska?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yes, I do at times. But I love the sunshine, and I hated the rain.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Like Anchorage, I would consider going back to, but Juneau had too much rain, and I always wanted to get out of Juneau, but uh, I do miss Anchorage. We had a nice house there, and I had my good job. I liked Anchorage a lot.

[01:46:55]KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm. I know you were only in Skagway in the summertimes, but did you get a sense of how people got along in town? Did people get along together, or was there fighting?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They got along, but there was some things that were, uh, a little enmity between them, but --

KAREN BREWSTER: Do you -- were there particular things they disagreed about that you remember?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It was mostly like business in the summer and who would get that. It was just on that type of thing.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: It wasn't --

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, I know, 'cause you were --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Most of them got along pretty well.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. 'Cause I know as a kid, you might not have been aware of some of those things.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: You're just out playing and having fun.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Most of the parents had died away, and I don't think there's any of the, or many at all of the kids.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That were my friends are there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah, they moved -- probably moved away, huh?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

[01:48:05]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Did you have a bicycle? Did you ride bicycles?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: They had bicycles a lot in Skagway, but I didn't know how to ride one.

KAREN BREWSTER: Oh.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: I'd fall over all the time.

[01:48:19]KAREN BREWSTER: Did you guys go play out by the river?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh, no. I remember crossing the river to go out the --

KAREN BREWSTER: To the farm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: -- farm with my friends.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right. And there was a bridge there --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: -- that you crossed? Ok. [01:48:36]Any other things you remember from Skagway when you were a child?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No. I remember I liked to go up there, and I enjoyed being around the trains.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And my grandfather was such a fun old guy.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: That I enjoyed going up there. And it's funny, they always sent me. One year, they sent my sister with me because my mother was going to have another child.

KAREN BREWSTER: Right.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And we -- it wasn't as much fun 'cause I didn't get all the attention.

[01:49:18]KAREN BREWSTER: Do you know why they sent you every summer?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, I don't. I just think that they thought my grandparents would enjoy it.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And maybe they wanted to get rid of me.

[01:49:33]KAREN BREWSTER: Did you do any work around the farm to help your grandparents?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: A little bit. I'd go out and find the eggs and put the beer in the creek. And I would do a few chores for them.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: When they needed it. But not too much. I was fairly young.

KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. By the time you were fourteen, you could help.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah. And I helped a little then. I -- Not too much because -- but when I got home, I really had to help, so I guess I took a vacation.

[01:50:14]KAREN BREWSTER: Yeah. Yeah. Ok. Well, I was thinking maybe we'd take a little break. Unless there's other things you want to say about Skagway and your family history there. Were there stories your grandparents or your -- did your mother have stories about her childhood in Skagway?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: About who, what?

KAREN BREWSTER: Your mother.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Did she tell you stories about when she was --

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, she never did. She wasn't that type of a person that would tell you about things that happened.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: But I've seen pictures of them up there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: There's a picture, I don't know where it is now, but I'm on a little blanket out in the front yard there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Um-hm.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: And my dad's standing there.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok, well we might -- I might have that picture. We'll check.

[01:51:13]Um, but your mom sort of grew up in Skagway also?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: She what?

KAREN BREWSTER: Your mother grew up in Skagway.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Yeah.

KAREN BREWSTER: Part of her life.

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Uh-huh.

KAREN BREWSTER: And I didn't know if she ever told you stories about growing up. And she didn't?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, she never did.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Yeah. [01:51:35]Did your grandparents tell you stories about the old days?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: No, they weren't that talkative about things.

KAREN BREWSTER: Ok. Ok. Well, maybe we'll take a little break then. How does that sound?

CAROLINE GULLUFSEN: Sounds good.

KAREN BREWSTER: You're probably tired. I've talked your ears off. Ok.